

Morning Prayer Rite 2  
The First Sunday after Christmas  
December 29, 2020  
Christ Church (Episcopal), Adrian 720 Riverside Ave

The Passing of the Peace

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

Sentence of Scripture (Christmas) BCP 75

Behold, I bring you good news of a great joy, which will come to all the people; for unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. *Luke 2:10, 11*

Invitatory and Psalter  
*All stand*

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.  
People: *And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.*  
All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.  
Alleluia.

Antiphon (On the Twelve Days...) BCP 80

Officiant: Alleluia. To us a child is born.  
People: *O, come let us adore him. Alleluia.*

Jubilate BCP 82

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.  
Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*  
he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise; \*  
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.  
For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is everlasting; \*  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

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Psalm 147 *Laudate, Dominum* BCP 805

- 1 Hallelujah!  
How good it is to sing praises to our God! \*  
how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!
- 2 The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem; \*  
he gathers the exiles of Israel.
- 3 He heals the brokenhearted \*  
and binds up their wounds.
- 4 He counts the number of the stars \*  
and calls them all by their names.
- 5 Great is our LORD and mighty in power; \*  
there is no limit to his wisdom.
- 6 The LORD lifts up the lowly, \*  
but casts the wicked to the ground.
- 7 Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; \*  
make music to our God upon the harp.
- 8 He covers the heavens with clouds \*  
and prepares rain for the earth;
- 9 He makes grass to grow upon the mountains \*  
and green plants to serve mankind.
- 10 He provides food for flocks and herds \*  
and for the young ravens when they cry.
- 11 He is not impressed by the might of a horse; \*  
he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;

12 But the LORD has pleasure in those who fear him, \*  
in those who await his gracious favor.  
13 Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; \*  
praise your God, O Zion;  
14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; \*  
he has blessed your children within you.  
15 He has established peace on your borders; \*  
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.  
16 He sends out his command to the earth, \*  
and his word runs very swiftly.  
17 He gives snow like wool; \*  
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.  
18 He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; \*  
who can stand against his cold?  
19 He sends forth his word and melts them; \*  
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.  
20 He declares his word to Jacob, \*  
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.  
21 He has not done so to any other nation; \*  
to them he has not revealed his judgments.  
Hallelujah!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.  
Alleluia.

The First Lesson

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,  
my whole being shall exult in my God;  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.  
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring  
up,

so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise  
to spring up before all the nations.  
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.

*Please respond after each lesson with "Thanks be to God"*

The Third Song of Isaiah

BCP 87

Arise, shine, for your light has come, \*  
and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.  
For behold, darkness covers the land; \*  
deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.  
But over you the Lord will rise, \*  
and his glory will appear upon you.  
Nations will stream to your light, \*  
and kings to the brightness of your dawning.  
Your gates will always be open; \*  
by day or night they will never be shut.  
They will call you, The City of the Lord, \*  
The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.  
Violence will no more be heard in your land, \*  
ruin or destruction within your borders.  
You will call your walls, Salvation, \*  
and all your portals, Praise.  
The sun will no more be your light by day; \*  
by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.  
The Lord will be your everlasting light, \*  
and your God will be your glory.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.  
Amen.

The Second Lesson                      Galatians 3:23-25, 4:4-7

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Canticle 21                      You Are God                      BCP 95

You are God: we praise you;  
You are the Lord; we acclaim you;  
You are the eternal Father:  
All creation worships you.  
To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,  
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:  
    Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
    heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
The glorious company of apostles praise you.  
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.  
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.  
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaim you;  
    Father, of majesty unbounded,

    your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,  
    and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.  
You, Christ, are the king of glory,  
the eternal Son of the Father.  
When you became man to set us free  
you did not shun the Virgin's womb.  
You overcame the sting of death  
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.  
You are seated at God's right hand in glory.  
We believe that you will come and be our judge.  
    Come then, Lord, and help your people,  
    bought with the price of your own blood,  
    and bring us with your saints  
    to glory everlasting.

The Gospel Lesson    John 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born,

not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Sermon                                  Joyce Holden, Lay Worship Leader

The Apostles' Creed                                  BCP 96  
*Officiant and People together, all standing*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
    creator of heaven and earth;  
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.  
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. Amen.

Offertory

The Prayers

Officiant:     The Lord be with you.  
*All:             And also with you.*  
Officiant:     Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer                                  BCP 97

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.

