

January 22, 2023

Christ Episcopal Church of Guilford

10 a.m.

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Holy Eucharist – Rite II

from *The Book of Common Prayer*, and *Enriching Our Worship 1*

The Right Reverend Jeffrey W. Mello, Bishop Diocesan of Connecticut, Celebrant

Prelude: Duetto III BWV 804

J. S. Bach

Opening Hymn #381 Thy strong word did cleave the darkness

Ton-y-botel

**Thy strong word did cleave the darkness; at thy speaking it was done;
for created light we thank thee, while thine ordered seasons run:
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!**

**Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness, dark as night and deep as death,
broke the light of thy salvation, breathed thine own lifegiving breath:
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!**

**Thy strong word bespeaks us righteous; bright with thine own holiness,
glorious now, we press toward glory, and our lives our hopes confess:
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!**

**God the Father, Light Creator, to thee laud and honor be;
to thee, Light of Light begotten, praise be sung eternally;
Holy Spirit, Light-Revealer, glory, glory be to thee:
Mortals, angels, now and every praise the Holy Trinity.**

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

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

Collect for Purity

BCP, p. 355

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: Hymn #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.**

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:

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

Psalm 27:1, 5-13 *Dominus illuminatio* *prayed responsively*

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.

Second Reading

1 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.

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

Sequence Hymn #126 The people who in darkness walked

Dundee

**The people who in darkness walked have seen a glorious light;
on them broke forth the heavenly dawn who dwelt in death and night.**

**To hail thy rising, Sun of life, the gathering nations come,
joyous as when the reapers bear their harvest treasures home.**

**To us the promised Child is born, to us the Son is given;
him shall the tribes of earth obey, and all the hosts of heaven.**

**His name shall be the Prince of Peace for evermore adored,
the Wonderful, the Counselor, the mighty God and Lord.**

**His power increasing still shall spread, his reign no end shall know;
justice shall guard his throne above, and peace abound below.**

The Gospel

The Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew

4:12-23

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

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 Gospeller concludes: The Gospel of the Lord. *People respond:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Right Rev. Jeffrey W. Mello

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

BCP, p. 292-294

Celebrant: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People: **I do.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayers of the People Form III

BCP, p.387

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

We pray for the people and clergy of Epiphany, Durham; St. Gabriele's, East Berlin; St. Stephen's, East Haddam; All Saint's, East Hartford and for The Church of North India;

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, for our Bishops Jeff and Laura, and for 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.

We pray for all who have been commended to the prayers of the parish including Verna Lilburn, Katherine F, Josh L, Cynthia D, Russ and Joan, Brennie, and Cindy T; for all contending with COVID-19 disease, for medical caregivers who minister of your healing gifts; for all facing financial hardship because of the pandemic, and for those on your hearts,

(pause)

Have compassion on them and on all those who suffer from any grief or trouble.

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; especially for the repose of Thomas Lilburn.

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.

Let us pray together for our Search Process:

Dear Lord, in this season of change, we pray for our parish of Christ Church and our vestry. Guide us that we may be patient in our discernment, steadfast in our commitment, and imaginative about our future. We look to your wisdom and companionship in our journey to find a rector who will enlighten and inspire us through preaching, who will engage us through teaching, who will encourage us to serve others, and who will motivate us to celebrate the gospel in word and deed. All this we ask so that we may all come to know the love of Christ more deeply. Amen.

Silence.

Celebrant will add a concluding collect.

The Peace

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

Announcements and Greetings

The Holy Communion

The Offertory –

Offertory anthem: O Splendor of God's glory bright

Suky Bryan, violin; Chris Jones, cello

C. Monteverdi

The Doxology: Hymn 380 (vs. 3)

Presentation of 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

BCP, p. 367

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.**

Celebrant: 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 glorify 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:

All: **Sanctus S-128: Holy, holy, holy Lord**

Mathias

**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 [and] 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.**

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

All:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem S-155: Christ our Passover

**Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

G. Near

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 anew 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: *Ich folge dir* ('I follow also') from St. Matthew Passion

