

CHRIST CHURCH
THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN ASPEN



THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER
THE EPIPHANY
JANUARY 28, 2024

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

Gaelic Morning Arr. Dan Forrest
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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 410, Praise, my soul the King of Heaven
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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

**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: Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen. (Please be seated.)*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF DEUTERONOMY 18:15-20

Moses said: The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." Then the LORD replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 111

Hallelujah!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, *
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

**Great are the deeds of the LORD! *
they are studied by all who delight in them.**

His work is full of majesty and splendor, *
and his righteousness endures for ever.

**He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; *
the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.**

He gives food to those who fear him; *
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

**He has shown his people the power of his works *
in giving them the lands of the nations.**

The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; *
all his commandments are sure.

**They stand fast for ever and ever, *
because they are done in truth and equity.**

He sent redemption to his people;
he commanded his covenant for ever; *
holy and awesome is his Name.

**The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; *
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;
his praise endures for ever.**

**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 LETTER OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS 8:1-13

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him.

Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. “Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

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

GOSPEL HYMN

Hymnal 178, Alleluia, alleluia!
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THE GOSPEL (*Please stand*)

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark 1:21-28
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

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.

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; we ask your prayers 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.
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.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. We ask your prayers for members of our Christ Church Family, especially this day for Charla, Chip Howe, Lexi, and Betsy Warren. We pray for Jan, Robert, Diana, Brian, Lynn Murtagh, Jessica & Philip Salet. We pray for the continued development of little Otto.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

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 I 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.

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS / BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS / TRAVEL PRAYERS

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY MUSIC

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus 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)*

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:

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

Jesus Paid It All Arr. Dan Forrest

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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 558, Faith of our Fathers
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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

This Little Light of Mine Arr. Vicki Tucker Courtney
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PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

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

***Director of Music:*** Mandy Gessler

***Piano and Organ:*** Molly Noel

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| <b><i>Acolyte</i></b>       | 8:00 a.m.     | Tom Gorman      |
|                             | 10:00 a.m.    | Donna Rowlands  |
| <b><i>Reader</i></b>        | 8:00 a.m.     | Lindsay Gorman  |
|                             | 10:00 a.m.    | Peter Grenney   |
| <b><i>Altar Guild</i></b>   | 8:00 a.m.     | Katrina Gallant |
|                             | 10:00 a.m.    | Donna Rowlands  |
| <b><i>Greeter/Usher</i></b> | 8:00 a.m.     | Lindsay Gorman  |
|                             | 10:00 a.m.    | Peter Grenney   |
| <b><i>Fellowship</i></b>    | Leone Falcone |                 |

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In-Person Services are at 8:00A.M. & 10:00A.M.
The Live Broadcast will at 10:00A.M. at ChristChurchAspen.org

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The Sunday News Page

January 28, 2024, *FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY*

WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH

We are glad you are here. If you are a newcomer, or a visitor, please fill out the *Welcome Card* in the pew or in the Narthex, and give to an usher. We would love to get to know you better.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

2/1 Eva Harrison, and 2/3 Judy Schwartz,

FIRST SUNDAY BREAKFAST

Join us between services at 9:00 A.M. on **February 4, 2024**, For what some people call “The best breakfast in town” Donations are greatly appreciated.

ON-GOING AT CHRIST CHURCH

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School and the Nursery are available on Sundays at 10:00 A.M.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The sign up for Altar flowers is on the table in the Narthex. The florist fee is \$250 and comes with an inscription in the Sunday News page. You are welcome to make a homemade arrangement or share a day with someone. For more information please contact Siri Mytty, Parish Administrator at siri@christchurchaspen.org.

CHURCH SKI DAY COORDINATOR NEEDED

We are looking for a special someone to coordinate church ski days this winter. If you are interested please reach out to Joy Stryker at joy@strykerbrown.com.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN 2024

We hope that you will prayerfully consider joining us in making a financial pledge this year. In addition every new pledge will be matched. Your pledge can help us build toward an even brighter future. May you “**Let Your Light Shine through the Joy of Giving.**” If you did not receive a letter in the mail, there are additional pledge cards on the Narthex table.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY Wednesdays at 8 A.M. at the Mountain Chalet

Wednesday mornings at 8:00 A.M. for breakfast and men's Bible Study. Email Warren Klug for details at warrenklug1@gmail.com.