**The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**

**January 29th 2023 at 10 am**

**The Holy Eucharist: Rite II**



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**INFORMATION FOR NEWCOMERS: WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH!**



Our motto is true whether you're here for the very first time

or you've been a member for decades –

**There is a place for you at God's Table!**

The worship service has two main parts: the Liturgy of the Word, which includes Scripture readings and a sermon, and the Liturgy of the Table, which is also called Holy Eucharist or Communion. You will notice moments in the service when people stand, kneel, bow, and make the sign of the cross. There is no one “right” way to worship, so do what is comfortable for you at any given time in worship.

All Baptized Christians are welcome at Christ’s Table for Communion. If you do not wish to receive communion, you may come forward and request a blessing. If you wish to receive communion in your pew, please notify the ushers. And if you need a gluten-free wafer, just let Rev. Cricket know.

If you have not been baptized, or if you have questions about Holy Baptism, please talk to Rev. Cricket Park after the service -- the people of Christ Church would love to walk with you to your baptism and beyond!

When you enter a Christ Episcopal Church worship service/event, you will be entering an area where photography, video and audio recording may occur. Finally, if you are a visitor, please fill-out a *Welcome Card* on the back of the pew, so we can add you to our weekly NewsNote.

**The Holy Eucharist Rite II**

**PRELUDE:** Improvisation on "Let Us Break Bread Together" - arr. Callahan

**OPENING HYMN**: “Before thy throne O God, we kneel” Hymnal 574

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.***

GLORIA Hymnal S278

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,**

**we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,**

**you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;**

**you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,**

**you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,**

**in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

THE COLLECT

*Celebrant:*The Lord be with you.

***People:* And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

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 LESSONS**

**THE FIRST READING Micah 6:1-8**

Hear what the Lord says:
Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord,
and you enduring foundations of the earth;

for the Lord has a controversy with his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

“O my people, what have I done to you?
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;

and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,

and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.”

“With what shall I come before the Lord,
and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings,
with calves a year old?

Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the Lord require of you

 but to do justice, and to love kindness,
 and to walk humbly with your God?

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**



**THE RESPONSE Psalm 15**

1 Lord, who may dwell in your **tabernacle? \***
who may abide upon your holy **hill?**

2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is **right, \***
who speaks the truth from his **heart.**

3 There is no guile upon his **tongue;**
he does no evil to his **friend; \***
he does not heap contempt upon his **neighbor.**

4 In his sight the wicked is **rejected, \***
but he honors those who fear the **Lord.**

5 He has sworn to do no **wrong \***
and does not take back his **word.**

6 He does not give his money in hope of **gain, \***
nor does he take a bribe against the **innocent.**

7 Whoever does these **things \***
shall never be over**thrown.**

**THE SECOND LESSON**  **1 Corinthians 1:18-31**

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. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

 *Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

***People:*** **Thanks be to God.**

**SEQUENCE HYMN:**  “In the cross of Christ I glory” Hymnal 441 vs. 1-4

**GOSPEL**

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (**Matthew 5:1-12)**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*Sermon The Rev. Cricket Park*

**THE NICENE CREED**

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**

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

In peace, we pray to you Lord God. Congregational responses are in **bold.**

*Silence*

Dear Jesus, you came to bring light and love into the world. Your light shines in the darkness of these winter days and nights. May we also shine brightly.

Light of the World, we ask your light upon the Church and its servants. Enlighten Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Wayne, our Bishop; Cricket, our celebrant. Grant light to each member and guest of this parish. Grant special light to those celebrating birthdays especially, Steve Sharp, Karen Carter, Jack Goble, Kathi Bladh, and Vijay Chitkara and anniversaries this week especially, Jimmy Ryan and Amanda Hayden.

**May your light be reflected in the Church’s mission and unity.**

Light of Life, we pray for your light to shine on the nations of the world and their leaders. Enlighten our president, members of Congress, and local authorities. Give them hearts for justice and peace.

**May your light be reflected in the governments of our world.**

Light of the World, you have called us to be salt and light in our broken world. Enlighten us in our service and our various ministries, especially Children’s Rescue Center/The Ark, Christ Church Food Pantry, Habitat for Humanity, and Safe Harbor House.

**May your light be reflected in our works of mercy.**

Light of Life, your grace shines in our times of sickness and trouble. Shine on those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially Sandi Eyman, Ron deLanglade, Margaret Mattox, Joy Bartenstein, Dodi Holmes, Martha Chaney, Charlene Schreiber, Alice Kelly, Barb Kelly, Joni Pulver, and Traudie Milleck.

**May your light be reflected in our seasons of pain and difficulty.**

Light of the World, you shine in the darkness, and the darkness does not overcome your light. We pray for that eternal light to shine on all who have died and to ease the grief of those who mourn their departing.

**May your light be reflected in our loss and grief.**

*\**THE COLLECT FOR PEACE

**Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*.***

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**All: 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.**

Celebrant: 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**OFFERTORY:** Psalm 98 "Trumpet Voluntary" - Clarke/arr. Hoekstra

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTSHymnal 380, v. 3

 **Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**

 **Praise God, all creatures here below;**

 **Praise God above, ye heavenly host:**

 **Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost**

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. 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 we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

 **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**Hymnal S125

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.  Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.  Hosanna in the highest.**

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 Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior 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 Jesus 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 Christ’s death,**

**We proclaim Christ’s resurrection,**

**We await Christ’s coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior 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 in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, 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 Blessed Mother Mary and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. **AMEN***.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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,**

**forever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD Hymnal S161

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.**

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

**COMMUNION HYMN:** “Blest are the pure in heart” Hymnal 656

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION- Celebrant and people together

**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

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.  ***Amen.***

**CLOSING HYMN:**  “Rejoice, ye pure in heart!”  Hymnal 556 vs. 1-5

THE DISMISSAL Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

 People: **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE:** "Rondo" from Sonata in C Major K. 545 - Mozart

**Ministers for January 29th, 2023**

**Altar Guild:** Joan Hurley

**Chalice:** Beth Deger

**Lector:** Fred Bartenstein

**Ushers:** David and Bonnie Bingman

**Videographer:** Kelly Zeller

**General Information**

**Supply Priest:** The Rev. Cricket Park

**Senior Warden**: Scott Yeazell

**Junior Warden**: Steve Sharp

**Treasurer**: Ken Bladh

**Vestry at Large**: Joy Meyers, Kay Koeninger, Linda Mortensen,

Bill Hicks, Lori Swafford, and Keith Doubt

**Parish Administrator & Program Coordinator**: Kelly Zeller

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