



# Christ Episcopal Church

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## The Third Sunday After the Epiphany



### Welcome to this Place of Prayer

If you are new or visiting this congregation for the first time we invite you to fill out a Visitor's Card (found on the rack in front of you) and place it in the collect plate as it is passed. We are honored you have chosen to worship with us today and hope that you will continue your faith journey here.

This bulletin will help guide you through today's service. The abbreviation "H" stands for "Hymnal." This is the larger red book located on the shelf in front of you. That music noted as "HS" followed by a number is service music, and is found in the very first pages of the Hymnal. "BCP" is our abbreviation for "Book of Common Prayer," which is the smaller red book.

#### Hymn

*Christ for the world we sing*

**H 537**

#### The Service Begins

BCP 355

#### Gloria in Excelsis

*The text to this ancient hymn of praise is found in the BCP*

H-S 280

#### The Collect

*Our collective prayer for the day.*

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## The First Lesson

*Isaiah 9:1-4*

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness--on them light has shined.

You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

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## The Psalm

Psalm 27:1, 5-13

*Dominus illuminatio*

- 1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?  
the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?
- 5 One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in  
the house of the Lord all the days of my life;
- 6 To behold the fair beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.
- 7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; he shall hide  
me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.
- 8 Even now he lifts up my head above my enemies round about me.
- 9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great  
gladness; I will sing and make music to the Lord.
- 10 Harken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; have mercy on me and answer  
me.
- 11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." Your face, Lord, will I  
seek.
- 12 Hide not your face from me, nor turn away your servant in displeasure.
- 13 You have been my helper; cast me not away; do not forsake me, O God  
of my salvation.

*Said together*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## Second Lesson

*I Corinthians 1:10-18*

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

## Hymn

*Take my life and let it be*

**H 707**



## Gospel Lesson

*Matthew 4:12-23*

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.”

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

## The Sermon

### The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

*Written about 325 AD, this is the ancient statement of our faith*

### The Prayers of the People (Form IV)

BCP 388

*We pray together as the people of God*

### Confession & Absolution

BCP 360

*We confess our sins and are reassured of our pardon*

## The Peace

*We share the joy of the Good News!*



## The Liturgy of the Eucharist, sometimes called *the Mass*

### Presentation of Gifts and Tithes

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

*From Hymn 380 vs. 3*

### Eucharistic Prayer “A”

BCP 361

*Sanctus*

Words in BCP, Musical Setting

H-S 129

*The Lord’s Prayer*

Traditional version, found on BCP 364

### The Distribution of the Holy Sacrament

*All* baptized Christians, of any tradition, are welcome to receive the sacrament. Everyone, regardless of faith, is welcome to receive a blessing—simply cross your arms in front of you as the priest comes by. It is the tradition of this parish that 12 to 14 people at a time receive Communion at the altar rail, at which point all are dismissed together to return to their seats, and another group may move forward to the rail.

Gluten free wafers are available to those who request them.

### Communion Hymn

*Bread of the world, in mercy broken*

**H 301**

### Our Prayer after Communion

BCP 366

### Hymn

*Songs of thankfulness and praise*

**H 135**

### The Dismissal

We are dismissed from this gathering to go into the world to spread the Good News and the love of Christ! We respond to this instruction with: *Thanks be to God!*



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The Altar Flowers are given today by  
Jim and Susanne Pulse in memory of Wanda Myers.

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Following our service will be Coffee Hour, hosted today by Charlie Blevins and Betty Nash. This is a time for us to have fellowship, share our joys and sorrows, and get to know one another. It is very much an extension of the communal feast we share in the Holy Eucharist. Please join us!

### **Participants in Today's Liturgy**

|                                    |                      |            |                  |
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| <u>Acolyte</u>                     | Becky Kersey         |            | Elizabeth Burton |
| <u>Chalicer</u>                    | Teresa Paine         |            |                  |
| <u>Lector</u>                      | Teresa Paine         |            | Bill Denny       |
| <u>Altar Guild</u>                 | Linda Thomas         | Betty Nash | Linda Ammar      |
| <u>Nursery Help</u>                | Tricia Hein Brewster |            |                  |
| <u>Vestry Member of the Month:</u> |                      | Don Kersey |                  |
| <u>Pianist</u>                     | Samuel Kimzey        |            |                  |

**Birthdays This Week:** Frank Wilkinson - Benjamin Slater

### **Last Sunday's Attendance**

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### **Please Keep the Following in Your Prayers**

Dorene Dimes, Bonnie Taylor, Joe Sanders, Lee Puckett, Sr., Mabeline & Elton Robinson, Bea Paine, Lynn Burney, Marilyn Denney, Donna Fortune, Bob and Peggy Walk, Susan Jewell, John Kersey, Martha Linkous, Sarah Irwin, Janet Slager, Kelly Cox, Mike McLeod, Maxine Stevenson, Dean Farmer, Bob Moore, Haddon Lazenby, Miffi Williams, Jack Burchette, Nick

### **Calendar of Events**

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| Sunday – February 9     | Canterbury Club at the Moir's 6:00pm   |
| Wednesday – February 12 | Service Dinner at Union Mission 3:00pm |
| Sunday – February 16    | Bagging Groceries after Church         |
| Tuesday – February 18   | DOK meeting 10:30am                    |
| Wednesday – February 19 | Vestry Meeting 7:00pm                  |
| Thursday – February 20  | Food Pantry 9:00 – 11:00am             |
| Tuesday – February 25   | Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner 5:30pm   |

Wednesday – February 26

Ash Wednesday Services 8am, 12 noon, 7:00pm  
Union Mission 4:30pm

**Announcements:**

Loose Offering: Any loose offering collected in January will go toward the Heating & Cooling Project.

Food Pantry Items Needed: Handout lists are available in Narthex for Food Pantry items being collected during the months of January through March. We will accept monetary contributions also. See Patty Richardson or Mary Catherine Williams if you have any questions.

Canterbury Club: There is a 2020 sign-up sheet in the narthex for Canterbury Club. Anyone that would like to host one you can sign up. Thanks to everyone who hosted a Canterbury Club in 2019!

Nursery Help: Please consider signing up to assist with our Sunday morning nursery. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. For more information please see Fr. Chad or Elizabeth Clement.

Prayer Requests: Please take a moment to review the names on our Prayer Request list and, if you wish a name to be removed at this time, call or email the office to let us know. Thank you!



**Clergy, Staff, and Wardens of this Parish**

the Rev. Chad Slater

Ms. Emma Bennett

Mr. Terry E. Whittington, Jr.

Mrs. Vanessa Hall

Mrs. Susan Jewell

Mrs. Becky Beckett

Mr. Tom Coughlan

Rector

Parish Administrator  
Organist & Choirmaster

Sexton

Nursery Attendant

Senior Warden

Junior Warden