

CHRIST CHURCH  
THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN ASPEN



THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY  
THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD  
JANUARY 8, 2023

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

Hymns and service music are found in the blue Hymnal 1982. Text of prayers and lessons are included here.

Please join us for refreshments following the service, outside the front steps or in the Rowland Davis Hall (weather depending).

10:00 AM

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II  
*The Book of Common Prayer, pp. 355-366*

PRELUDE

*Son of God*, Arr. Mark Hayes

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THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

**Hymnal 119**, *As with gladness men of old*, Verses 1,2,4,5

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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

**Hymnal S-280**, *Glory to God*

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**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.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

*The Priest says:* Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen. (Please be seated.)*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET ISAIAH 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;

I have put my spirit upon him;  
he will bring forth justice to the nations.

He will not cry or lift up his voice,  
or make it heard in the street;

a bruised reed he will not break,  
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

He will not grow faint or be crushed  
until he has established justice in the earth;  
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the LORD,  
who created the heavens and stretched them out,  
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,

who gives breath to the people upon it  
and spirit to those who walk in it:

I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,  
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;

I have given you as a covenant to the people,  
a light to the nations,  
to open the eyes that are blind,

to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

I am the LORD, that is my name;  
my glory I give to no other,  
nor my praise to idols.

See, the former things have come to pass,  
and new things I now declare;

before they spring forth,  
I tell you of them.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

### PSALM 29 (*Please stand*)

Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, \*  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; \*  
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders; \*  
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

**The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; \*  
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; \*  
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

**He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \*  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;  
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; \*  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

**The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe \*  
and strips the forests bare.**

And in the temple of the LORD \*  
all are crying, "Glory!"

**The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; \*  
the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.**

The LORD shall give strength to his people; \*  
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

**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 ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.  
*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL HYMN

**Hymnal 124, *What star is this*, Verses 1,2,4,5  
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### THE GOSPEL (*Please stand*)

*Priest:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 3:13-17  
*People:* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

*Priest:* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People:* **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

### SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Bill Lupfer

*A period of silence will be kept.*

### THE NICENE CREED, p. 358 (*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.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM II

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Kym, our Bishop, and Bill, our Priest; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.  
***Pray for the Church.***

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.  
***Pray for justice and peace.***

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.  
***Pray for those in any need or trouble.***

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.  
***Pray that they may find and be found by him.***

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed.  
***Pray for those who have died.***

*Silence*

*Members of the congregation may ask the prayers or the thanksgivings of those present*

I ask your prayers for members of our Christ Church Family, especially for Charlie Flanders, for Lexi, and for Betsy Warren. We pray for Robert, for Mindy, Chris, and Jim, for Philip, Marilyn, and for Jan. We pray for the continued development of little Otto.

I ask your thanksgiving for our Christ Church Community.

*Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.  
***Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.***

*Silence*

*Presider:* Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you." Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## THE CONFESSION

*The Deacon or Celebrant says:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People:*

**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.**

## THE ABSOLUTION

*The Priest, stands and says:*

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 *All stand.*

*Presider:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

*Then the Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

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## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### OFFERTORY MUSIC

*We Three Kings*, Arr. Heather Sorenson  
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### DOXOLOGY

**Hymnal 380 vs. 4**, *Praise God from whom all blessings flow*  
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**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; / Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; / Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(The people remain standing)*

**Book of Common Prayer, p. 361**

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*The Presider proceeds:*

**Book of Common Prayer, p. 361**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing...etc. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### SANCTUS

**Tune: Land of Rest**

**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. Hosanna in the highest.**

*(The people stand or kneel.)*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself...etc. Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Presider continues:* We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father...etc. ...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.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER *(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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then the following is said:*

*Presider:* Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People:* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

## INVITATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

*All people who hunger for God are invited to receive communion. Please form a single file line down the center aisle and receive the consecrated bread and wine. The priest will place the bread in your hands and you can dip the bread into the wine and consume them together then.*

## COMMUNION MUSIC

*What Star Is This*, Arr. Rudy Davenport  
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## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER, p. 365 *(Please stand)*

*Presider 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.**

## THE BLESSING

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

**Hymnal 135**, *Songs of thankfulness and praise*  
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## DISMISSAL

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

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

## POSTLUDE

*Go Tell It, He Is Born!* Arr. Ruth Elaine Schram  
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Join us Next Sunday for our  
In-Person Service at 8:00 am & 10:00 am

