*Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany:*
*February 23, 2025*




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CHRIST CHURCH IN THE CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK
*A parish of the Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey*
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WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH, an Episcopal parish of the worldwide Anglican Communion. We are glad you are here, and we invite you to enter fully into worship this morning, and to receive Holy Communion or a blessing at the communion rail. We invite you to ask questions, explore, and to make yourself known to those around you. Please pick up any other information about the parish located on the table in the back of the church. Tell us more about yourself by filling out one of the cards located in each pew. Help us to make this a place where God's grace is freely shared by all.

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME AT ALL SERVICES. Changing stations are available in both rest rooms at the Paterson Street entrance; you can get there through the side door of the church.

WE REJOICE that you have chosen to worship here this Epiphany season. If you would like to learn more about our Parish, please phone the Parish Office at 732.545.6262. Many of our upcoming events are listed on our web site, christchurchnewbrunswick.org; we hope that you decide to join us.

ABOUT THE LITURGY

Inclusive Language in Worship: Because language has the power to shape our thinking about God and one another, Christ Church makes every effort to bring the language of worship in line with biblical theology that affirms that the personhood of God embraces all that is truly female and male, and that men and women are equals. In our liturgy some historical texts that are widely known and loved are left unchanged.

**YOU ARE INVITED** to worship with us any Sunday.

Our regular service times are 8:00 and 10:30 AM.

FREE PARKING VOUCHERS

Are available for the Lower Church Street parking deck next to the church grounds. Please see an usher for a voucher and instructions.

## INTERCESSIONS

AT EVERY CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST prayer is offered with intercession for the Universal Church, the nation, the welfare of the world, the concerns of this community, those who suffer and those in any trouble, and the departed. Please feel free to add your own petitions during the prayers, either silently or aloud. If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, you may also fill out the form in the Prayers of the People book in the back of the Church.

## WEEKLY INTERCESSIONS

We remember in today's prayers:

***The Sick and Others in Need—*** *Arnold, Barb, Brianna, Dennis, Doreen, Edith, Florence, Georgia, Hansford, Jean, Jeannine, Jefferson, Jim, Julia, Kristen, Margaret, Pam, Pat, Robert, Stanford, Steve, Thalia, Theayer, Timothy, Tisha, Vivian, Yvonne*

***Anglican Cycle –*** *we pray for The Anglican Church of Brasil*

***Diocesan Cycle –*** *The Ministry of College Chaplains*

***Christ Church Ministry –*** *WomenSpirit*

***Birthdays this week –*** *Zida Abbott, Jonathan Clark, Tessa Dennehy, Clayton Kirlew, Penelope Lattimer, Kira Kozachek, Daryl Phills*

***Memorial Flowers—*** *are given by the Miriam W. Lampen in memory of J. Oliver Lampen, Dr. and Mrs. Gordon J. Macdonald in memory of Gavin James Macdonald*

## PASTORAL CARE

If you are in crisis, having surgery, are in the hospital and are in need of pastoral counseling from a clergy person, please do not hesitate to contact the Rev. Joanna Hollis—732.354.1450 or the Rev. Daphne Roberts -732.991.6733.

If you would like to schedule home communion, please contact Rev. Hollis and she will arrange for either herself, or a Lay Eucharistic Visitor to bring communion to you. Please do not hesitate to contact either Rev. Hollis or Rev. Roberts if you know of someone who is in need of care or counseling.

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## THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE ONE

*References marked "BCP" are from the black* Book of Common Prayer *in your pew.*

PRELUDE *Ah! ma voisiné êtes - vous fachée* J.J. Beauvalet Charpentier
Neighbor, neighbor, what are you excited about?