Suffrage B    BCP 98

V.   Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;  
R.   Govern them and uphold them, now and always.  
V.   Day by day we bless you;  
R.   We praise your name for ever.  
V.   Lord, keep us from all sin today;  
R.   Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.  
V.   Lord, show us your love and mercy;  
R.   For we put our trust in you.  
V.   In you, Lord, is our hope;  
R.   And we shall never hope in vain.

Collect of the Day (First Sunday)                  BCP 213

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

A Collect for Sundays

BCP 98

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for the Renewal of Life

BCP 99

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness while it was day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Peace

BCP 99

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Grace

BCP 100

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Mission

BCP 101

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Prayer for the Victims of Addiction

O blessed Lord, you ministered to all who came to you: Look with compassion upon all who through addiction have lost their health and freedom. Restore to them the assurance of your unfailing mercy; remove from them the fears that beset them; strengthen them in the work of their recovery; and to those who care for them, give patient understanding and persevering love. *Amen.*

*The people may offer their own prayers and thanksgivings at this time, either aloud or in their hearts.*

The General Thanksgiving

BCP 101

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life;

but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

*A Prayer of St. Chrysostom*

*BCP 102*

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one  
accord to make our common supplication to you; and you  
have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two  
or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the  
midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions  
as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of  
your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Announcements

Dismissal BCP 102

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in  
believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

*Romans 15:13*

ASSISTING with today's service:

Lector: Sam Abraham

UPCOMING SERVICES:

1/5 Holy Eucharist Rite II, The Rev Dan Buchin officiating  
1/12 Holy Eucharist Rite II, The Rev Dan Buchin officiating  
1/19 Holy Eucharist Rite II, The Rev Dan Buchin officiating  
1/26 Morning Prayer Rite I, Todd Johnson officiating

UPCOMING EVENTS:

12/31 New Year's Eve Taize service, 7 PM, Dominican Chapel,  
Siena Heights  
1/2/20 Julie Blanton's birthday  
1/5 Un-hanging of the greens, and brunch  
1/9 Audrey Johnson's birthday  
1/9-1/11 Ministry Retreat, St Francis Retreat Center, Dewitt  
1/19 Vestry meeting, following the Liturgy & Fellowship  
1/31 Sue Burke's birthday  
2/8 The Consecration of Bishop The Rev. Dr. Bonnie Perry, the  
Ford Community & Performing Arts Center, Dearborn

SAINTS CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:

1/1 The Holy Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ

COMMON PRAYERS WITH UNCOMMON RESULTS THIS WEEK  
FOR:

CONTINUED PRAYERS: Bob Welke; Bobbie; Sue Burke; Ed  
Johnson; Joyce Johnson; Matthew Linden; Bob Bird; Jamie &  
Marvin; Ridge; Jill Holden; Julie Wilkins; John; Donna Hanes;  
Kevin Cuyler; Chris Smith; Nancy Buchin; Harriet Woodby;  
Scott Johnson; Melissa Berger; Carol Rodriguez; Kristin &  
Matthew; Kathy Hunter; Carol Cathey; Sam & Cam; Jordan; a  
woman with cancer; Sharon & family; Steven Stemkowski;  
Darren Baker; Juan Perez; Frank Leahey; Lloyd, suffering from  
lung cancer; Caty Smith; Dan Buchin; Jim Barancin, suffering  
from prostate cancer; Antony Scioly; Single mom with health  
issues, whose boyfriend is in the Army; Jon; Patricia Stricker;  
Lisa Hinskey's family; Jennifer; Sabrina & Kalee; Ms. Butler;  
total surrender

PRAYERS FOR the unemployed, homeless & disenfranchised

IN HARM'S WAY: our service men & women, especially those suffering from PTSD

CYCLE OF PRAYER: Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop; Wendell Gibbs, our Bishop; Bonnie Perry, our Bishop-Elect; Moises Quezada Mota, Bishop of the Diocese of the Dominican Republic; Elizabeth Eaton, ELCA Presiding Bishop; Donald P Kreiss, ELCA Bishop, SE Michigan Synod; Craig A Satterlee, ELCA Bishop, NW Lower Michigan Synod; our Diocesan retired community household; Our Diocesan household; St Paul's, Lansing; St Martha's, Santana, DR; St Cornelius, Cabarete, DR

PRAYERS FOR: refugees from all countries, especially the children

THOSE INVOLVED IN MINISTRY: pray for discernment

UN-HANGING OF THE GREENS will take place after the service on 1/5/20, followed by a brunch; sign up to bring something!

We welcome you to Christ Church and invite you to join us for refreshments in the parish hall immediately following the service.

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