

Second Sunday after the Epiphany January 14, 2018



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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 162

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that thy people, illumined by thy Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

The Word of God

A reading from the First Book of Samuel

3:1-10

Psalms 139:1-5, 12-17

BCP 794-795

LORD, you have searched me out and known me;
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.

You trace my journeys and my resting-places
and are acquainted with all my ways.

Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.

You press upon me behind and before
and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

For you yourself created my inmost parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I will thank you because I am marvelously made;
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

My body was not hidden from you,
while I was being made in secret
and woven in the depths of the earth.

Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;
all of them were written in your book;
they were fashioned day by day,
when as yet there was none of them.

How deep I find your thoughts, O God!
how great is the sum of them!

If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand;
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians 6:12-20

The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 1:43-51
Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon Rev. Beth Ann Maier

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: Ida, Ernest, Charlotte, Mary Helen, Bob, Sally, Evan, Maria, Mary Irish, Dodge, Mary Kay, Barbara, Steve 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, especially Eric, 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.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory in the face of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Our Lay Eucharistic Minister this morning is Laurie Labarthe.

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.

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

177th Annual Meeting of Christ Episcopal Church: On Sunday, January 28, 2018 we will hold our annual meeting immediately following the 10:00AM service in the Parish Hall. You are respectfully asked to mark your calendars and attend this important meeting. We will review highlights from 2017 and will also discuss impending repairs to the sanctuary, the viability of a capital campaign, and also will review the current status of the proposed housing project.

Annual Report Submissions: If you are a leader of one of the many ministries here at Christ Church, we need a brief summary from 2017 of your respective ministry. Please briefly highlight some of the significant successes, challenges, or insights that you feel should be outlined in your summary. Kindly submit your electronic summary to Corrie Wilcox via email at: corrie.e.wilcox@gmail.com by January 15, 2018. Thank you.

Delegates to 2018 Convention: Are you interested in serving as a delegate for Christ Church to our annual diocesan convention? Delegates to convention represent our local faith community at our convention and cast votes to resolutions being presented to the diocese. Christ Church usually sends two (2) delegates with one (1) alternate should one of the delegates be unable to attend. Please let Paul know if you would like to serve as a delegate as we need to know prior to the Annual Meeting. Thank you.

Vestry Meeting: There will be a meeting of the Christ Church vestry (elected leadership team) on Monday, January 15, 2018 at 6:30PM in the chancel of the church.

Social Justice Committee: The Christ Church Social Justice Committee will meet on Tuesday, January 16 at 5:30PM in the administrative office. We will discuss plans for activities in the following months. For information, call Marty Roberts at 802-223-5506.

Other Ministry News and Community Events

Ice on Fire winter celebration on February 4, 2018: Ice on Fire is an annual Montpelier winter celebration involving storytelling, music, and winter games. This year, it will be held at the North Branch Community Center

from 2:00-4:30pm. Volunteers are needed to help plan and organize games and the event. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Rebecca Johnston either via email: rjohnston@montpelier-vt.org or by phoning 802-225-8694. Thank you!

Diversity of Faith: Join the Rev. Robert Meyers on Sunday's at 9:00AM as we discuss the similarities and differences of the various expressions of faith throughout our world. These conversations will be an informal, fun series that will continue on Sunday mornings in the Parish Hall. All are welcome!

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 January, 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: 802-244-8037 or via email: sharonw52@comcast.net

Bee Moulton Flower Fund: 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.

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.

