



# Christ Church Charlotte

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Third Sunday after the Epiphany  
January 23, 2022 - 8:45 & 11:15 AM  
Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Welcome to worship in your Spiritual Home.  
Special greetings to our visitors! We invite you to chat with one of our clergy, check in with a greeter,  
or email [visitor@christchurchcharlotte.org](mailto:visitor@christchurchcharlotte.org) so we can connect with you.

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**Keeping our community healthy:** No in-person gathering is free from risk of exposure to COVID-19. Observing simple mask protocols during worship will help us safeguard the health of our community. At this time, all participants over the age of two are required to wear a mask except when consuming the communion bread. Masks for children and adults are available at the welcome table.

Our guiding principles of safety, hospitality, and respect, supported by the guidance of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina and the CDC, will continue to inform our practices as we embrace new, sacred rhythms of being together.

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We request that you take a moment to register at one of our check-in stations or via the QR code found in the News and Notices.

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This bulletin is designed for use with the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) and Hymnal in your pew rack. Text in **bold italics** is read aloud or sung by the congregation. Text in *regular italics* provides directions or details.

## Prelude

## Processional

### THE WORD OF GOD

#### The Opening Acclamation (*standing*)

BCP 355

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

#### The Collect for Purity

BCP 355

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.***

#### The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

#### The First Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **The Gospel: Luke 4:14-21**

Clergy: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

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

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

*After the Gospel is read,*

Clergy: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### **The Sermon**

The Reverend Deacon Emily Parker

### **The Nicene Creed (standing)**

BCP 358

***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 Epiphany Prayers of the People**

Reader: Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Sam and Anne, our Bishops; Orlando, Bishop of Costa Rica; Metlha, Bishop of Botswana; and the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Anglican Church of Hong Kong. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Reader: Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We pray for leaders of all nations, especially Joe our President, Roy our Governor, Vi our Mayor, for the Congress, the Courts, and all in authority. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Reader: Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. We pray for our community partners in mission and outreach including Habitat for Humanity. Lord, in your mercy,

**People:** *Hear our prayer.*

Reader: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray for John Thompson, Samantha Little, Mike Decker, Pat Nesbit, Janice Mueller, Betsy Heynen, Jason Lucas, Dale Hogue, Wally Brown, John Rodgers, Patricia Parker, Anna Clifford, Don Swofford, Austen Cook, Peter Vanstory, Alex Shaw, Hilary Hamilton, and Peter Schreiner. Lord, in your mercy,

**People:** *Hear our prayer.*

Reader: We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy,

**People:** *Hear our prayer.*

*Celebrant says this concluding collect.*

Lord Jesus, Light of the World, hear our prayers and make us reflections of your Light, that the places of darkness in our world may be brightened by your Light and that all people and nations may be drawn to you and filled with peace and joy. **Amen.**

### **The Confession of Sin and Absolution** *(kneeling or standing)*

BCP 360

***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 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** *(standing)*

BCP 360

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

### **Offertory**

*We are not passing an offering plate at this time. An offering box is available at the check-in table or you may text the amount you wish to give to 704-741-7324*

### **The Great Thanksgiving** *(standing)*

BCP 367

*The Celebrant, faces the people and says*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*This Proper Preface is said by the Celebrant,*

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever say this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and People,*

***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.***

### **The Memorial Acclamation** *(standing or kneeling)*

BCP 368

*The Celebrant continues,*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus,

your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all, presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. 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

BCP 364

***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

BCP 364

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

#### The Communion

*All are invited to receive the bread and wine of Holy Communion. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*

#### The Postcommunion Prayer *(kneeling or standing)*

BCP 366

***Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.***

#### The Blessing

#### Recessional

#### The Dismissal

BCP 366

*The clergy says a dismissal.*

**People: Thanks be to God.**

#### Postlude

*The flowers on the altar are given by Monette and Jim Manly in loving memory of their mothers,  
Willie Mae Bales and Dorothy Hawthorne Manly.*