



Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
February 4, 2024 — 9:00 am

Christ Church

(Episcopal / Anglican)

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST, Rite I
February 4, 2024 — 9:00 A.M.

Prelude “Trumpet Tune”

Swann

Processional Hymn 493 “O For 1,000 Tongues”

The people standing, the Officiant says

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

People: ***And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and for ever.***

Officiant: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: ***Christ, have mercy upon us.***

Officiant: Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Celebrant 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.***

All ***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

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: ***And with thy Spirit.***

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

A Reading (Lesson) from Isaiah 40:21-31

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

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

Psalm 147:1-12, 21c *Laudate Dominum*

1. Hallelujah!

How good it is to sing praises to our God! *

how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!

2. ***The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem;*** *

he gathers the exiles of Israel.

3. He heals the brokenhearted * and binds up their wounds.

4. ***He counts the number of the stars*** *

and calls them all by their names.

5. Great is our Lord and mighty in power; *

there is no limit to his wisdom.

6. ***The Lord lifts up the lowly,*** *

but casts the wicked to the ground.

7. Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; *

make music to our God upon the harp.

8. ***He covers the heavens with clouds*** *

and prepares rain for the earth;

9. He makes grass to grow upon the mountains *

and green plants to serve mankind.

10. ***He provides food for flocks and herds*** *

and for the young ravens when they cry.

11. He is not impressed by the might of a horse; *

he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;

12. ***But the Lord has pleasure in those who fear him,*** *

in those who await his gracious favor.

21. Hallelujah!

A Reading (Lesson) from 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make

the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel. For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

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

The Gospel Hymn

LEVAS 138 *“Lord I Want To Be A Christian”*

Then, all standing, the Deacon:

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to

Mark 1:29-39

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

After Jesus and his disciples left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you."

He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon The Rev. Don Caron, *Priest*

The Nicene Creed (*All Standing Spoken*)

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers especially Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Sally, our Bishop, Donald our Priest, Leslie our Deacon. For The Revs: Dr. Frances Bickerton, Desmond Williams, Churches in Transition, Deputies to General Convention, the Diocesan Chancellor, the Committee on Rules of Order, the Secretary of Convention, and the Ministry of Priests

Hear our prayers, O God.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

Hear our prayers, O God.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land especially Joseph our President and Phil our Governor, for the nations of the world and their leaders and especially for the nations in strife of Ukraine and the Middle East and their leaders, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Hear our prayers, O God.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

Hear our prayers, O God.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor and all those who in this transitory life,

are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially *Ruth, Sharon, Austin, Donna, Cheryl, Carol, Jeanette, Susan, Lynn, Tibor, Cynthia, Katie, Kelly, Eileen, Doris, Sean, Arlene, Barry, Joan, Mel, Naomi, Carol, Pat, Paul, David, Stephanie, Natalie, Shannon, Sylvia, Sam, Don, Joyce, and Ted*

Hear our prayers, O God.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, especially *Alexander Beccari* and *Nancy Gorman*, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. ***Hear our prayers, O God.***

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. ***Amen.***

Confession of Sin

The Deacon or Officiant says

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

The Officiant, stands and says

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 us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

The Peace *(All stand.)*

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

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

Offertory Music *“Interlude in G Major”*

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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

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The people remain standing. The Officiant faces them and says

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

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

Officiant: Lift up your hearts.

People: ***We lift them up unto the Lord.***

Officiant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: ***It is meet and right so to do.***

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.

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

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

Holy Holy, Holy Lord *(Spoken)*

All: ***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.

Preparation of the Table

The people kneel or stand. Then the Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of 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, 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 ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, 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, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, 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; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify,

with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **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

Celebrant: O Lamb of God,

that takest away the sins of the world,

All: ***have mercy upon us.***

Celebrant: O Lamb of God,

that takest away the sins of the world,

All: ***have mercy upon us.***

Celebrant: O Lamb of God,

that takest away the sins of the world,

All: ***grant us thy peace.***

*All: We do not presume to come to this thy Table,
O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in
thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much
as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the
same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us
therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus
Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in
him, and he in us. Amen.*

Invitation

Anointing for Healing is available for yourself or for others you may name.

This is for all kinds of healing: physical, emotional, spiritual.

*To indicate that you wish to be anointed, when you come to communion,
raise your hands. Tell Fr. Don the name of the person for whom you wish to
be anointed, if that is the case.*

Communion Music “*Pavanne*”

Faure

Post Communion

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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 are also 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.

Birthday Blessings

Anniversary Blessings

Announcements

Final Blessing

Recessional 119 *“As With Gladness”*

The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses them with these words
Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God!

Organ Postlude *“Fantasie in G Minor”* Demorest

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THE CHAPEL SANCTUARY LIGHT is lit in memory of
Alexander Beccari by Gloria Shovlin and family, and
in memory of *Nancy Gorman*, by Helen, Jeff & Ken Mack

Participating in the 9am. Service

Guest Organist: Fred Astmann

Lector: Mel Caron

Acolyte: Mary Shea, Sally Barnes, Jeff Mack

Ushers: Ed Worthy, Bob Engel

Videographer: Joe Yansick

Altar Guild: Martha Caiazzo, Sheryl Telford, Joan Atkinson

Counters: Paul Stevens, Fred Hill



SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER will take place on Tuesday, February 13. Cost will be a donation of \$10.00 for adults and children under 10 are free. Servicing times are 5-7:00 p.m. Tell your family and friends. Proceeds benefit the Tri-borough Ministerium's Ministry for Housing to those in need. If you can help fill out the sign up sheet and give it to Mel Caron,



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

- 7:00 a.m. (very brief, with ashes)
- Noon (very brief with ashes)
- 7:00 p.m. full Service, with ashes

FISHES AND LOAVES MINISTRY

February 20, Noon to 2pm Join us for a free Lunch and Fellowship, all are invited and welcome, Bring a friend, Chair lift is available, No charge, but donations are welcome

LENTEN SOUP SUPPER AND STUDY. We will begin having our Lenten Soup Suppers on Wednesday, February 21 in the Rectory. Our study will be based on the book "Words Around the Fire" which takes a closer look and study of the readings from the Easter Vigil.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for our annual Women's Retreat on Saturday, March 2, 2024. Our theme this year will be based on Mary Ellen Ashcroft's book *The Spirited Women*.

MINISTRY TO RIVERVIEW ESTATES - On the first and third Sunday of each month, at 3:00 pm Christ Church leads a Communion service for the residents. Members of the parish are welcome to help the participants.

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. All men are invited!

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN recognizes those young people who continue to serve their churches and communities with their Student Service Award. High School Seniors who attend churches in the Diocese of New Jersey are eligible to apply, as are those students who will be enrolled in undergraduate studies during the coming academic year. Applications and supporting materials as detailed in the application are due by **April 30**, and may be submitted by mail or email as noted on the application. <https://dioceseofnj.org/ecw-student-service-award>.



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TOMMY & SAUNDRA O'SULLIVAN



TOMMY & SAUNDRA O'SULLIVAN WITH SPECIAL GUEST OPENER JOHN BYRNE

Circle of Friends is excited to welcome back **Tommy & Sandra O'Sullivan** with **Special Guest Opener John Byrne!**

When: February 25th, Sunday, 2pm

Venue: Christ Church Parish House
500 4th Street, Riverton, NJ

Tickets: \$20pp at www.circleoffriendsconcerts.org



A Circle of Friends first: **POTLUCK!** We will be hosting a potluck for this show! Please bring a potluck dish to share with the group during the concert, and your favorite beverage of choice.

