

January 21, 2024

Christ Episcopal Church of Guilford
Third Sunday after the Epiphany
Holy Eucharist Rite II

10:00 a.m.

Whether you are new or returning, welcome to Christ Church this morning! We are glad that you are with us, wherever you are on your spiritual journey. We invite you to participate fully in our worship and we hope that you will be enriched and refreshed through this experience.

*As used in this bulletin, hymn numbers refer to [The Hymnal 1982](#) found in the pew rack in front of you, and BCP refers to the red [Book of Common Prayer](#) also found in the pew rack. **All congregational responses to be read in unison are boldfaced.** And if you need anything, please see an usher in the back of the church. Welcome!*

10AM Holy Eucharist with hymns, soloist, choir, & organ music.

The Rev. Peter Sipple presiding.

Coffee Hour: After-Church Gathering in the Parish Hall~All Welcome!

PRELUDE: Prelude on *Mit Freuden zart*

G. Near

OPENING HYMN: #408 Sing praise to God who reigns above

Mit Frueden zart

**Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,
the God of power, the god of love, the god of our salvation;
with healing balm my soul he fills, and every faithless murmur stills:
to God all praise and glory.**

**What God's almighty power hath made, his gracious mercy keepeth;
by morning glow or evening shade, his watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.
Within the kingdom of his might, lo! All is just, and all is right:
to God all praise and glory.**

**Let all who name Christ's holy Name give God all praise and glory;
let all who know his power proclaim aloud the wondrous story!
Cast each false idol from it's throne, the Lord is God, and he alone:
to God all praise and glory.**

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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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 hold Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE: #S-278 Glory to God

Matthias

**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.**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY:

Prayed together

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 Word of God

FIRST READING Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, “Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

The Word of the Lord. *People respond:* **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM Psalm 62:6-14 ***Nonne Deo?***



For God a-lone my soul in sil-ence waits; tru-ly my hope is in him.

Refrain: Verse 6 (first time, Cantor, then all):

7 He alone is my rock and my salvation, *

my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.

8 In God is my safety and my honor; *

God is my strong rock and my refuge. ***Refrain***

9 Put your trust in him always, O people, *

pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.

10 Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath, *

even those of low estate cannot be trusted. ***Refrain***

11 On the scales they are lighter than a breath, *

all of them together.

12 Put no trust in extortion;

in robbery take no empty pride; *

though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it. ***Refrain***

13 God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, *

that power belongs to God.

14 Steadfast love is yours, O Lord, *

for you repay everyone according to his deeds. ***Refrain***

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

The Word of the Lord. *People respond:* **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN #538 God of mercy, God of grace

Lucerna Laudoniae

**God of mercy, God of grace, show the brightness of thy face.
Shine upon us, Savior, shine, fill thy Church with light divine,
and thy saving health extend unto earth's remotest end.**

**Let thy people praise thee, Lord; be by all that live adored.
Let the nations shout and sing glory to their savior King;
let all be, below, above, one in joy, and light, and love.**

THE GOSPEL Mark 1:14-20

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Mark

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

After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

Rev. Peter Sipple

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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.

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

We pray for the people and clergy of St. James', Danbury; Saint Luke's and St. Paul's, Darien; Immanuel St. James, Derby; and for The Anglican Church of Chile.
Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for our presiding bishop Michael, our bishop Jeffrey and Laura, and all bishops, priests and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Remembering all peacemakers and peacekeepers, especially those serving in places torn by warfare, terror and gun violence:
We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Remembering our call to be good stewards of your Creation: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on them and on all those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially for Noreen, Chris S., Joe W., David Barker, Ignacio, Peggy VanPatten, Janet Couture, Paul, Abby Levitt, Dan Reynolds, Greg Ormer, Chloe N., Evelyn, Henry, Jamie, Josh L, Cynthia D, Ken G, for the safety of the children and families of St. Luke's Church & School in Haiti, and for all others for whom we pray, either silently or aloud;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We pray for all who have died, including Patricia Whiteman;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

We offer our thanksgivings for this day, this place, for all the gifts to keep our neighbors warm, and for all who have made this celebration possible.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.
Silence.