Broadcasting Live at 10:00 am  
[ChristChurchAspen.org](http://ChristChurchAspen.org)



PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

**Presider:** The Rev. Dr. Bill Lupfer

**Director of Music:** Molly Noel

**Piano and Organ:** Molly Noel

**Cantor:** Scott MacCracken

<i>Acolyte</i>	8:00 a.m.	Joel Shannon
	10:00 a.m.	Donna Rowlands
<i>Reader</i>	8:00 a.m.	Neala Young
	10:00 a.m.	Eric Pelander
<i>Altar Guild</i>	8:00 a.m.	Diana Rumsey
	10:00 a.m.	Donna Rowlands
<i>Greeter/Usher</i>	8:00 a.m.	Lindsay Gorman
	10:00 a.m.	Bob D'Alessio

VESTRY

Warren Klug (Sr. Warden), Eric Pelander (Treasurer), Lindsay Gorman (Jr. Warden), Diana Rumsey (Clerk), Joel Shannon, Donna Rowlands, Peter Grenney, Cari Kuhlman, Jay Webster, Tracy Murtagh

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# **The Sunday News Page**

January 8, 2022, The First Sunday after the Epiphany

## **WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH**

We are glad you are here. If you are a newcomer, or a visitor, please sign in at the front table. We would love to get to know you better.

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

1/8 Julie Muraco, 1/9 Jane Mitchell, 1/10 Lydia Roy, 1/12 Archer Bishop, 1/13 Sandie Bishop

## **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

1/11 Jessica and Philip Salet, 1/14 Cari and Jeff Kuhlman

## **AN AFTERNOON OF OPERA Sunday, January 15 at 1 PM**

Kick off 2023 in dramatic fashion with An Afternoon of Opera on Sunday, January 15 at 1pm with mezzo-soprano Nikki Boxer and pianist Molly Noel. This 50-minute recital will feature arias from beloved operas by Handel, Saint-Saëns, Bizet, Rossini, Wagner and others. Please join us for this special event, free and open to the public.

## **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING Sunday, January 22 at 9 AM**

The Christ Church Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 22 at 9:00 a.m. In-Person in the Sanctuary, and Livestream at [christchurchaspen.org](http://christchurchaspen.org). At the meeting there will be a review of the 2023 budget, along with announcements of exciting plans.

## **WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP**

The Women's Study Group will resume on Thursday, January 12th at 10:30 at the home of Jan Blaich. There will be a handout on Jesus as part of the Trinity for discussion. Call Jan at 970-925-7545 for further information.

## **PARADISE CRUISING Save the Dates!**

Ski with Fr. Bill and friends of the Parish! Mondays, January 30 and February 27 at 10:30 a.m. at Tiehack.

## **"OUR COMMUNITY LISTENS" Register Now!**

Start the new year focused on strengthening relationships, as Christ Church welcomes the community to attend Christ Church Parishioners Bob and Cynthia Chapman's "Our Community Listens" (OCL) Feb. 7-9, 8.30am-4.30pm. OCL is the highly acclaimed 3-day course designed to help you learn how to listen effectively, express yourself clearly and build better relationships. Register using this link: <https://connect.chapmancommunities.org/e/our-community-listens-aspen-february-7-9-2023>.

## **2023 STEWARDSHIP**

Stewardship gives us the opportunity to pledge to give back to God a portion of our financial resources through the mission and ministry of Christ Church. Packets containing information and pledge cards for your financial gifts for 2023 are available now. Packets have been mailed out, or you may pick one up on the front table in the Narthex. For more information, contact Kathy at [kathyklug@gmail.com](mailto:kathyklug@gmail.com) or Eric at [epelander@yahoo.com](mailto:epelander@yahoo.com).

## **SUNDAY RIDES TO CHRIST CHURCH**

Some of our Christ Church Parishioners are seeking rides to and from the Church on Sundays this winter. If you think you may be available to help or need more information, please contact Marisa at [marisa@christchurchaspen.org](mailto:marisa@christchurchaspen.org).

## **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY Wednesdays at 8 AM at the Mountain Chalet**

Every Wednesday morning at 8 a.m. for breakfast and men's Bible Study. Email Warren Klug, [warrenklug1@gmail.com](mailto:warrenklug1@gmail.com), for details.