



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.

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 Hearken 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!*



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

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

<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

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