(Celebrant will add a concluding collect.)

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

Celebrant and people:

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

The Peace of the Lord be always with you. **People: And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS & GREETINGS

The Holy Communion

THE OFFERTORY

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM: There's a wideness in God's mercy

C. Hampton

THE DOXOLOGY: #380 v. 3 only *Old 100th*

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. Amen

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord.

People: And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer B

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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 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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

THE SANCTUS S-128 Holy, Holy, Holy

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
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.

Celebrant: 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 before he died for us, 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,

Celebrant and People

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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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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

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FRACTION ANTHEM: #S155 Christ our Passover

G. Near

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Gifts of God, for the People of God.

Invitation to Spiritual Communion**

God of love and grace, of justice and peace, we give you thanks that in the Sacrament of the altar you assure us of your presence within us and within the body of Christ, the faithful through all the generations; grant that we who have witnessed these holy mysteries, though unable to receive the physical elements of the Sacrament, may be moved by your indwelling Spirit ever more fully to embody your holy and life-giving presence, reshaping in your likeness the world around us, until we are gathered at last into the fullness of your glorious and eternal presence; through Christ our Risen Lord, Amen.

COMMUNION SOLO: *Laudate Dominum*

W. A. Mozart

Leila Mustakos – soprano

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER:

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**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.**

AN EPIPHANY BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN: #530 Spread, O spread, thou mighty word
**Spread, O spread, thou mighty word, spread the kingdom of the Lord,
that to earth's remotest bound all may heed the joyful sound;**

Gott sei Dank

**word of how the Father's will made the world, and keeps it still;
how his only Son he gave, earth from sin and death to save;**

**word of how the Savior's love earth's sore burden doth remove;
how forever, in it's need, through his death the world is freed;**

**word of how the Spirit came bringing peace in Jesus' name;
how his never-failing love guides us on to heaven above.**

**Word of life, most pure and strong, word for which the nations long,
spread abroad until from night all the world awakes to light.**

DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Toccata in Seven

J. Rutter

Participating In Today's Worship:

The Rev. Peter Sipple, Presider
Mark Sullivan, Music Director
Leila Mustakos

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David Jones, 1st Reading & Psalm
Diane Pierpont, 2nd Reading
Susan Leonard, Prayers of the People & Com-
munion Prayer
David Jones & David Kish, Chalice Bearers

Diana Stovall, Usher
Jen Huebner, Altar Guild
Donna Tafel, Coffee Hour Host
Kathleen Jones
& Gene Bishop, Counters



The Altar Flowers are given today to the Glory of God

This Week at CEC, including upcoming events

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- [?] Choir Rehearsal** -Every Thursday at 7pm
- **Music Meditations** - Every Friday at 12-12:30 pm: Come quiet your mind and feed your spirit with lovely organ music played by Mark Sullivan!
 - **Bible Study** – Join Cecelia Bellomy Parker every Monday at 5 pm. Email Cecelia for the Zoom link at cbellomy15@gmail.com
 - **Sunday School Update:** Today students will meet in the Rectory at 10:00 am for the following:
 - Explore the lesson, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him”. Matthew 2:3-8
 - Epiphany season lessons continue and engage students in a fun game of finding baby Jesus.
 - Great Escapes in the Bible: Middle and high school students will discuss great escapes in Bible and then will embark on an exciting trip to the Escape Room at 1:00 pm today

[?] ECW:

- No ECW meetings in January and February. Our gatherings will resume on March 14th at 10 am in the Guild Room. Join us for a brief planning session to schedule upcoming projects and events. Feel free to bring lunch. We're excited to announce that Julie Harris, our resident author, will share a portion of her latest book. Copies will be available for purchase. All Christ Church Women are welcome at this first meeting of 2024.
- Available now in the parish hall: Sweet Treats, Handmade note cards and Valentine's cards with card holders
- Annual Lenten Project, "Fill a Bag" starting Sunday, February 4th - Sunday, March 3rd: we will collect toiletries and needed items, for those living on the margin of society, Gallon size plastic bags containing a list of items to fill the bags will be available in church and parish hall starting on the 4th. Containers for collecting filled bags will be available the following Sunday until March 3rd. New Sox and Underwear collected will be delivered along with the filled bags to the Chapel on the Green program. We are grateful for your support and please know that this project serves many men, women and children. Your generosity will show love for our neighbors as God has asked of us. Thank you in advance.

[?] Parish Coffee Hour:

- 1/21: Donna Tafel Host
 - Right after coffee hour, join Susan as she leads the Warden's Roundtable - learn more about our parish groups where you may feel moved to sign up for Choir, Altar Guild, Hospitality, or Men's Group. Pastoral Care may be your calling.
- 1/28: Seeking A Host: Interested?
- 2/4: Julie Harris
- 2/11: ECW
- 2/18: TBD
- 2/25: Annual Meeting followed Potluck

[?] Disciples Dinner: The Disciples Dinner Sign-up sheet is now available in the parish hall. For any inquiries, feel free to reach out to Susan at warden@christchurchguilford.org

[?] Annual Report Parish Meeting – February 25th: more information to follow

Whether you're new to Christ Episcopal Church or you've been coming a long time,

WE WANT TO CONNECT WITH YOU! *Just scan the QR code with your phone's camera, click on the link, and complete our quick and easy Parish Connect Form.*

You can also fill out a hard copy on the table in the back of the church.



ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES to CONNECT

Coffee Hour: Assistance needed for coffee hour sign-up! Coffee hour is a wonderful time to connect with church friends. Susan Leonard and I will ensure the coffee is prepared and started before the service, and we'll provide the cream. Simply bring a sweet treat or two to share and consider inviting a friend to join us in crafting a welcoming community experience every Sunday. Please contact me at 860-604-7624 or email donna.tafel@gmail.com with any questions. Thank you.

- **Newcomers:** If you are visiting Christ Church for the first time (or perhaps have been coming regularly) please fill out the Welcome form in the pew holder. We would also ask that you sign the guest book at the rear of the church before you leave.
- **Altar Flowers:** If you would like to offer flowers on a Sunday in memory or in honor of someone, please contact the church office. You may purchase & bring them, have a local florist deliver, or offer flowers from your garden.
- **Home Communion:** We realize that not all our church family is able to attend worship services in person. If you or someone you know would like to receive communion where you live, please contact the church office at 203-453-2279. Rev. Mary Anne will gladly bring communion to you.
- **Change for Charity:** You may now notice the big Blue Ball jar in the back of the church. We all have that bowl at home where we dump our loose change. It never gets spent or banked. Why not empty your change into that Ball jar where the money can be put to good use for the charities we all support? We will use those coins to help our favorite charities!
- **Food Bank:** Many thanks for your continued support. Gift cards to Big Y or Stop & Shop are needed to help feed those in need here in our own community. They can be dropped off at the Rectory Office or you can write a check to CEC with a note on the memo line: "Food Bank." The Guilford Food Bank currently needs tea, crackers, canned fruit (no added sugar), canned chicken, hot chocolate, 100% fruit juice, gluten free products, laundry detergent, dish detergent, paper towels, shampoo.
- **Postcards:** There are some lovely already-stamped postcards in the back of the church and also on the shelf at the Front Door of the Rectory. The idea for these postcards is to send a note to someone you are thinking about, praying for, and just want to say hello and "I'm thinking about you". Please take 1, 2, or 22 and share some love with others!



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www.christchurchguilford.org/stewardship-and-giving

Christ Episcopal Church, on the Guilford Green since 1744

Our Mission Statement: To welcome all, to provide hope, and express gratitude for God's love and creation, while nurturing our community and celebrating our faith.