

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 3, 2019



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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: “Biblical Sonata No. 4
1: The sadness of King Hezekiah
2: His confidence in God

Johnann Kuhnau

Processional Hymn: #688, “A mighty fortress”

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

Music: John Wells, b. 1948

(organ)

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God, hea-ven-ly King, al-might-ty
God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo-ry. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the
Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; have mer-cy on us; you are sea-ted at the
right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer. For
you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the
Lord, You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly
Spi-rit in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men, A-men.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

BCP 215

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; 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 the Prophet Jeremiah

1:4-10

Psalm 71:1-6

BCP 683



My tongue will pro - claim your right - eous - ness, O God.

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.

Antiphon

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.

Antiphon

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.

Antiphon

A reading from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 13:1-13
Sequence Hymn - #550, "Jesus calls us" verse 1
The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 4:21-30
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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

Sequence Hymn - #550, "Jesus calls us" verse 4&5

The Sermon Rev. Steve Reynes

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

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: 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.

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

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

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: *“Deck Thyself, My Soul, With Gladness”*

J. S. Bach

Doxology - *“Through north and south and east and west”*

Through north and south and east and west May God's im-mor-tal name be blessed: Al-le -

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lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia! Till ev - ry-where be -neath the sun, God's reign be -gins; God's will is

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done: Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia!

The Great Thanksgiving

BCP 367

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.

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

Sanctus

Music: John Wells, b. 1948

(org) Ho - ly, (org) Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of pow'r and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bles - sed is He 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.**

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 Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem

Brian Webb (Wells)

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: *“Ubi Caritas”*

Maurice Duruflé

Translation: Where there is love, there God is.

Communion hymn: #585, *“Morning glory”*

verses 1-3

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: #680, *“O God our help in ages past ”*

The Dismissal

Postlude: “Biblical Sonata No. 4
3: Joy at Hezekiah’ recovery
“A Mighty Fortress”

Johann Kuhnau
Hans Leo Hassler

We welcome Lindsey Warren as organist today.

*Our Lay Eucharistic Minister this morning is Sarah Baker.
Our Lectors this morning are the Polly Youngblood and Rilla Murray.*

*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*
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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.

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.