

The Feast of the Transfiguration

August 06, 2017



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10:00 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 II – 10:00 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.

Prelude

Processional Hymn: #450, “*All hail the power*”

Salutation and response

BCP 355

Blessed be God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit

And Blessed be God’s kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

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

Gloria: S280 - (service music is found in the front of the hymnal)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Collect of the Day.

BCP 243

O God, who on the holy mountain revealed to chosen witnesses your 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 you, O Father, and thee, O Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.



The Word of God

A reading from the Book of Exodus

34:29-35

Psalm 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.

Antiphon

"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.

Antiphon

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.

Antiphon

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.

Antiphon

A reading from 2 Peter 1:13-21
Sequence Hymn #383, "Fairest Lord Jesus" Verse 1
The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 9:28-36
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sequence Hymn #383, "Fairest Lord Jesus" Verse 2&3

Sermon Diane Holland

The Nicene Creed BCP 358

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.

Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind or spirit: give them courage and hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of your salvation.

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.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For those who rest in Christ, for all the dead, and for those persons you wish to remember either silently or aloud.

(After a brief silence, the leader and people respond.)

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

And in conclusion, let us together pray the prayer to end homelessness.

An open door,

A roof above,

Safe homes for all,

In the power of love.

The Concluding Collect

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

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!

In addition to traditional consecrated bread and wine,

consecrated gluten free hosts and grape juice are available upon request.

The Offertory

Offertory Anthem

Doxology : Hymn: #618

Verse 4

O friends in gladness let us sing, supernal anthems echoing, Alleluia, alleluia!
To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Great Thanksgiving

EOW3

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; you brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; and so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout for joy:

Sanctus: S128 - (service music is found in the front of the hymnal)

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you have Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the New Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory! Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice, and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise. Blessed are you now and for ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem: S155 - (service music is found in the front of the hymnal)

Distribution of Communion

Communion Anthem

Communion Hymn: #487: *“Come my way”*

The Postcommunion Prayer

BCP 366

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom and now, Father send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and fore ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn: #388: *“O worship the king”*

The Dismissal

Organ Postlude

Welcome!

Thank you for worshipping with us today!

Laurie LaBarthe is the Lay Eucharistic Minister this morning.

Our Lectors this morning are Wendy Dale and Richard Herrman.

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

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*

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!



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The Missions & Ministries of Christ Episcopal Church, Montpelier

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| Altar Guild | Liz Slayton (802-229-0164) |
| Choir/Music | Lynnette Combs (802-371-5066) |
| Christ Church Tours | Joan Sabens (802-476-2040) |
| 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) |
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| 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.