

# Second Sunday after the Epiphany January 14, 2018



*Follow me.*

John 1:43

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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: #599 *“Lift every voice and sing”*

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.**

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The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

BCP 214

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your 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 you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, 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

Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17



LORD, you have searched 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.

Antiphon

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.

Antiphon

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.

Antiphon

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.

Antiphon

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. Antiphon

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

6:12-20

Sequence Hymn: #444, *“Blest be the God of Israel”*

verse 1

The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John  
**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

1:43-51

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sequence Hymn: #444, *“Blest be the God of Israel”*

verses 2&3

The Sermon

Rev. Beth Ann Maier

### **South African Affirmation of Faith**

It is not true that this world and its inhabitants are doomed to die and be lost;

**This is true: For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son so that everyone who believes in him shall not die but have everlasting life.** (John 3:16)

It is not true that we must accept inhumanity and discrimination, hunger and poverty, death and destruction;

**This is true; I have come that they may have life, and have it abundantly.** (John 10:10)

It is not true that violence and hatred shall have the last word, and that war and destruction have come to stay forever;

**This is true; For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given in whom authority will rest and whose name will be Prince of Peace.** (Isaiah 9:6)

It is not true that we are simply victims of the powers of evil that seek to rule the world;

**This is true: To Me is given all authority in Heaven and on Earth, and lo, I am with you always to the end of the world.** (Matthew 28:18)

It is not true that we have to wait for those who are specially gifted, who are the prophets of the church, before we can do anything;

**This is true: I will pour out My Spirit on all people, and your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your young people shall see visions, and your old folk shall dream dreams.** (Acts 2:17)

It is not true that our dreams for the liberation of humankind, our dreams of justice, of human dignity, of peace, are not meant for this earth and this history;

**This is true: The hour comes, and it is now, that true worshippers shall worship God in spirit and in truth.** (John 4:23)

Prayers of the People – *A short pause is given after each prayer for you to offer your own prayer either silently or aloud.*

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: 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.

Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

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

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: “*When the Voice of the Angels Is Stilled*” Elizabeth Alexander

Doxology : Words and music from the 1873 hymnal



Ho - ly Fa-ther, fount of light, God of wis-dom, good-ness, might; Ho - ly Son who  
came to dwell, God with us, Em - man-u-el; Ho - ly Spir-it, heav'n-ly dove, God of com-fort,  
peace and love; Ev - ermore be Thou a-dored, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord.

The Great Thanksgiving

BCP 361

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.**

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

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

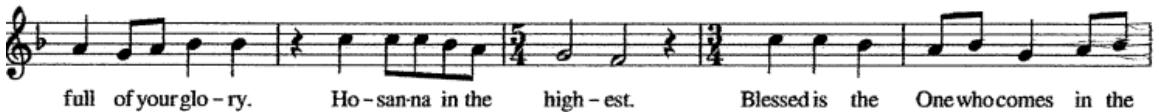
Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus

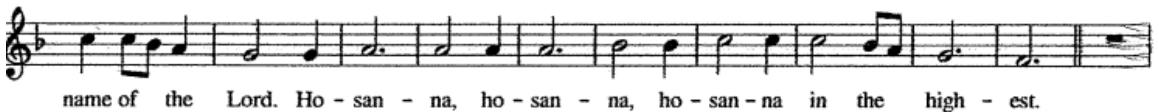
Wells



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord God of power and might, heav'n and earth are



full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Blessed is the One who comes in the



name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore according to his command, O Father:

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

**And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.**

**We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your Saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.**

**By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. Amen.**

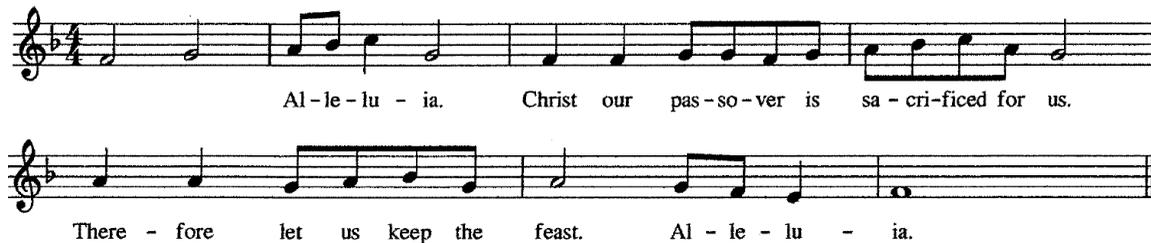
The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

## The Breaking of the Bread

### Fraction Anthem:

Wells/Webb



Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our pas - so - ver is sa - cri - ficed for us.

There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

### Distribution of Communion

#### Communion Anthem: “Asperges Me”

Anton Bruckner

translation: You will sprinkle me, O Lord and I will be made clean; You will wash me, and I will be made whiter than snow.

#### Communion hymn: #WLP, “I, the Lord of sea and sky”

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### The Postcommunion Prayer

BCP 365

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### The Blessing

Recessional Hymn #544, “Jesus shall reign”

*Postlude*

### The Dismissal

*Our Lay Eucharistic Minister this morning is David Blythe.*

*Our Lectors this morning are the David Simpson and Jody Pettersen.*

*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.*

## **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**

**177<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:administrator@christchurchvt.org). Thank you.

## **The Missions & Ministries of Christ Episcopal Church, Montpelier**

<b>Altar Guild</b>	Liz Slayton (802-229-0164)
<b>Choir/Music</b>	Lynnette Combs (802-371-5066)
<b>Christ Church Tours Communications Team</b>	Joan Sabens (802-476-2040) Kathy Preis (802-522-8219)
<b>Diocesan Representatives</b>	Virginia Catone (802-229-9898) Dave Simpson (802-859-9060)
<b>Discretionary Fund for Community Outreach</b>	Virginia Catone, (802-229-9898)
<b>Finance Committee</b>	John Jaworski (802-476-4942)
<b>Food Shelf</b>	Bill Beard (802-223-2137)
<b>Full Ladle Soup Kitchen</b>	Sharon Wilson (802-244-8037)
<b>Hospitality Committee</b>	Aldora Chamberlin (802-461-5527)
<b>Lay Eucharistic Ministers/Chalice Bearers/Lectors</b>	Steamer Walke (802-223-3632)
<b>Christ Church Connections</b>	Rev. Beth Ann Maier (802-793-4234)
<b>Prayer Chain</b>	Rev. Beth Ann Maier (802-793-4234)
<b>Prayer Shawl Ministry</b>	Maggie Thompson (802-454-4635) Rilla Murray (802-272-2663)
<b>Social Justice Ministry</b>	Marty Roberts (802-223-5506)
<b>Stewardship Committee</b>	Bruce Story (802-225-6343)
<b>Sudan Communion</b>	Deb Jerard (802-223-0531) Martha Holden 802-229-9036)
<b>Youth and Families Ministry</b>	Denise Womer (603-545-9488)
<b>Vestry (elected leadership team)</b>	Bruce Story (802-225-6343)
<b>Usher/Greeter Ministry</b>	Jody Pettersen (802-522-6171)
<b>Worship Committee</b>	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.*