

# CHRIST CHURCH

## THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN ASPEN



THE SECOND SUNDAY  
AFTER THE EPIPHANY  
JANUARY 17, 2021

*Welcome to Christ Church! We're glad you're worshipping 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**

**THE ANTE-COMMUNION, RITE II**

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

**Prelude**

*'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus, Arr. Heather Sorenson*

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**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, 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, worshiped, 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 LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD**

*A Reading from the First Book of Samuel (Samuel 3:1-20)*

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and

went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." Then the LORD said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever." Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him." As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

*People:* Thanks be to God.

***A Reading from the Book of Psalms (Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17)***

LORD, you have searched me out and known me; \*you know my sitting down and my rising up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.

**You trace my journeys and my resting-places \*  
and are acquainted with all my ways.**

Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, \*  
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.

**You press upon me behind and before \*  
and lay your hand upon me.**

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; \*  
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

**For you yourself created my inmost parts; \*  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.**

I will thank you because I am marvelously made; \*  
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

**My body was not hidden from you, \*  
while I was being made in secret  
and woven in the depths of the earth.**

Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;  
all of them were written in your book; \*  
they were fashioned day by day,  
when as yet there was none of them.

**How deep I find your thoughts, O God! \*  
how great is the sum of them!**

If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; \*  
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

**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 First Book of Paul to the Corinthians (1 Corinthians 6:12-20)***

"All things are lawful for me," but not all things are beneficial. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be dominated by anything. "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food," and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, "The two shall be one flesh." But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body;



but the fornicator sins against the body itself. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

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

### **The Gospel**

***The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (John 1:43-51)***

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

Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

*Priest:* The Gospel of the Lord

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

### **Homily**

Peter Munson

*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***

***Send the Light***, Arr. Mary McDonald

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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:*** Marsha Cook, Diana Rumsey, Julia Munson, Catherine Cabaniss, Don Davis, Jessica & Philip Salet, 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

The pandemic continues to plague people around the world, in our country and in our own community. God, you know what we need as numbers grow. You are the great physician, the great healer; and we ask for your help as we combat this awful virus. We pray for those who are sick, and we pray for healing. We pray for those who have died, and we pray for families who grieve. We pray for health care workers, and those who minister to people who are afflicted. We pray that vaccines will be available quickly. We pray for healing and health, to you, Lord Jesus.

***A Prayer for our Country***

Almighty God, who has given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly ask that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of your favor and glad to do your will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties we pray. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in your Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and, through respect for your law, we may show forth your praise among the nations of the earth. Fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in days of trouble, be with us we pray. All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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***

***Gather Us In,*** Arr. Mark Hayes

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