## THE WORD OF GOD *BCP, page 323*

*The Presider welcomes the congregation, and then says*

*Presider* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
***People*** **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.**
**Amen.**

### COLLECT OF PURITY *BCP, page 324*

*The Presider says*

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

*The Presider continues*

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

### GLORIA *BCP, page 324*

**Glory be to God on high,**
**and on earth peace, good will towards men.**

**We praise thee, we bless thee,**
**we worship thee,**
**we glorify thee,**
**we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,**
**O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;**
**O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,**
**that takest away the sins of the world,**
**have mercy upon us.**

**Thou that takest away the sins of the world,**
**receive our prayer.**
**Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,**
**have mercy upon us.**

**For thou only art holy;**
**thou only art the Lord;**
**thou only, O Christ,**
**with the Holy Ghost,**
**art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

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"But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you. "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your ene-

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*Presider* The Gospel of the Lord.
***People*** **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

SERMON Rev. Joanna Hollis

THE NICENE CREED *BCP, p. 326*

**ALL** **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

*Leader* Let us pray for our own needs and the needs of others, responding, "In the light of Christ."

*The Leader requests the prayers of the People of God for the world, the mission of the Church, and for those individuals who have asked for or need our prayers. If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, please fill out the form in the Prayers of the People book in the back of the Church.*

*After the last petition, the Presider adds a concluding Collect.*

***People*** **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Deacon* Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*Silence may be kept.*

***ALL*** **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

*Presider* Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE *BCP, page 332*

*Presider* The peace of Christ be always with you.

***People*** **And with thy spirit.**

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN "Jesu, Jesu Fill Us With Your Love" **Red LEVAS *Hymnal* , #74**

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic Prayer II, BCP, page 340*

*Presider* The Lord be with you.
***ALL*** **And with thy spirit.**
*Presider* Lift up your hearts.
***ALL*** **We lift them up unto the Lord.**
*Presider* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
***ALL*** **It is meet and right so to do.**

*Presider* It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

*The Presider continues with the Proper Preface of the Day and then continues.*

*Presider* Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS

***ALL*** **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:**
**Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.**
**Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.**
**Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.**
**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people may stand or kneel as able*

*Presider* All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory. And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

***ALL*** **Amen**

*Presider* And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

***ALL*** **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.**

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The Presider breaks the bread.*

*Presider* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

***ALL*** **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

## INVITATION

*Presider* The gifts of God for the People of God.

*The congregation may kneel or sit following the Invitation. All are most welcome to receive Communion. If you do not wish to receive communion this morning, you are cordially invited to come forward with your arms crossed to receive a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available; please speak to the member of the clergy who is serving the bread.*

*The Bread and Cup are given to the Communicants with these words*

*Minister* The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven.

***Recipient*** **Amen.**

*Minister* The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.

***Recipient*** **Amen.**

## AFTER COMMUNION

*Presider* Let us pray.

***ALL*** **Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and also are heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

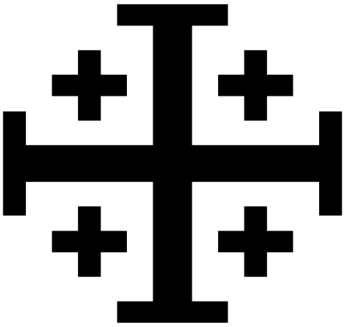
*The Presider gives the blessing.*

***People*** **Amen.**

*The Deacon dismisses the people.*

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

POSTLUDE *Ah! ma voisiné êtes - vous fachée* J.J. Beauvalet Charpentier



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# THE HOLY EUCHARIST: ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP

## THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE *Ah! ma voisiné êtes - vous fachée* J.J. Beauvalet Charpentier
Neighbor, neighbor, what are you excited about?

*All who are able please stand as the ministers enter, and sing*

ENTRANCE HYMN "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" **Blue *Hymnal 1982*, #390**

*The Presider welcomes the congregation, and then says*

*Presider* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
***People*** **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

GLORIA **Red LEVAS *Hymnal*, #241**






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GRADUAL HYMN "God is Love, and Where True Love Is " **Blue *Hymnal 1982*, #576**

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 6:27-38

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THE NICENE CREED *BCP, p. 326*

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**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

*Leader* Let us pray for our own needs and the needs of others, responding,
"In the light of Christ."