J. S. Bach

Leila Mustakos, soprano; Suky Bryan, violin; Chris Jones, cello

Postcommunion Prayer:

BCP, p. 365

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, thy mighty word

Gott sei Dank

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

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 its 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: Let us bless the Lord. *People:* **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: Prelude on *Dundee*

C. H. H. Parry

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Today's service:

*Today's flowers are in Thanksgiving for Bishop Mello's
visit, and his time with us.*

In Today's Worship

Celebrant: The Right Rev. Jeffrey W. Mello
Bishop's Chaplain: The Rev. Rachel Thomas
Music Director: Mark Sullivan
Usher: Carol Iovanna & Diana Stovall
1st Reading & Psalm: Chris Robinson
2nd Reading: Jean Valentine
Prayers of the People & Communion Prayer: Kate Haggans
Chalice Bearers – Annie Rae & Ed Seibert
Acolytes: AJ LaFata, Kenneth Pelphrey, Rt Trotter, Jack Trotter,
Austin LaFata, Aleah LaFata, James Oshana.
Soloist – Leila Mustakos
Violin – Suky Bryan
Cello – Chris Jones

Altar Guild this Sunday – Pat Daunic & Virginia Syombathy
Counters this week: Melissa Lamoreaux & Kathleen Jones

Upcoming Calendar Events



Sunday, January 22 – Third Sunday after the Epiphany

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Holy Eucharist – 10AM (streamed and in-person) with organ, hymns and choir

Reception to follow in the Parish Hall

Sunday School to meet – Middle & High School students in church

Monday, January 23 – Bible Study 5-6PM via Zoom.

Thursday, January 26 – Choir Practice in the Parish Hall, 7-9PM

Friday, January 27 – Music Meditation @ 12:00PM in the church

Saturday, January 28 – Funeral for Thomas Lilburn, 10AM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2023 Pledges Due

If you haven't returned your pledge for 2023, or completed your 2022 giving, please do so ASAP. We haven't met our goal yet, so we need everyone's participation in order to meet our budget and meet the requirements for a new rector. If you need another card please contact the office (admin@christchurchguilford.org) or call and we will send one to you. Year-end statements for 2022 will be sent out in the very near future.

Sunday School news:

*The Sunday School students are in need of paper towel tubes. Please drop off in the office.

*Sunday School is looking for a nursery teacher. An ideal candidate must be at least 16 years old and love spending time with young children. Please contact Dorota Xeller at education@christchurchguilford.org.

Copies of the February – April **Forward Day by Day** can be found at the back of the church and on the shelf in the Rectory entryway. *Our very own Page Pelphrey is one of the authors in this edition.*

Coffee Hour Sign-Ups – There is a sheet in the Parish Hall for upcoming coffee hour sign-ups. We need you!

OUTREACH

NEXT Sunday, January 29th, from 3-5 at the Community Center: all are invited to join together in peace at this community event **TOGETHER AGAINST ANTISEMITISM AND HATE**. Sponsored by our friends at Temple Beth Tikvah in partnership with the ADL

***Gift cards are always needed for groceries from Big Y or Stop and Shop. If you purchase a gift card, please include the activation receipt and put in the offering plate OR write a check to CEC with "Gift Card" in the memo line. All Gift cards and money will go to providing food for our neighbors through Guilford Social Services. And we can get \$5 for the church for each \$100 gift card from Big Y or Stop and Shop; \$6 from Bishops. Are you the one to help set this up for us?

The Tag Sale Committee is now accepting items for the fall event. Bring your goods to the former Nursery Room outside of the Parish Hall entrance.

A reminder to wear your name tags during service. If you have lost yours and need a replacement or are a new parishioner please see Mardee Moore.

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 in the rear of the church before you leave.

Looking Ahead: On Tuesday, January 31st there will be a Blood Drive at East Creek Landing, 390 South Union Street in Guilford in Loving Memory of Ethan Song hosted by Strong family. 8:30am – 6:00 pm. Flyers are in the back of the church or visit redcrossblood.org/rapidpass to get started.