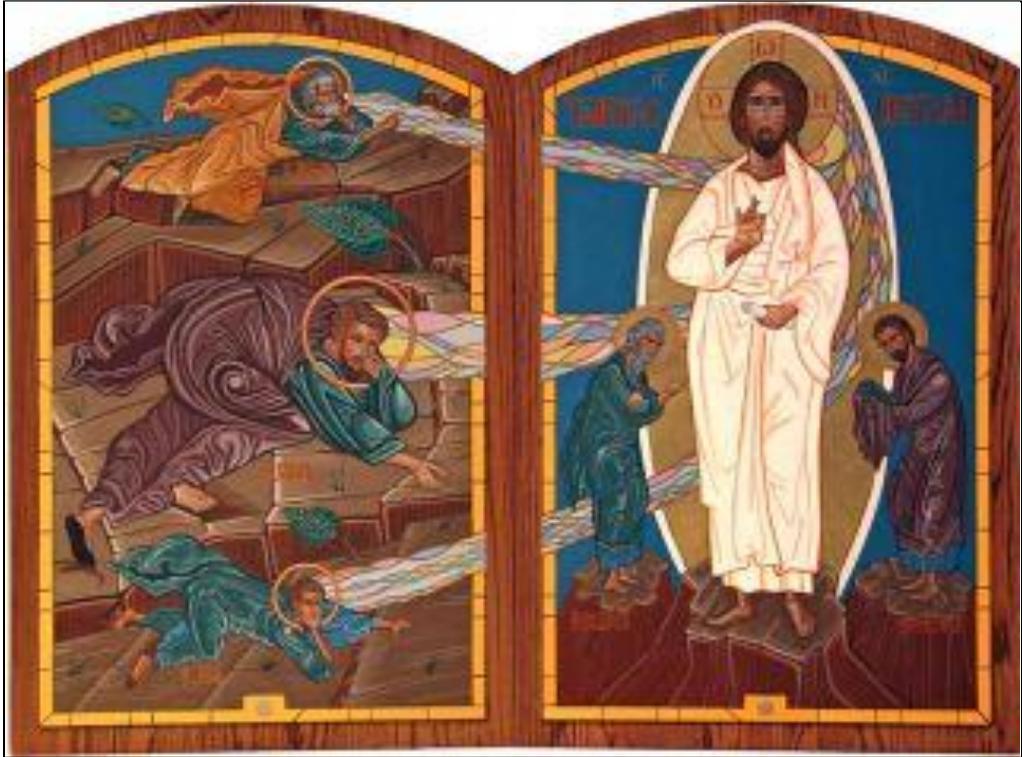


Last Sunday after the Epiphany February 11, 2018



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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: “Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now”

Georg Bohm

Processional Hymn: #383, “Fairest Lord Jesus”

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 – S236

Glo-ry to you, Lord God of our peo-ple; you are wor-thy of
praise; glo-ry to you, 2.Glo-ry to you for the ra - diance of your
ho - ly Name; we will praise you and high-ly ex - alt you for ev-er.
3.Glo-ry to you in the splen - dor of your tem-ple; on the throne of your ma - jes-ty,
glo-ry to you. 4.Glo-ry to you, seat-ed be - tween the Cher - u - bim; we will

praise you and high-ly ex - alt you for ev - er. 5. Glo-ry to you be -
 hold-ing the depths; in the high vault of hea-ven, glo-ry to you, 6. Glo-ry to
 you, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi-rit; We will praise you and high-ly ex -
 alt you for ev - er.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

BCP 217

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

The Word of God

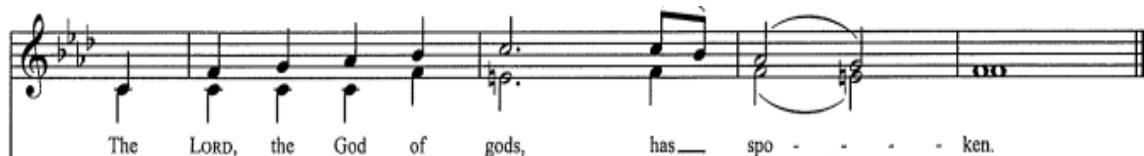


A reading from the Book of 2 Kings

2:1-12

Psalm 50

BCP 654



The LORD, the God of gods,
 he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty,
 God reveals himself in glory.

Our God will come and will not keep silence;
 before him there is a consuming flame,
 and round about him a raging storm.

Antiphon

He calls the heavens and the earth from above
 to witness the judgment of his people.

"Gather before me my loyal followers,
 those who have made a covenant with me
 and sealed it with sacrifice."

Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause;
 for God himself is judge.

Antiphon

A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

4:3-6

Sequence Hymn: *"On Jordan's stormy banks I stand"*, LEVAS II
 (See Insert – Please place insert on table after service)

verses 1&2

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

9:2-9

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sequence Hymn: *"On Jordan's stormy banks I stand"*, LEVAS II

verses 3&4

The Sermon

Rev. Steve Reynes

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, Harry, Dottie, Debbie Sabens, Jay 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.

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: "O Sing Unto the Lord"

Hans Leo Hassler

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

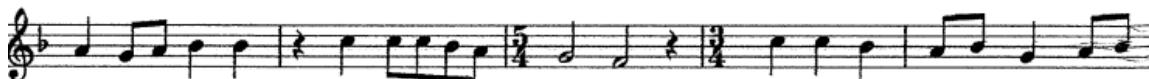
Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

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: “*Surge Illuminare*”

William Byrd

Translation: Arise, shine, for your light has come; and the glory of the Lord will be upon you.

Communion hymn: #490, *“I want to walk as a child of the light”*

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 #618, *“Ye watchers and ye holy ones”*

Postlude: *“Toccata”*

George Böhm

The Dismissal

Our Lay Eucharistic Minister this morning is Angela Simpson.

Our Lectors this morning are Jody Pettersen and Deb Jerard.

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*

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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.



The Mighty One, God, the LORD,
speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun
to the place where it sets.

Psalm 50:1

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