*The Leader requests the prayers of the People of God for the world, the mission of the Church, and for those individuals who have asked for or need our prayers. If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, please fill out the form in the Prayers of the People book in the back of the Church.*

*After the last petition, the Presider adds a concluding Collect.*

***People*** **Amen.**

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION EOW

*Deacon* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All who are able please kneel or stand. Silence is kept for a space.*

***ALL*** **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

*Presider* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

***People*** **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*Presider* The peace of Christ be always with you.
***People*** **And also with you.**

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

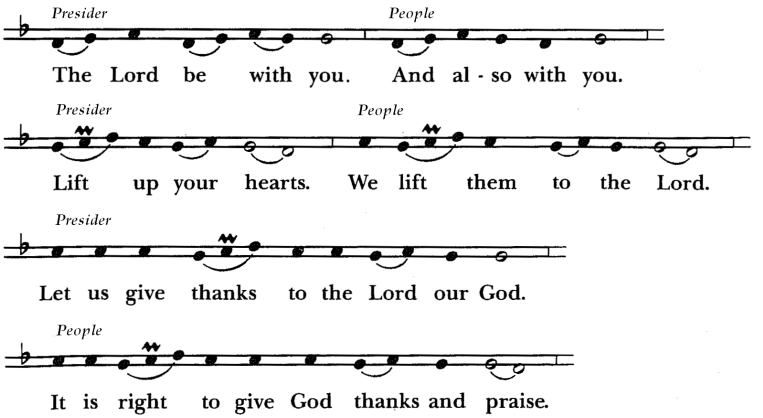
*All who are able please stand and sing the Offertory Carol on the following page as the gifts are presented*

OFFERTORY HYMN "Jesu, Jesu Fill Us With Your Love" Red LEVAS Hymnal 74

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## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Enriching Our Worship, Prayer 3



*Presider* All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; you brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; and so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout for joy:

***ALL***



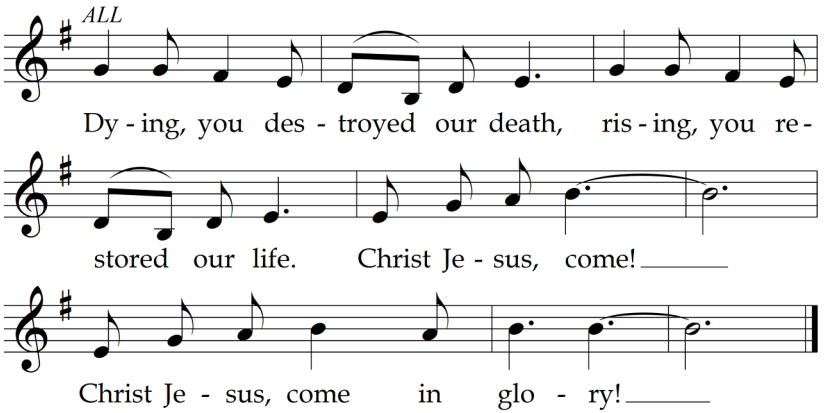

*Presider* Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you call a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you:

this cup is the New Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

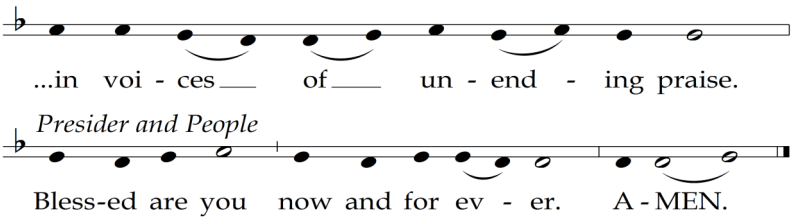
And so remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

***ALL*** DAVID HAAS

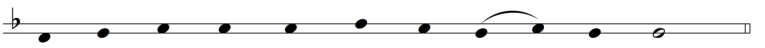



*Presider* Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice, and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator



*Presider*

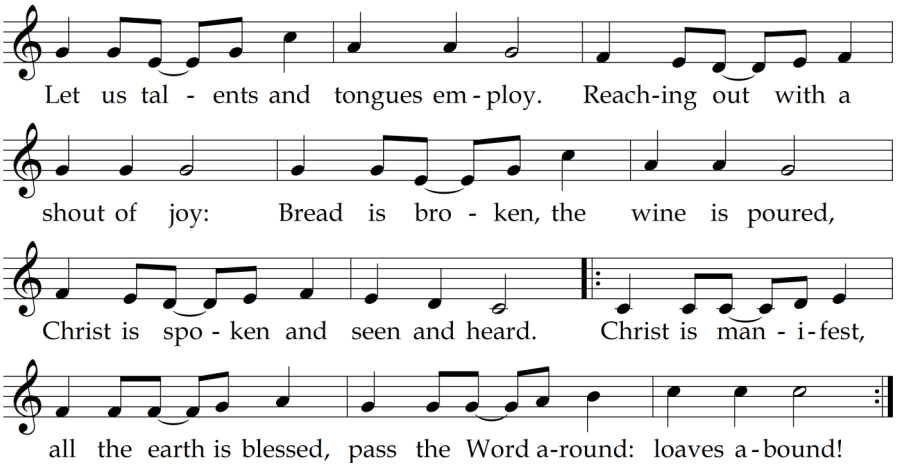



***ALL***

WEST INDIAN



***ALL***




INVITATION

*Presider* The gifts of God for the People of God.

*The congregation may kneel or sit following the Invitation. All are most welcome to receive Communion. If you do not wish to receive communion this morning, you are cordially invited to come forward with your arms crossed to receive a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available; please speak to the member of the clergy who is serving the bread.*

*The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words*

*Minister* The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven.
***Recipient*** **Amen.**
*Minister* The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.
***Recipient*** **Amen.**

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER FOR THOSE JOINING US ONLINE:

Gracious God, our sustainer and source of all good things in the universe. As we gather in community this day, we are mindful of those who through circumstance or conscience are unable to partake of the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation at this time. You are the source of the food and water which nourishes and sustains us. As we are the product of all we have partaken, we know that we are infused with your life-giving food and drink and that are never separated from you. Though we are many, we are joined in Christ. We are one Body, one Cup in the name of the One God. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN "The Beatitudes" R. Shephard

Blessed are the poor in spirit , for their's is the kingdom of heaven
Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted.
Blessed are the meek, they shall inherit the earth.
Blessed are they that hunger and thirst for righteousness
For they shall be satisfied.
Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
Blessed are the peace- makers, for they shall be called the children of God.
Blessed are they who are persecuted, for the sake of righteousness.
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven,

AFTER COMMUNION

*All who are able please stand*

*Presider* Let us pray.

***ALL*** **God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

FINAL HYMN "Love Divine, All Love Excelling" **Blue *Hymnal 1982*, #657**

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

*The Presider gives the blessing.*

***People*** **Amen.**

*The Deacon dismisses the people.*

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

POSTLUDE *Ah! ma voisiné êtes - vous fachée* J.J. Beauvalet Charpentier

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## PARISH NOTES FOR FEBRUARY 23, 2025

SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 23 – MARCH 1, 2025

*Parish Office Hours This Week:*
*Tuesday and Wednesday – 9:00am to 2:30pm*
*Friday – 9:00am to 12:30pm*

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| **Sunday** | **8:00 a.m.** | **Holy Eucharist, Ross Room** |
| | **9:30 a.m.** | **Church School** |
| | **9:30 a.m.** | **Choir Warm Up, Ross Room** |
| | **10:30 a.m.** | **Holy Eucharist, Ross Room** |
| **Tuesday** | **7:00 p.m.** | **Tuesdayers, Zoom** |
| **Wednesday** | **12:00p.m.** | **Noonday Prayer, Zoom** |
| | 7:30 p.m. | WomenSpirit, Zoom |
| **Thursday** | 4:00p.m. | Children's Pre- Choir Rehearsal, Games and Homework Time |
| | 5:00p.m. | Children's Choir Rehearsal |
| | 7:00p.m. | Adult Choir Rehearsal |
| | 7:00p.m. | St. Alban's Bible Study, Zoom |

*JOIN US AFTER THE 10:30 AM SERVICE FOR COFFEE HOUR IN THE NICHOLAS ROOM

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Remm, the contractor who is working with Christ Church to resolve the lack of heat in the Sanctuary, has been onsite this week, removing the old boilers and preparing the site for the installation of the new high efficiency boilers. They have assured us that heat should be restored by Tuesday the 25th. The boilers are on site and ready for installation, supporting equipment has been analyzed and suffered no damage, so it looks like we will be back in the Sanctuary for services by next Sunday, March 2nd. Vestry member Jim Nichols, together with the Wardens and Carlos, our Sexton, has spearheaded this effort since the day the boilers went out. Through his perseverance he has expedited the recovery so that we will be back before Ash Wednesday. This is a prime example of how one person can make a difference for many. When you see Jim, please thank him for all that he is doing for Christ Church.

