

Saint Christopher's Episcopal Church

A GROWING COMMUNITY OF LOVE, JOY, AND HOPE

*Whoever and wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome.
Our message is that God's unconditional love is extended to you right now
through Jesus Christ. Here in this church, God says, "You belong, this is my
family, and you have a place in it".*

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Holy Eucharist Rite II

January 19, 2025



GATHERING

Stand as you are able

Opening Hymn 371 *Blue Hymnal* *Thou, whose almighty word*

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

People: *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.*

Amen.

Collect for Purity

Worship Leader:

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.*

The Gloria Hymn # S280

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 of the Day *Book of Common Prayer 215*

Worship Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Worship Leader: Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the

earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE WORD OF GOD

The Lessons

All are seated

Isaiah 62: 1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.
The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;
for the LORD delights in you,
and your land shall be married.
For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your builder marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 36: 5-10 *read responsively by the half verse* BCP 632

5 Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens,
and your faithfulness to the clouds.

6 Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,
your justice like the great deep;
you save both man and beast, O LORD.

7 How priceless is your love, O God!
your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

8 They feast upon the abundance of your house;
you give them drink from the river of your delights.

9 For with you is the well of life,
and in your light we see light.

10 Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you,
and your favor to those who are true of heart.

Epistle:

1 Corinthians 12: 1-11

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Stand as you are able

Gospel Hymn: 508 *Blue Hymnal* *Breathe on me, Breath of God*

Officiant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **John, (John 2: 1-11)**

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

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Officiant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

All are seated

Sermon: The Rev. Paul Crips

Stand as you are able

The Nicene Creed

BCP (blue) 358

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.

All stand or kneel

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Form IV

The Leader and People pray responsively

In our Episcopal Church cycle of prayer we pray for St. Peter's in Sheridan and in our Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for the Church of the Province of West Indies. Let us pray for the church and for the world. Grant,

Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage or hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them will be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

The celebrant adds a concluding collect.

THE CONFESSION

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

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

Stand as you are able

Officiant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: *And also with you.*

The people greet one another in the name of the Lord.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself
for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

An offering is collected as a symbol of our life and to support the work of the church. Thank you for your generosity.

Doxology Hymn #380

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.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer

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 Lord 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:

Celebrant and People

**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.

The Celebrant continues:

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:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

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 for ever. *Amen.*

And now, as our Savior Christ taught us, we are bold to *sing* The Lord's Prayer:

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 from the time of trial and deliver us from evil, for the kingdom, the pow'r and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on Him in your heart by faith with thanksgiving.

Communion Hymn: *Way Maker*

Verse 1

*You are here moving in our midst
I worship You I worship You
You are here working in this place
I worship You I worship You*

Chorus

*(You are) Way Maker Miracle Worker Promise Keeper
Light in the darkness my God that is who You are*

Verse 2

*You are here touching ev'ry heart
I worship You I worship You
You are here healing ev'ry heart
I worship You I worship You*

Verse 3

*You are here turning lives around
I worship You I worship You
You are here mending ev'ry heart
I worship You yeah I worship You Lord*

Tag

*That is who You are
That is who You are
That is who You are
That is who You are*

Bridge

*Even when I don't see it You're working
Even when I don't feel it You're working
You never stop You never stop working
You never stop You never stop working*

SENDING FORTH

The people stand or kneel

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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.

CONCLUDING BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please note that the Annual Meeting will be held after the service on January 26. Please have all reports into the office by January 15. All reports need to be in a word document format in order to copy & paste.

Weekly Calendar:

January 20, Newsletter Articles Due

Office Closed for Martin Luther King, Federal Holiday

January 22, Men's Breakfast at Perkins, 8:30 am

January 23, Holy Eucharist, 11:30 am

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

COMMISSIONING OF ST. CHRISTOPHER'S EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

(Inside back cover of BCP)

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Recessional Hymn: 135 *Blue Hymnal* *Songs of thankfulness*

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

People: *Thanks be to God. Alleluia.*

Acknowledgements:

Celebrant: The Rev. Paul Crips
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