



The Last Sunday after Epiphany
February 19, 2023 — 9:00 am

Christ Church

(Episcopal / Anglican)

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST, Rite II, Prayer A
February 19, 2023 — 9:00 A.M.
Holy Baptism

Prelude “*Pastorale on St. Anne’s*”

Paul Manz Prayer--Leon Boellman

Processional Hymn 35 “*Song Of Thankfulness*”

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.

The Celebrant then continues

There is one Body and one Spirit;

People: ***There is one hope in God’s call to us;***

Celebrant: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People: ***One God and Father of all.***

Celebrant: Let us pray

Almighty God, by our baptism into the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, you turn us from the old life of sin: Grant that we, being reborn to new life in him, may live in righteousness and holiness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

All are seated.

Acolyte Commission

Sponsor: I present to you Christian Gulbin to be admitted to the ministry of Acolyte in this congregation of Christ Church, Riverton.

All: Do not be negligent, for the Lord has chosen you to stand in his presence, to minister to God, and to be God’s minister.

Christian: I will go to the altar of God;

All: To the God of my joy and gladness.

All: Do not be negligent, for the Lord has chosen you to stand in his presence, to minister to God, and to be God's minister.

Priest: Let us pray: O God, bless Christian and all those who serve as acolytes of your Church that they may so serve before your earthy altar in reverence and holiness, that they may attain, with all your saints and angels, the joy of serving you and worshiping you before your Heavenly Altar; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

Priest: In the Name of God and of this congregation, I commission you Christian, as Acolyte in this Church, and give you this certificate as a token of your ministry.

The Lessons

A Reading (Lesson) from Exodus 24:12-18

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them." Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

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

Psalm 99 *Sung*

1. The Lord is King: let people quake;
 He sits above the cherubim;
 In Zion God the Lord is great;
 Let nations stand in awe of him
2. He is the Holy One, his Name
 Is awesome, great, let all confess;
 “Lover of justice, mighty King,
 You have established righteousness.
3. Proclaim God’s greatness and bow down
 And worship him, the Holy Lord;
 Moses and Aaron, Samuel,
 They called on God and heard his word.
4. Out of the cloud he spole to them,
 They kept his law and his decrees;
 O Lord, you answered and forgave,
 Yet punished all their evil deeds.
5. Proclaim God’s greatness and bow down,
 Worship him on his holy hill;
 He is the Lord, our God and King,
 The Holy One, our Savior still.

A Reading (Lesson) from 2 Peter 1:16-21

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, because no

prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

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

The Gospel Hymn 435 “*At The Name Of Jesus*”

Then, all standing, the Deacon:

The Holy Gospel of our LORD Jesus Christ,
according to **Matthew 17:1-9**

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

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon The Rev. Leslie Mazzacano, *Deacon*

Right after the sermon, the candidates will be presented

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

Parents and Godfamily stand at their seats

Celebrant:

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Candidate is presented by her Parents and Godfamily, as follows:

*Parents and Godfamily: **I present Autumn Rose Otterstein to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.***

Celebrant: Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

*Parents and Godfamily: **I will, with God's help.***

Celebrant: Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

*Parents and Godfamily: **I will, with God's help.***

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the parents and Godfamily who speak on behalf of their child.

Celebrant: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

*Parents and Godfamily: **I renounce them.***

Celebrant: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

*Parents and Godfamily: **I renounce them.***

Celebrant: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

*Parents and Godfamily: **I renounce them.***

Celebrant: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

*Parents and Godfamily: **I do.***

Celebrant: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

*Parents and Godfamily: **I do.***

Celebrant: Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

*Parents and Godfamily: **I do.***

After the child has been presented, the Celebrant addresses the Congregation.

Celebrant: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this child in his life in Christ and his parents and Godfamily?

*People: **We will.***

The Celebrant then says to all

Celebrant: Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant BCP 304

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

*People: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.***

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People: **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.***

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People: **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.***

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*People: **I will, with God's help.***

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People: **I will, with God's help.***

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the
Good News of God in Christ?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons,
loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all
people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidates

The Celebrant then says to the congregation

Celebrant: Let us now pray for this child who is to receive the
Sacrament of new birth

Deacon: Deliver Autumn Rose, O Lord, from the way of sin
and death.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Deacon: Open her heart to your grace and truth.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Deacon: Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Deacon: Keep her in the faith and communion of your
holy Church.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Deacon: Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Deacon: Send her into the world in witness to your love.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Deacon: Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Grant, O Lord, that Autumn Rose and all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. ***Amen.***

On this joyful day, we remember also those who have been commended to our prayer, *Ruth, Ed, Sharon, Annamarie, Susan, Donna, Cheryl, Carol, Jeanette, Susan, Austin, Lynn, Tibor, Joan, Cynthia, Katie, Kelly, Eileen, Doris, Don, Sean, Arlene, Barry,* and all those affected by the Covid virus.