And yourselves? Up to joining us on our journey to the 4th Century as described at the Annual Meeting? Please mark your calendars for March 15, when we plan to kick off our discernment about the challenges and opportunities presented by our Church Campus during coffee hour, or contact Jim, Mark McMahon, Jonathan Gloster or Reverend Hollis directly. Together we will do our part to revitalize Christ Church, in the community, in our faith and in our campus.


TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2025
SHROVE TUESDAY
DINNER SERVED
6:00PM - 7:30PM
ENTRY FEE
Adults: $10
Children ages 5-12: $5
Children under 5: Eat free.




## Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025

## Ashes to Go

7:00am New Brunswick Train Station
Rev. Hollis will be providing ashes.

## Ash Wednesday Service

7:00pm Joint Service at Christ Church

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### Vestry Key Topics

1) New Vestry members, Jonathan Gloster - People's Warden, Eleanor Forbes - Outreach coordinator and Debra Lowe - Personnel were welcomed. John Ager was reelected Treasurer and Gordon Arsenoff was reelected Clerk of the Vestry.

2) Jim Nichols updated the Vestry on the boiler replacements and the Vestry passed a resolution authorizing the purchase of two new boiler units, which with God's help, will be in place prior to Lent .

3) A discussion was held on Immigration and how it may affect employees and tenants of Christ Church. Available resources were reviewed and made available to the Vestry.

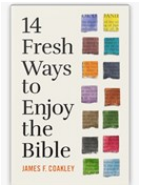



## Register now for the Anti-Racism Training offered by the Anti Racism Commission of the Diocese of New Jersey

The Anti-Racism Training next Zoom class is **March 21** from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Click here to register.

The fee for the training is $100 per person. For financial assistance or for more information about the training, please contact Canon Karen Moore, Chair, Anti-Racism Commission, at kfomoore@comcast.net.

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## The Tuesdayers' Next Book: "14 Fresh Ways to Enjoy the Bible"

Do you feel like you get stuck in a rut when it comes to reading the Bible? Or rather than feeling inspired and energized, do you feel confused, disenchanted, or removed? In "14 Fresh Ways to Enjoy the Bible," James F. Coakley shares strategies that will bring your Scripture study to life. Among other things the Bible is great literature. The same riveting techniques that modern authors use in their books were also used by Biblical authors long ago. Coakley opens our eyes to the dramatic and poetical ways God communicates to us. The Tuesdayers invite you to join our discussion, we meet over Zoom on Tuesdays (except the second of the month), 7:00-8:30 pm. For more information contact Jonathan Clark at im4canoes@yahoo.com.




The Episcopal Migration Ministries (EMM) and the Office of Government Relations (OGR) have launched a new Immigration Action Toolkit page on the Episcopal Church website.

This toolkit consolidates a wide range of resources in one place, making it a go-to destination for immigration information. While some resources focus on the Episcopal Church's response to the current situation, it also includes helpful links on topics like Family Preparedness and Know Your Rights, which are valuable to people of all faiths or none at all.

To stay updated on this ever-evolving issue and hear from knowledgeable experts, a 30-minute weekly webinar is available. You can register here.

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## A blessed Epiphany from the Diocesan Formation Team.

