

The Feast of the Transfiguration

August 06, 2017



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8:00 AM

Christ Episcopal Church

Montpelier, VT

Christ Church is a Christian faith community that welcomes all, worships together, transforms lives, and engages in God's work in greater Montpelier and beyond.

The Holy Eucharist – Rite I – 8:00 am

Worship in the Episcopal Church involves body mind and spirit. We stand to praise and pray. We sit to listen and learn. We sometimes kneel in silent meditation. No matter which prayer posture you choose, we want you to feel comfortable in your own style of worship here at Christ Episcopal Church.

Salutation and response

BCP 323

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Gloria

BCP 324

**Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace,
good will towards men.**

**We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee,
we glorify thee,**

we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,

O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God,

**Son of the Father, that takest away the sins
of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.**

**Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.**

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;

thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

BCP 191

O God, who on the holy mount didst reveal to chosen witnesses thy well-beloved Son, wonderfully transfigured, in raiment white and glistening: Mercifully grant that we, being delivered from the disquietude of this world, may by faith behold the King in his beauty; who with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

The Word of God

A reading from the Book of Exodus

34:29-35

Psalms 99

BCP 728-729

The LORD is King;
let the people tremble;
he is enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earth shake.

The LORD is great in Zion;
he is high above all peoples.

Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome;
he is the Holy One.

"O mighty King, lover of justice,
you have established equity;
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."

Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God
and fall down before his footstool;
he is the Holy One.

Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name,
they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.

He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.

O LORD our God, you answered them indeed;
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds.

Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God
and worship him upon his holy hill;
for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

A reading from 2 Peter

1:13-21

The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
Glory be to thee, O Lord.

9:28-36

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon

Diane Holland

The Nicene Creed

BCP 326

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of
heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with
the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our
salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy
Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made
man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he
suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in
accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is
seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no
end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who
proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the
Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the
Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We
acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for
the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all people: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to the leaders of your church, and the participants in their ministries, that they may, both by their lives and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially Donald our president and Philip our governor, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. Today we pray for: Mack, Ida, Ernest, Charlotte, Mary Helen, Bob, Joan(Joanne), Sally, Nancy, Jackie, Susan, Evan, Maria, Meagan and Winter and for those whom you wish to name either silently or aloud.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And with thy spirit.

We encourage you to offer your neighbor a sign of peace!

The Holy Communion

All are welcome to receive communion at our Lord's table!

Gluten free hosts are available upon request.

The Offertory

The Great Thanksgiving

BCP 340

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Hosts:
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.**

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again. For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread, and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 336

The Fraction

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us!

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Distribution of Communion

The Postcommunion Prayer

BCP 339

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Blessing

The Dismissal

Welcome!

Thank you for worshipping with us today!

Our Lay Eucharistic Minister this morning is Pat Dupont.

Christ Episcopal Church's team of preachers reflects a variety of styles by bringing the Word of God to life in unique and relevant ways. Your direct feedback is always welcomed and appreciated.



Bee Moulton Flower Fund Month of August

In Celebration for the

65th Wedding Anniversary of Bob and Maria Withey

And

The 50th Wedding Anniversary of Ed and Sue Skea

In Loving Memory of Ruth Elizabeth Sykas Beard from Bill Beard

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNITY EVENTS

SAVE THESE DATES!

Vestry Meeting: A meeting of the Christ Church vestry (elected leadership team) will take place on Monday, July 24, 2017 at 6:30PM in the sanctuary of the church.

Finance Committee Meeting: Monday, August 7, 2017 at 6:30PM.

Worship Committee Meeting: Tuesday, August 8, 2017 at 6:30PM.

Third Annual Hymn Sing: The Worship Committee will sponsor the Christ Church Annual Hymn Sing on Sunday, August 20, 2017 at 4:00PM in the Memorial Garden. Summer potluck dinner to follow. Come on out in fun and fellowship, singing joyfully in the summer afternoon air!

Summer Vacation? We hope you will be able to fully enjoy the Vermont summer now that it's finally here. If you go away for an extended period, please kindly remember that our bills never take a vacation! Your pledge dollars help us to keep a balanced budget through the year even when many folks may be away. Thank you!

Food Shelf Needs Donations: The Christ Church Food Shelves are nearly bare again due to food insecurity in the greater Montpelier area. If you are able to make non-perishable donations to the Food Shelf, proteins like peanut butter and tuna would be helpful. Also, canned vegetables and fruit is also appreciated. Thank you.