People: ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

And we remember our loved ones who have died, especially *Edward Shovlin and Marie Dorothy Salmon.*

People: ***Lord hear our prayer.***

Thanksgiving over the Water

Parents and Godfamily with Autumn, move to the back of the church and stand near the font. The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

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

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

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

Celebrant: We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water.

Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation.

Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage

in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received

the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as

the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and

resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are

buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrec-

tion. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in

joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those

who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the

Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever *Amen.*

The Baptism

Deacon to the parents: Name this child.

Parents: ***Autumn Rose Otterstein***

Deacon: Autumn Rose, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. ***Amen.***

The Priest prays over the child.

Celebrant: Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. ***Amen.***

Then the Priest places a hand on the baby's head, marking on her forehead the sign of the cross using Chrism and saying

Celebrant: Autumn Rose, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. ***Amen.***

Celebrant: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People: ***We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.***

Presentation of the Baptism Candle

A lighted candle is handed to the Godparents or to the parents

Deacon: Receive the light of Christ. Parents and Godparents, this light is entrusted to you to be kept burning brightly. This child of yours has been enlightened by Christ. She is to walk always as

a child of the light. Do all that you can to see that the flame of faith is kept alive in her heart. And when the Lord comes on the last day may this child of God go out to meet Christ with all the saints in the heavenly kingdom.

Presentation of Autumn Rose Otterstein

Parents and Godfamily with Autumn return to their seats

Baptism Hymn 508 “*Breathe on me, Breath of God*”

The Peace (*All stand.*)

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

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

Offertory Solo “*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*” Paul Manz

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 “*Abide, Dearest Jesus*” Sigfrid Karg-Elert

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 544 *“Jesus Shall Reign”*

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 *A Trumpet Air* Telemann ed. by Lani Smith

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to God and in memory of *Marie Dorothy Salmon*, by The Rev. Canon Dr. Alan K. Salmon

THE CHAPEL SANCTUARY LIGHT is lit in memory of *Edward Shovlin* by Gloria Shovlin and Family

Participating in the 9am. Service

Gust organist: Mary Johnson *Lector:* Mel Caron

Acolyte: Mary Shea, Shea Gulbin, Christian Gulbin, Jeff Mack

Ushers: Brad Smith, Roger King *Videographer:* Hank Manet

Altar Guild: fred and Doreen Hill *Counters:* Paul Stevens, Fred Hill

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3:00 pm Communion Service at Riverview

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

THANK YOU to the parish for your participation in the celebration of our 25th Wedding Anniversary! Also thank you to Martha Caiazzo and her committee for providing the coffee hour reception following the service. Many thanks to Deacon Leslie for leading us in the renewal of our wedding vows. Love to all, Fr. Don and Mel.

WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREAT will be held on Saturday, March 25, 9:30-2 p.m. Our retreat is called "The Magdalene Gospel" and is based on the stories of the women whose lives were changed by their relationship with Jesus. It's an awesome opportunity to learn more about our ancestral mothers! You can register online at Christ Church's website or Facebook Page. You can also pick up a flyer and registration form in the back of the church or in the parish office.

NEXT INTERGENERATIONAL STUDY We will have our next study on Sunday, March 26, 4-6 p.m. and our focus is on Lent, it's meaning and how we participate in it. There will be a Children's Stations of the Cross, the making of palm crosses and a movie called "The Proud Tree". All families, grandparents and single adults are welcome! Dinner of pizza with cupcakes for dessert is provided. Please register so that we have plenty of supplies, but if you haven't registered, please come and join us anyway. Contact Linda Yansick at lyansick@aol.com.

LENTEN MEAL AND BIBLE STUDY - Join us around the Rectory dinner table for a meal and Bible Study on Tim Perry's book "Blessed Is She: Living Lent With Mary." Dinner begins at 6 p.m. followed by study at 7 p.m. (You can still participate in the study if you can't make it for dinner.). We begin this series on Wednesday, March 1. A light dinner will be served. The first week, March 1, will be Chili with the fixins or Chicken Noodle Soup. If you want to provide a soup or stew for one of the weeks, please let Mel know. (478-234-3698) It's also okay to bring a dessert or bread.

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!**

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.

Join the St. Thomas' ECW for a Lenten Quiet Day March 18, 2023
10am - 12pm This year's Lenten Quiet Morning will embrace the theme of Displacement. Join us for a time of Lenten rest and reflection as we consider this theme as spiritual and social reality. Our presenter will be the Rev. Ellen C. Rutherford. Light refreshments provided St. Thomas' Episcopal Church 212 N Main St Glassboro, NJ 08028

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.

Lenten Outreach

Items to be collected through Lent Household Needs Pantry

In order to best serve our community, Christ Church is focusing the resources of the community pantry on non-perishable household necessities that are not covered under EBT or SNAP. We hope this shift will help ease some of the financial strain of the families we can serve. We are asking for the following items:

Toilet Paper, Toothpaste/Toothbrushes, Baby wipes, Tissues, Household cleaning supplies (dish soap, all-purpose cleaner), Laundry Detergent (Tide, Cheer, Gain), Shampoo/Conditioner/Body Wash.

*** Please do not donate any opened or used products ***