

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 3, 2019



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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 forever. 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 164

Almighty and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth:
Mercifully hear the supplications of thy people, and in our time grant us thy
peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the
Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

The Word of God

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah

1:4-10

Psalm 71:1-6

BCP 683

In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge;
let me never be ashamed.

In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free;
incline your ear to me and save me.

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe;
you are my crag and my stronghold.

Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked,
from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.

For you are my hope, O Lord GOD,
my confidence since I was young.

I have been sustained by you ever since I was born;
from my mother's womb you have been my strength;
my praise shall be always of you.

A reading from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

13:1-13

The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

4:21-30

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon

Rev. Steve Reynes

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.

Prayers of the People

BCP 328

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: Ernest, Charlotte, Mary Helen, Evan, Maria, Pat, Candi, Bob, Betsy, Jackie, Noah, Elly, Sarah, Pam, Tod, Stephen, Dawn, Pam and for those whom you wish to name either silently or aloud.

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

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

Confession and Absolution

BCP 331

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

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

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

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Fraction

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us!
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

The 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!

Pat Dupont is the Lay Eucharistic Minister this morning.

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*

Sarah Hofmann, *Junior Warden*

Denise Womer, *Youth and Families Director*

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Diane Holland

Sarah Hofmann

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Steve Dale

Amy Kuzio

Kenley Freeman

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNITY EVENTS

Warming Shelter Help Needed: Help is still needed for the warming shelter on these dates: Mar. 4, Mar. 11, Mar. 25 and Apr. 1. What is involved? Preparing a simple meal, being here from 5:00 - 8:00PM, visiting with our guests and cleaning up the kitchen which can usually be done when the shelter is closed. Two people are needed for each date. Can you help with this ministry? Please call Kathy Preis if you can help at 802-223 3631 or via email: administrator@christchurchvt.org. Thank you.

Hearts on Fire Update – The Hearts on Fire campaign has collected over \$625,000 to date from donations and pledges! If you didn't have a chance to contribute

or pledge in 2018, it is not too late. Whatever contribution you make – large, small, or tiny – is exactly right and will help us reach our goal and begin work on our beautiful building. Please see Sharon Winn, Sarah Hofmann, or Rev. Paul to get a pledge form. AND put February 17 on your calendar for a parish participation celebration.

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY! With this silly pun as your invitation, please consider making a donation to the food ministries of Christ Church. There is a soup bucket in the parish hall today to receive donations from the congregation. We welcome both financial and food donations at any time. Our weekly Full Ladle Community Meal and Emergency Food Shelf operate solely with donated funds. We truly appreciate the generous support of the parish and the community.

Youth & Family Announcements:

We want your trash! The Youth & Family Ministry will be collecting toilet paper, paper towel rolls and dryer lint to create fireplace “fire starters” and bird feeders. The children of our church school will be assembling these projects during Lent as a way to honor the earth. Questions? See Denise Womer for more information.

Social Justice Team News and Upcoming Events

Special Offering for Central Vermont Refugee Action Network

Two years ago, Christ Episcopal Church contributed to a special offering that benefitted refugees who have made their way to Vermont. Although the number of refugees who will be allowed to come in 2019 is unknown, Vermont Refugee Resettlement Program has assured us that there definitely will be new arrivals. Once again, we would like to provide gifts of welcome to these families. We will be purchasing good quality kitchen knives and cutting boards and will present them as a welcoming gift for their new homes.

In the spirit of love that is associated with February and St. Valentine, we will take up a special offering on the last Sunday of the month, February 24 to support this initiative. Our offering will be added to that of other local churches who are participating. All donations are tax deductible and checks should be written to CVRAN and earmarked “welcome gifts.” Wendy Dale can answer questions you may have about CVRAN or this special offering.

Speaking Up for Racial Justice PRACTICE session: "Interrupting Hate and Addressing Unintended Bias"

Second Wednesdays: Jan. 9th, Feb. 13th, Mar. 13th, Apr. 10th 6:00-8:00PM ~ Unitarian Church of Montpelier (130 Main St.) Several recent requests have been made for white people to be more active in response to biased and racist comments being made in public. We were only going to offer these Oct. - December but have had 20-30 people at each session, so are continuing due to the popularity! Each session will have a similar format and focus on practice, but the scenarios will be different, so participants may greatly benefit from attending one or multiple sessions. Facilitated by members of Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ). Co-sponsored by Lifespan Spiritual Exploration at UCM.

Other News and Announcements

Tuesday Eucharist at 5:30PM: On Tuesday evenings into the winter, we will continue celebrating informal evening Eucharist in the chapel. Please feel welcome to stop by after work for a few minutes of contemplation and reflection. All are welcome.

Christ Church Connections (CCC): Christ Church Connections is a ministry of mutual caring within this faith community. We promote connections by helping members in health or other challenging personal situations; e.g., through visits, meals, cards, prayers, errands, home Eucharist. For the month of February, if your family or someone you know could use a visit or other kind of support, please contact Kate Montross. Kate can be reached at: 802-272-6434 or vial email: ktandme@gmail.com

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 Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays 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 Connections	Rev. Beth Ann Maier (802-793-4234)
Communications Team	Kathy Preis (802-522-8219)
Diocesan Representatives	Maggie Thompson (802-454-4635) Deb Barnwell (802-476-7859)
Discretionary Fund for Community Outreach	Virginia Catone (802-229-9898)
Fellowship Ministry	Stephen Dale (802-229-4686)
Finance Committee	John Jaworski (802-476-4942)
Food Shelf	Sharon Wilson (802-244-8037)
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)
Prayer Chain	Rev. Beth Ann Maier (802-793-4234)
Prayer Shawl Ministry	Maggie Thompson (802-454-4635) Rilla Murray (802-272-2663)
Social Justice Committee	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.