Brown Bag Concert Series: Montpelier Alive is again hosting another summer concert series to be held in the Christ Episcopal Church courtyard. The following is a listing of dates and performers. Come on out and enjoy a musical summer day in our courtyard!

AUGUST 10th Big Hat No Cattle

AUGUST 17th Starline Rhythm Boys

AUGUST 24th Patti Casey

AUGUST 31st Dave Keller

Altar Flowers: Would you like to dedicate fresh altar flowers to celebrate a milestone or remember a loved one? If so, just contact the office and we can help you select a date that's best for you.

Social Justice Events and Other Ministry Opportunities:

Christ Church Connections (CCC)

Christ Church Connections is a new ministry of mutual caring within this faith community. We promote connections by helping members in health or other personal crises (e.g., visits, meals, cards, prayers, home Eucharist). For the month of June, if your family or someone you know could use a visit or other help, please contact Sharon Wilson. Sharon may be reached via phone at: 802-233-2736 or via email: sharonw52@comcast.net

Looking for a ride to church: Parishioner David Blakeley lives at Heaton Woods and uses a wheelchair. He would like a ride TO the 10:00 church service twice/monthly. David can transfer himself from chair to car, but the driver would need to fold and store the wheelchair and then assist David into the church. David has a ride home from church. This can be a shared responsibility (via a sign-up sheet or informal partnering). Contact Kate Montross if you can help @ 802-272-6434.

Estate Planning? Is God in your will? If you are thinking about drawing up a will or planning for your future estate settlement, please consider including Christ Church in your will. This is way in which your lasting legacy will help us continue doing God's work in the neighborhood. Thank you.

Email Distribution List: If you would like to be added to our weekly email distribution list, please contact Kathy Preis in our office to add your address to the weekly communications. Thank you.

Welcoming Newcomers: It's a vulnerable act to walk through the doors of a church! We often focus on being welcoming to newcomers. But what if a visitor comes who you know - a friend - maybe from your work, through sports or other shared interests in the community? It may be tempting to greet them with humorous astonishment at seeing them in church, prompting a comment such as, "Wow, never thought I'd see you in a church!" or, "Oh my gosh, what are you doing here?" Though it may bring a laugh, is that really welcoming? Instead, why not consider saying, "So great to see you! What brings you here today?" Think about it.

Church Office Hours: Kathy Preis, our Administrator is in the office on Monday's, Tuesday's, and Thursday's from 9:00AM-1:00PM. If you would like to make an appointment with Kathy or with Rev. Paul, please contact the office by phone or via email: administrator@christchurchvt.org
Thank you!

Christ Church Staff and Leadership

Paul Habersang, *Priest-in-Partnership*

Beth Ann Maier, *Regional Deacon*

Lynnette Combs, *Organist and Choirmaster*

Bruce Story, *Senior Warden*

Ted Long, *Junior Warden*

Denise Womer, *Youth and Families Director*

Kathy Preis, *Administrator*



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The Missions & Ministries of Christ Episcopal Church, Montpelier

Altar Guild	Liz Slayton (802-229-0164)
Choir/Music	Lynnette Combs (802-371-5066)
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Communications Team	Kathy Preis (802-522-8219)
Diocesan Representatives	Virginia Catone (802-229-9898) Dave Simpson (802-859-9060)
Discretionary Fund for Community Outreach	Virginia Catone, (802-229-9898)
Finance Committee	John Jaworski (802-476-4942)
Food Shelf	Bill Beard (802-223-2137)
Full Ladle Soup Kitchen	Sharon Wilson (802-244-8037)
Hospitality Committee	Aldora Chamberlin (802-461-5527)
Lay Eucharistic Ministers/Chalice Bearers/Lectors	Steamer Walke (802-223-3632)
Christ Church Connections	Rev. Beth Ann Maier (802-793-4234)
Prayer Chain	Rev. Beth Ann Maier (802-793-4234)
Prayer Shawl Ministry	Maggie Thompson (802-454-4635) Rilla Murray (802-272-2663)
Social Justice Ministry	Marty Roberts (802-223-5506)
Stewardship Committee	Bruce Story (802-225-6343)
Sudan Communion	Deb Jerard (802-223-0531) Martha Holden 802-229-9036)
Youth and Families Ministry	Denise Womer (603-545-9488)
Vestry (elected leadership team)	Bruce Story (802-225-6343)
Usher/Greeter Ministry	Jody Pettersen (802-522-6171)
Worship Committee	Rev. Paul Habersang (802- 223-3631)

Would you like to get involved or learn more about these ministries? If so, please contact the persons listed so you can become active in our ministries.