

# CHRIST CHURCH

## THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN ASPEN



THE FIRST SUNDAY  
AFTER CHRISTMAS  
DECEMBER 27, 2020

*Welcome to Christ Church! We're glad you're worshiping with us today.*

*Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent; for this is the House of God.*

*Before the service, speak to the Lord; during the service, let the Lord speak to you; after the service, speak to one another.*

We welcome you to this time of worship. We are glad to have you join us online.

The bulletin for our service of Ante-Communion can be found at [christchurchaspen.org](http://christchurchaspen.org) under the worship tab, click "service & handouts". The Bulletin is also linked in the description box below this YouTube video.

The Sunday Newspaper, with the announcements, is distributed electronically in our Sunday Morning enews.

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**10:00 AM**

**Prelude**

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**THE ANTE-COMMUNION, RITE II**

*The Book of Common Prayer, pp. 355-360*

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*, Arr. Emily Lund

**Welcome**

**Warren Klug**

*Presider:* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

**The Collect for Purity**

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.*

**Gloria In Excelsis**

**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.**

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Presider:* Let us pray.

**The Collect of the Day**

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.*

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD**

*A Reading from the Book of Isaiah (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.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

***A Reading from the Book of Psalms (Psalm 147:13-21)***

Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; \*

praise your God, O Zion;

**For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; \*  
he has blessed your children within you.**

He has established peace on your borders; \*

he satisfies you with the finest wheat.

**He sends out his command to the earth, \*  
and his word runs very swiftly.**

He gives snow like wool; \*

he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.

**He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; \*  
who can stand against his cold?**

He sends forth his word and melts them; \*

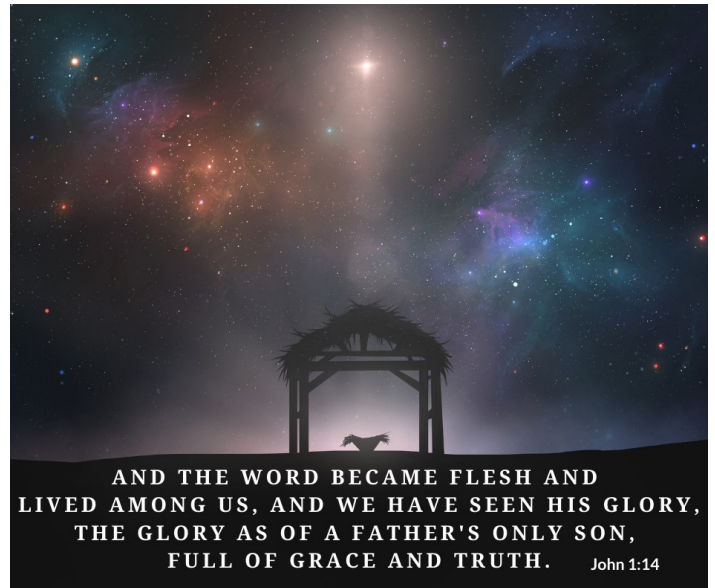
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.

**He declares his word to Jacob, \*  
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.**

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. (Please be seated.)**

***A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Galatians (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.

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*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

**The Gospel**

***The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (John 1:1-18)***

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

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.

*Priest:* The Gospel of the Lord

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

*A period of silence will be kept.*

***The Nicene Creed, (Please stand)***

**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.**

***Welcome / Announcements / Birthday & Anniversary Prayers / Travel Prayers***

***Offertory Music***

***Rejoice! He Is Here*, Arr. Mark Hayes**

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***The Prayers of the People (Form III)***

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

***That we all may be one.***

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 all bishops, priests, and deacons;

***That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.***

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.***

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

***That our works may find favor in your sight.***

Have compassion on 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 praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

***May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.***

In silence or aloud, let us pray for our own needs and the needs of others.

Let us pray for our families and friends at Christ Church, Aspen.

***Prayer list Names:***

***Christ Episcopal Church Members:*** *Repose of the Soul of Kathryn Koch, Dick Nigbor, Julia Munson, Catherine Cabaniss, Don Davis, Lindsay Gorman, Jessica & Philip Sallet, Bob & Marsha Cook, George Baker, Margo & Keith Gardner, BobbiAnn Housma, All those serving their country, the young people and students of Aspen*

***Friends and Family of CEC Members:*** *Jamie Lawrence, Warren Erbson, Heta & Hubert Townsend, Maude Jernagan, Tony Weglos and family, Brad Noel, Susan & Mickey Spalding, Petra Crimmel, Otto Bontempo*

We pray for the repose of the soul of Kathryn Koch. We thank you for giving Kathryn to us, her family and friends, to know and to love as a companion on our earthly pilgrimage. Receive her into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. Amen.

We give thanks for the birth of Logan Lawrence on December 22. Give grace and wisdom to his parents, Billy and Jamie, and to Logan's brothers, Kirk and Wyatt. As Logan grows in age, may he grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

As the pandemic continues throughout the world and here in our own community, we pray for health care workers and those who minister to all who have been sickened by the coronavirus. We pray for healing. We pray for those who have died, and for families who grieve.

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### ***A Prayer for the Poor and Neglected (BCP, p.826)***

Almighty and most merciful God, we remember before you all poor and neglected persons whom it would be easy for us to forget: the homeless and the destitute, the old and the sick, and all who have none to care for them. Help us to heal those who are broken in body or spirit, and to turn their sorrow into joy. Grant this, Father, for the love of your Son, who for our sake became poor, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### ***A Christmas Prayer***

Lord Jesus, we thank you for your coming into the world as you did on that first Christmas night. Thank you God for the gift of your son, the most wonderful gift ever given. Thank you for the obedience of Mary and Joseph; thank you for the shepherds and the animals who watched over the Christ Child. Thank you for the angels who glorified the baby, thank you for the wise men who came to worship Him with gifts, and thank you God for that special night in Bethlehem. We celebrate once again that first Christmas and the Christ Child coming into the world and into our lives in a whole new way. Thank you, God. Amen.

### ***Let us pray for Christ Church***

Oh Lord, we pray for your continued blessing on Christ Church and all who are part of the ministries of this place. We pray for Peter, our Interim Rector, and for the leadership of Christ Church. Especially at this time of transition, we ask for your guidance as we pursue our rector search process. We know you have a plan for Christ Church, and we ask for your help as we work to discern your will. Be with us we pray. We lift up our prayer of praise, worship and thanksgiving in Jesus' name. Amen

*Please stand*

*Presider:* As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

**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 grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

*Presider:* Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works, and give glory to God.  
*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

Thank you for joining with members of Christ Church, Aspen in this time of worship. Have a blessed week.

### ***Postlude***

***A Christmas Alleluia***, Arr. Matt Schinske

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