The diocesan Scripture Study class is held every Wednesday at 7 pm on Zoom. Here's the registration link: https://dioceseofnj.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUuceCqrzkrG9N9kTgSn_HUkRXoasHImbcp

**FEBRUARY 23, 2025**
**SEVENTH SUNDAY**
**AFTER EPIPHANY**

taking faith home

*Showing love and mercy is a lifelong journey.*

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

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| **Sunday** | **Luke 6:27-38** | **Love for enemies** |
| **Monday** | **Genesis 45:3-11, 15** | **Joseph reveals himself** |
| **Tuesday** | **1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50** | **The resurrection body** |
| **Wednesday** | **Genesis 43:16-34** | **Joseph is merciful and kind** |
| **Thursday** | **Psalm 25:6-10** | **A prayer for guidance** |
| **Friday** | **1 John 2:7-17** | **A new commandment** |
| **Saturday** | **Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40** | **Trust the Lord** |
| **Sunday** | **Luke 9:28-43a** | **Jesus is transfigured** |

## SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.* **Luke 6:36-37 (NRSV)**

## PRAYERS AND BLESSING

**A Prayer for the Week:**
Merciful God, help us to follow the way of Jesus and do to others as we would want others to do to us. Amen.

**Mealtime Prayer:**
Dear God, may this food give us strength to overcome anger and anxiety with love and mercy, through Christ Jesus our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**A Blessing to Give:**
May God show you mercy and forgiveness.

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## FEBRUARY 23, 2025

taking faith home

### HYMN OF THE WEEK

*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

### WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

### CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- If someone stole from you, what do you think should happen to them?
- What is difficult about showing mercy to those who hurt you? What are the benefits of showing kindness?

### DEVOTIONS

*Read:* Luke 6:27-38.

Even Jesus understands that his words to *"love your enemies; do good to those who hate you"* (v.27) sound challenging and are very hard to do. People don't want to hear about kindness to those who don't deserve it. No one wants to be abused or walked on. How do we experience the blessings of showing mercy, forgiveness, and love for our enemies? We are not going to learn it from a desire for power and dominance. Power can too easily lead to abuse of power. There are too many wars, bullies at school, and violence on the streets and in the news. It will take a lifetime for the disciples of Jesus to learn the importance—even power—of mercy from the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. That is why Jesus' sermon in this reading is a call to a lifetime of work. We will have to listen and try to believe it and yet fail many times along the way.

*Discuss:* When have you seen mercy and forgiveness work for good?

*Pray:* **Almighty God, be our comfort and strength as we learn what it means to show mercy, forgiveness, and love for enemies. In Christ Jesus we pray, amen.**

### SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you show forgiveness to someone who hurt you?

### RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40 encourages us to trust the Lord when we are mistreated. Feeling mistreated by others can make us feel hurt and our relationship with them changes. Write a list of people who you have hurt or have hurt you in the past. Say the Lord's Prayer. Pause for a moment of silence after *"forgive us our trespasses [sins or debts] as we forgive those who trespass against us."* Then read the names you have written before finishing the prayer.

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

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| | **February 23** | **March 2** |
| **Presider** | Rev. Joanna Hollis | Rev. Joanna Hollis |
| **Preacher** | Rev. Joanna Hollis | Rev. Joanna Hollis |
| **Deacon** | Rev. Daphne Roberts | Rev. Daphne Roberts |
| **Organist** | Suzanne McDonald | Suzanne McDonald |
| **8:00 a.m.** | **8 AM** | **8 AM** |
| **Lector & Intercessor** | Kevin Stansbury | Jonathan Clark |
| **LEM**<br>*LEM will read the Epistle* | Debra Lowe | Elizabeth Clark |
| **Vestry Announcements** | Jim Nichols | Jonathan Clark |
| **Ushers** | | |
| **Altar Guild** | Nancy Walworth, Sheila Cooper | Mervis Johnson, Nancy Walworth |
| **10:30 a.m.** | **10:30 A.M.** | **10:30 A.M.** |
| **Lector & Intercessor** | Doreen Sirjue | Jonathan Gloster |
| **LEM**<br>*LEM will read the Epistle* | Jonathan Gloster | Artie Phills |
| **Acolyte / Server** | | |
| **Vestry Announcements** | Gordon Arsenoff | |
| **Usher** | Mel Garber | |
| **Production Minister** | | Steve Caruso |
| **Altar Guild** | Nancy Walworth, Sheila Cooper | Mervis Johnson, Nancy Walworth |
| **Coffee Hour** | | |
| **Counters** | | |

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