



*Rembrandt van Rijn, Moses smashing the tablets of the law, 1659.
Gemäldegalerie, Berlin Germany.*

*The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
February 12, 2023 — 9:00 am*

Christ Church

(Episcopal / Anglican)

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST, Rite II, Prayer A
February 12, 2023 — 9:00 A.M.

Prelude “*Homage Hymn*” C. Christopher

Processional Hymn 680 “*O God Our Help In Ages Past*”

The people standing, the Celebrant says

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

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

Celebrant : 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 Gloria S-280 “*Glory to God in the highest*”

The Collect of the Day --

Celebrant : The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant : Let us pray.

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Solo “*How Can I Keep From Singing?*” Arr. R. Walter

The Lessons

A Reading (Lesson) from Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Moses said, “See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

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

Psalm 119:1-8 *Sung*

1. All those are blest who love God’s law,
 Whose way is blameless, without sin;
 All who observe the Lord’s decrees
 And truly in their hearts seek him.
2. All those are blest who do no wrong,
 But always walk in all God’s ways;
 All his commandments were laid down
 To keep with care through all our days.
3. Assist me, Lord, that I may keep
 Your statutes; make my pathways straight;
 And I will not be shamed when I
 Consider your commandments’ weight.

4. An unfeigned heart will thank you, Lord,
When all your judgments have been learned;
Among your poeple I will keep
Your statutes; let me not be spurned.

A Reading (Lesson) from 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human? What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

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

The Gospel Hymn LEVAS 205 "*Trust And Obey*"

Then, all standing, the Deacon:

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Matthew 5:21-37

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

Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,'

you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny. “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell. “It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery. “Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Don Caron, *Priest*

The Nicene Creed

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 for The 6th Sunday After the Epiphany

Deacon: Clothed in the beauty of Christ, let us approach the Lord with prayers for all peoples.

Leader: For the church of Jesus Christ in every place.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For Justin the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, the Presiding Bishop, William, our Bishop, Sally, our Bishop elect, Donald our Priest, Leslie our Deacon. From The Diocesan Cycle

of Prayer, Clergy and Lay Deputies of the 239th Diocesan Convention. For all bishops, priests and deacons, and all who minister in Christ. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For this holy gathering and for all the people of God.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For this country. For Joseph the President of the United States, and Phillip the Governor of NJ. For all nations and their leaders, and for those who guard the peace.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all those in danger and need: for prisoners, captives, and their families, the hungry, homeless, and oppressed.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the sick, the suffering, remembering especially *Ruth, Ed, Sharon, Annamarie, Susan, Donna, Cheryl, Carol, Jeanette, Susan, Austin, Lynn, Tibor, Cynthia, Katie, Kelly, Eileen, Doris, Don, Sean, Arlene, Barry*, for those with COVID and its effects, and all others who have asked for our prayers.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the dying and the dead. remembering especially *Katie Bednarek, Dorothy & William Mack, and Anne Maczierski.*

Lord, hear our prayer.

For ourselves, our families and companions, and those we love.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Remembering the blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

To you, O Lord, our God.

Presider: O God, who sent Jesus among us, hear the prayers of your people, and make us into new wine for the glory of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen***

The Peace (*All stand.*)

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

Offertory Solo “*The Lord’s Prayer*”

J. Sibelius

The Doxology (*Hymnal 380 Verse 3*)

All: ***Praise God of whom all blessings flow***

Praise God all creatures here below

Praise God above the heavenly hosts

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost Amen

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

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 God thanks and praise.***

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

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 sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Holy Holy, Holy Lord (*Hymnal S-125*)

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 kneel or stand.

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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 forever. **AMEN.**

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

***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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Invitation

Communion Solo “*Hope For The Future*” Scottish Melody

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

***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.***

Birthday Blessings

Anniversary Blessings

Announcements

Final Blessing

Recessional Hymn 117 *“Brightest And Best”*

The Deacon, dismisses them with these words

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Alleluia, Alleluia

People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia

Organ Postlude *Improvisation on “Bring The Torch”*

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to God and in memory of *Katie Bednarek*, Happy Heavenly 27th Birthday, by Joe, Denise & Joseph Bednarek

THE CHAPEL SANCTUARY LIGHT is lit in memory of *Dorothy & William Mack* by Helen, Jeff & Ken Mack

Participating in the 9am. Service

Musicians include: Mike Doheny

Lector: Fred Hill *Acolyte:* Salli Barnes, Fred Hill

Ushers: Larry Bradshaw, Harry Shea *Videographer:* Joe Yansick

Altar Guild: Terri Bradshaw, Robin Vetter

Counters: Mike Youndt, Mary Youndt

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THE GOSPEL HYMN this morning will be sung out of the “Lift Every Voice” Hymnal (LEVAS) which can now be found in the pews.

