**The Last Sunday after the Epiphany**

**March 2nd, 2025 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. Larry know.

If you have not been baptized, or if you have questions about Holy Baptism, please talk to The Rev. Larry Crowell 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 information email the NewsNote.

**The Holy Eucharist**

PRELUDE: "Piano Blue #3" - Copland

**OPENING HYMN**: “Songs of thankfulness and praise” Hymnal 135

**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 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  **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.** Hymnal S278

**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.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant:The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, who before the passion of your only ­begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

**THE LESSONS**

**THE FIRST READING Exodus 34:29-35**

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

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



THE RESPONSE PSALM 99

1 The Lord is King; let the people **tremble; \***
he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth **shake.**

2 The Lord is great in **Zion; \***
he is high above all **peoples.**

3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and **awesome; \***
he is the Holy **One.**

4 "O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established **equity; \***
you have executed justice and righteousness in **Jacob."**

5 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and fall down before his foot**stool; \***
he is the Holy **One.**

6 Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call upon his **Name, \***
they called upon the Lord, and he answered **them.**

7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of **cloud; \***
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave **them.**

8 O Lord our God, you answered them in**deed; \***
you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil **deeds.**

9 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and worship him upon his holy **hill; \***
for the Lord our God is the Holy **One.**

**THE SECOND LESSON**  **2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2**

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**SEQUENCE HYMN:** “All my hope on God is founded” Hymnal 665

**GOSPEL**

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (**Luke 9:28-36**).

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

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"--not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Sermon The Rev. Larry Crowell*

**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. In the Northwest Region cycle of prayer, we pray Trinity, Troy; St. Paul’s, Oakwood; Christ Church, Xenia, and Epiphany, Urbana. Enlighten Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Kristin, Diocesan Bishop, and Larry, our Supply Priest. Grant light to each member and guest of this parish. Grant special light to those celebrating birthdays especially, Joann Albright and anniversaries.

**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 Springfield Farmer’s Market, Project Woman, Nehemiah Foundation, and Jefferson St. Oasis Garden.

**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 Christina Schelle, Faye Richardson, Beth Harbaugh, Mary Allardyce, Pat Duncan, Marilyn Howat, Jeanie Everingham, Bonnie Bingman, Anita Beardsell, Don Rode, Diana DeVoe, Sandi Eyman, Margaret Mattox, Joy Bartenstein, Dodi Holmes, Alice Kelly, Barb Kelly, and Traudie Milleck, and any others we may now name, silently or aloud.

**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.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**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:** "Follow On" - Forrest

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTSHymnal 380, v. 3

**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**

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

 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 him 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 S129

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

**Hosanna in the highest.**

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

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

### All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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 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 S155

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;**

**therefore let us keep the feast.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

**COMMUNION HYMN:** “Alleluia, alleluia” Hymnal 178

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

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifested in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. ***Amen****.*

**CLOSING HYMN:** “Spirit of the Living God”





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

 People: **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE:** "Alleluia! Let Praises Ring" - *Wie Schön Leuchtet/*arr. Wold

**Altar Flowers**

In thanksgiving for Chris Durenberger and Christ Church’s Choir by Fred and Joy Bartenstein.

**Announcements from Christ Church**

**Pastoral emergencies**

If you need to reach Rev. Michelle for a pastoral emergency, the number is (937) 505-0141. For

non-emergencies, you can call the office at (937) 323-8651 or email Rev. Michelle at mboomgaard@christspringfield.org.

**Christ Church Food Pantry**

The March Drive-thru Food Pantry will be on **March 19th, 2025.** Volunteers are needed to help unload food, pack food and help with customer service at approximately 8:15 am. Please contact either Brian Shelburne at bshelburne@wittenberg.edu, Kelly Zeller at zellerk0611@gmail.com, or Anne Randolph at annejrand@aol.com to volunteer.

**Upcoming Food Pantry opportunities:**

**March 5th, 2025***-* the first food **delivery** at approximately **8:30 am**

**March 13th, 2025**- grocery bagging day - start time at **9:00 am**

**March 19th, 2025**– Food Pantry Day! start time at **8:15 am**

**Ash Wednesday Services on March 5th, 2025**

Ash Wednesday is the Holy Day that begins the penitential season of Lent in preparation for Easter. Christ Church will offer an Ash Wednesday Service at 7 pm which will include the imposition of ashes and Holy Eucharist.

**2025 Altar Flower Dedication Chart**

If you would like to sponsor the Altar flowers for 2025 in memory of, thanksgiving. or in celebration for someone or something, contact Kelly Zeller at zellerk0611@gmail.com. Please be very specific in what or who you are dedicating the altar flowers, and if you have a particular choice of flower. Suggested donation is $45.

June 29th

July 6th, 20th, and 27th

August 10th, 17th, and 31st

October 5th and 26th

November 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 23rd

**Ministers for March 2nd, 2025**

**Altar Guild:** Joan Hurley

**Chalice:** Brian Shelburne

**Lector:** Fred Bartenstein

**Ushers:** Dan McGregor, Angus Randolph, and Brian Drew

**Coffee Hour Hosts**: Alex and Chris Bickel

**Videographer:** Truss, Inc.

**General Information**

**Supply Priest:** The Rev. Larry Crowell

**Senior Warden**: Joyce Spangler

**Junior Warden**: Dan McGregor

**Treasurer**: Ken Bladh

**Clerk of Vestry:** Kelly Zeller

**Vestry at Large**: Kay Koeninger, Marjory Wentworth, Anne Strothman,

David Bingman, Beth Deger, and Rick Everingham

**Parish Director & Parish Administrator**: Kelly Zeller

**Director of Music**: Dr. Christopher Durrenberger

**Facility Manager**: Paul McAfee

**Bookkeeper:** Tina Knox

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* If you choose Miscellaneous Giving, there is another memo drop box for the type of giving-choose one
* Fill out the rest of the form
* Press Continue
* On the next page, press **continue**
* Then enter your billing information
* Thank you!- If you have questions or concerns, please contact Kelly Zeller at zellerk0611@gmail.com



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