

The **Word**
became flesh and made
His dwelling among us.
We have seen
His glory, the
glory of the One and Only,
who came from the **Father,**
full of grace and truth.
~ John 1:14

Sunday, December 26, 2021

The First Sunday after Christmas

CHRIST CHURCH PARISH

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Morning Prayer Rite I
The First Sunday after Christmas
December 26, 2021

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 37

Behold, I bring you good tidings of a great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.

Luke 2:10, 11

Confession of Sin

BCP 41

The Officiant says to the people

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together

Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost
sheep,
we have followed too much the devices and desires of
our own hearts,
we have offended against thy holy laws,
we have left undone those things which we ought to
have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to
have done.

But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
spare thou those who confess their faults,
restore thou those who are penitent,
according to thy promises declared unto mankind
in Christ Jesus our Lord;
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that
we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober
life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

Celebrant:

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant us absolution
and remission of all our sins, true repentance,
amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of
his Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant: O Lord, open thou our lips.

People: *And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.*

Officiant and People

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 (Christmas)

BCP 43

Alleluia. Unto us a child is born:
O come, let us adore him.

Venite

Psalm 95:1-7

BCP 44

O come, let us sing unto the Lord; *

let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our
salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are all the corners of the earth, *
and the strength of the hills is his also.

The sea is his, and he made it, *

and his hands prepared the dry land.

O come, let us worship and fall down, *

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is the Lord our God, *

and we are the people of his pasture
and the sheep of his hand.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; *

let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth, *

and with righteousness to judge the world
and the peoples with his truth.

Antiphon (Christmas) BCP 44

Alleluia. Unto us a child is born:
O come, let us adore him.

Psalms 147 *Laudate Dominum* BCP 804

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.

A Reading from 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.

Officiant: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Canticle 6 Glory Be to God *Gloria in Excelsis* BCP 49

Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee,
we glorify thee,

we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy,
thou only art the Lord,
thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

A Reading from Paul's letter to the 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.

Officiant: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Canticle 5 The Song of Simeon *Nunc dimittus* BCP 51

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, *
according to thy word;

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, *
which thou hast prepared before the face of all
people,

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, *
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

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 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.

Officiant: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Sermon Todd Johnson, Lay Worship Leader

The Apostles Creed BCP 53

Officiant and People together, all standing

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father
almighty.

From thence he shall come to judge the quick and
the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

All: And with thy spirit.

The Lord's Prayer BCP 54

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 A BCP 55

V. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

R. And grant us thy salvation.

V. Endue thy ministers with righteousness;

R. And make thy chosen people joyful.

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. For only in thee can we live in safety.

V. Lord, keep this nation under thy care;

R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

V. Let thy way be known upon earth;

R. Thy saving health among all nations.

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

Collect of the Day (1st Sunday after Christmas) BCP 161

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 56
O God, who makest us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of thy Son our Lord: Grant us this day such blessing through our worship of thee, that the days to come may be spent in thy favor; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Mission BCP 57
Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of thy faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before thee for all members of thy holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and godly serve thee; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Prayers and thanksgivings may be offered at this time, either silently or spoken

The General Thanksgiving BCP 58
Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men.

We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable 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 beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

A Prayer of St Chrysostom BCP 59
Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee; and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Announcements

Dismissal

BCP 59

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

UPCOMING SERVICES:

1/2/22 Morning Prayer Rite II

1/9 Morning Prayer

1/16 Holy Eucharist Rite II

UPCOMING EVENTS:

12/26 Sam & Mary Abraham's anniversary

12/27 Sarah Abraham's birthday

1/9 Audrey Johnson's birthday

SAINTS CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:

12/27 St Stephen, Deacon & Martyr

12/28 St John, Apostle & Evangelist

12/29 Holy Innocents (transferred)

COMMON PRAYERS WITH UNCOMMON RESULTS:

CONTINUED PRAYERS: Bob; Bobbie; Sue; Ed &

Audrey; Joyce; Bob & Donna; Jamie & Marvin; Jill;

Julie; John; Nancy; Harriet; John; Margaret; Arnold;

Paul Barth; Linda; Carrie; Lily & Violet; Al; Vickie;

Lonnie; Corky; Sarah; Todd; Lonnie; JoAnn; Ted;

Sherri; Helen; Dan's sisters & brother-in-law; Todd

PRAYERS FOR those who are suffering the effects of the pandemic & the 800,000+ who've lost their lives.

PRAYERS FOR those who have suffered loss due to shootings, & those who live these threats every day.

PRAYERS FOR the unemployed, homeless &

disenfranchised.

IN HARM'S WAY our service men & women suffering from PTSD

CYCLE OF PRAYER: Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop; Bonnie Perry, our Bishop; 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; Church of the Redeemer, Southfield; St Paul's, Brighton; Good Samaritan, San Francisco, DR
We welcome you to Christ Church, and look forward to meeting together in person for fellowship!

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