LENTEN DINNERS & STUDY - We will begin our Lenten Study on Wednesday, 3/1. We’ll have a light dinner at 6 p.m. followed by a study of *Blessed Is She: Living Lent With Mary*. Everyone is happy to see Mary in Advent and at Christmas time, but after the Magi have come and gone, we tend to put Mary to the side as well. This book helps us to see how Mary shows us what it means to die and live with the crucified and risen Jesus. Study begins at 7 p.m.

THE MONDAY ONLINE STUDY 7PM has recommenced.

Join by clicking on this link, or type it into your browser.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83850622544> See you on Monday!

THURSDAY STUDY will have its last meeting prior to Lent on Thursday, February 16. We will be taking a look at the differences between our Sunni and Shi'a Muslim brothers and sisters. What is their history? Why the separation? Join us at 10 a.m. in the Parlor if you find you have an interest in this topic.

WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREAT

Planning Committee will hold their next meeting on Saturday, February 25 at 11 a.m. in the Guild Room.

Registration for this retreat "The Magdalene Gospel" can be found online at Christ Church's Facebook Page or our Website. There are also copies of the flyer and registration forms in the back of the church. Invite a friend!

MID-WEEK SERVICE A celebration of the Eucharist is held every Wednesday at 10:00. It includes special mention of the persons on the parish prayer list and asks for God's healing for the world. The Service lasts about 20 minutes.

MEN'S GROUP. We will meet for about an hour every first and third Saturday of each month @ 9:00 am (so you can still have your day), and we will talk about the things that are important for a man's spiritual life. It's an opportunity to deepen relationships with other men of the parish, too.

CONTEMPLATIVE GROUP - a group comprised of women from various churches gathers weekly online to meditate, study and hold a discussion Wednesdays at 10-11:30 am. All are welcome! Info for Zoom Meeting is 895 0808 5891 & password is 702131. For more info contact Mel at 478-234-3698.

WORSHIP MEETING TODAY

There will be another of our informal worship meetings after the service to evaluate Advent-Christmas-Epiphany and to make plans for Lent and Holy Week. Everyone will be invited to participate, especially Altar Guild and musicians, who will have a major role in worship.

Pancake Supper (Mardi Gras)
February 21 -- 5 to 7 pm



It's back!

Come and enjoy a pancake supper on Fat Tuesday in our newly redecorated parish hall.

We are serving pancakes and sausage, applesauce, fruit juice, coffee and tea.

Tickets are \$14 for adults, \$10 for 6-12 years, and free for kids under 6.

Tickets are available after church services from a member of the Hospitality Committee and at the door on Feb, 21.

Also, we need help cooking and serving and would greatly appreciate your assistance.

Thank you!

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February 22 Ash Wednesday

7:00 am. Imposition of ashes-short service

Noon Very short service and imposition of ashes

7:00 pm. Ash Wednesday Holy Eucharist Service
with ashes & music

DATES TO REMEMBER AT CHRIST CHURCH

- 12 Sunday *6th Sunday after the Epiphany*, 9:00 am HE, Rite II
- 13 Monday Online Study, 7:00 pm on Zoom
- 14 Wednesday, 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Prayers of Healing
Contemplative Women's Group, 10-11:30 am on Zoom.
- 16 Thursday, 10:00 am Study Group, in Parish Parlor
- 18 Saturday Men's Group 9:00 am Parish House
- 19 Sunday *Last Sunday after the Epiphany*,
9:00 am HE, Rite II
3:00 pm Communion Service at Riverview
- 21 Tuesday, 5-7:00 pm Shrove Tuesday/Mardi Gras Dinner
- 22 *Ash Wednesday*
7:00 A.M. Eucharist & imposition of ashes-*very short service*
Noon Very short service and imposition of ashes
7:00 P.M. Usual Ash Wednesday Eucharist Service
with ashes and music
Contemplative Women's Group, 10-11:30 am on Zoom.
- 26 Sunday *The First Sunday in Lent*, 9:00 am HE, Rite II
- 1 Wednesday, 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Prayers of Healing
Contemplative Women's Group, 10-11:30 am on Zoom.
6:00 pm Lenten Dinner & Study in the Rectory.
- 4 Saturday Men's Group 9:00 am Parish House
- 5 Sunday *The Second Sunday in Lent*, 9:00 am H E, Rite I
3:00 pm Communion Service at Riverview, Guild Room



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PLEASE DONATE - We are a few months into our warm clothes and blankets drive for our under-clothed brothers and sisters in Camden. We may have warm clothes or blankets just laying around, not being used, and they could be used by the homeless and under-clothed. It is just a matter of transporting them from here to there. Even modest clothes can help when you dress in “layers”. Whatever you don’t need or use can be donated to Camden. Just leave them in the clothes-collection box outside Joan’s office in the Parish House, and they will be transported to Camden. If you could witness the “need”, you wouldn’t hesitate. Thanks for your consideration.

Open Dates for Altar Flowers 2023

April 30 - May 21 - June 4, 25

Date of Memorial _____

Flowers in Memory of _____

Given by _____

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The cost for Memorial Flowers is \$35.00 for each date.

Amount of check enclosed \$_____ made out to The Altar Guild.

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Any questions please call the Parish Office at (856) 829-1634