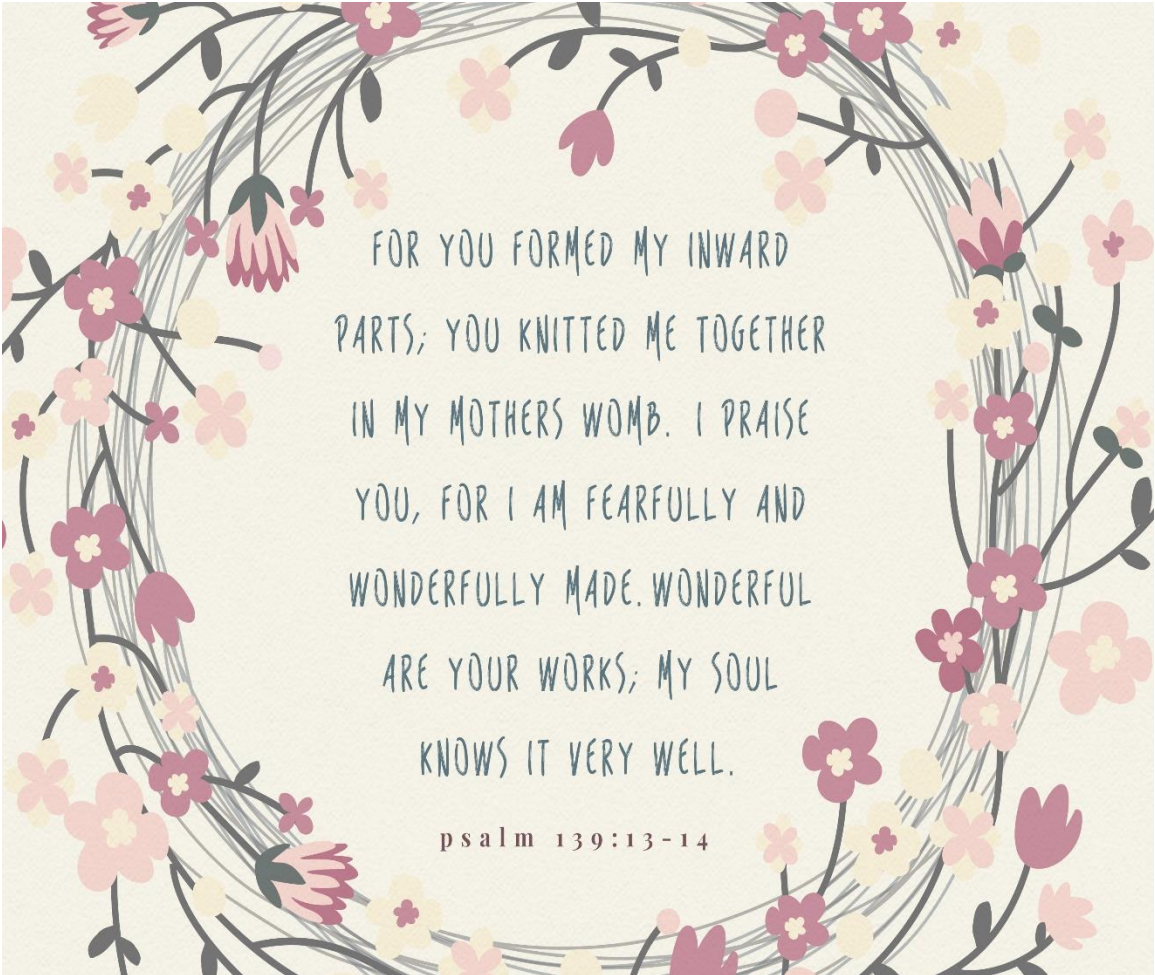
Email Distribution List: If you would like to be added to our weekly email distribution list, please contact Kathy Preis in our office to add your address to the weekly communications. Thank you.

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.

The Missions & Ministries of Christ Episcopal Church, Montpelier

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)
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.



FOR YOU FORMED MY INWARD
PARTS; YOU KNITTED ME TOGETHER
IN MY MOTHERS WOMB. I PRAISE
YOU, FOR I AM FEARFULLY AND
WONDERFULLY MADE. WONDERFUL
ARE YOUR WORKS; MY SOUL
KNOWS IT VERY WELL.

psalm 139:13-14

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