

# Christ ☩ Church



WILL YOU STRIVE FOR JUSTICE  
AND PEACE AMONG ALL PEOPLE,  
AND RESPECT THE DIGNITY  
OF EVERY HUMAN BEING?

*I will with God's help*

The First Sunday after the Epiphany

**Sunday, January 10, 2021 9:00 AM**

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We welcome you today, and always, just as you are: content or wiggly, confused or confident. In this bulletin the whole congregation says the texts in bold.

When praying #togetherapart we recommend that you: sing the songs and say the responses out loud. We invite you to move your body to set your intention at different parts, and we include the directions for sitting and standing which are ‘as you are able’ and willing, because we welcome you just as you are. Use the white space of the bulletin to make doodles. Circle words that leap out at you. We also suggest that you make a home altar space somewhere near the screen you watch on, or near your telephone.

We are currently sharing the classic practice of Morning Prayer as the heart of our life together. The video of this service is available as soon as Friday on our YouTube channel (CCRP Learning and Info). All are invited to share the experience together on Facebook live on Sunday mornings. We have a service of Holy Communion streaming on our YouTube channel on Sundays at 10am; this is also available for phone call in. The Sacrament is distributed at the rear Red doors from 11-11.30 am. Please mask and distance.

Regardless of how we continue in our mission, the church and its ministry continue while we are #togetherapart. If you would like to know more about Christ Church and how we practice the Christian faith in this time and place, we invite you to contact us.

### **Military Service:**

<b>U.S. Army</b>	Richard W., Eric C., Michael S., Chris W., Mark R., Michael B.
<b>U.S. Navy</b>	Marshal N., Nicole G., Joshua R.
<b>U.S. Air Force</b>	David B., Tony G., Mark
<b>U.S. Marine Corps</b>	Timothy N., Jerome S., William S., Austin
<b>U.S.M.C. Reserve</b>	Neil S., Rob
<b>National Guard</b>	Evan H., James R., Robert W.

**First Responders:** Jim N., Rob H., Frank D., Tom H., Joan H., David III, Michael D., Marianna, Aaron K., Josh P., Doug C., Art R., Lee E., Jesse F., Mitchell H., Wayne M.

**This Week’s Prayers Requested For:** Bill T., John L., Doug C., all law enforcement officers and staff who were injured at the U.S. Capital this week.

**Continuing Prayers Requested For:** DePalma Family, Richard G., Melso Family, Peticca Family, Maripat, Amy, Kay, Doris, Katharyn H., Maureen, Richard, Michelle, Feilke family, Jay S., Donna P., Sue S., Joyce M., Rebecca, Anna, Jack, Jane B., Nancy A., Cameron, Megan, Jessica, Donna, Maye, Little Vincent.

*Names will remain on the continuing prayer list for a four-week period.*

## PRELUDE

When Jesus Came to Jordan's Stream

Johann Sebastian Bach

## OPENING HYMN *Christ, When For Us* (all 4 vs.) (Led by Alice Berry)

H 121

1 Christ, when for us you were bap-tized, God's Spi-rit on you came,  
2 God called you his be-lov-ed Son, called you his ser-vant true,  
3 Straight-way and stead-fast un-til death you then o-beyed his call  
4 Bap-tize us with your Spi-rit, Lord, your cross on us be signed,  
as peace-ful as a dove and yet as ur-gent as a flame.  
sent you his king-dom to pro-claim, his ho-ly will to do.  
free-ly as Son of Man to serve and give your life for all.  
that, like-wise in God's ser-vice we may per-fect free-dom find.

## OPENING SENTENCE

Arise! Shine! Your light has come; the Lord's glory has shone upon you.

*Isaiah 60.1*

## THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

### VERSICLE

*All stand*

*Presider* Lord, open our lips.

*People* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*Presider and People*

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen**

HYMN OF PRAISE *How bright appears the Morning Star* (vs. 1 – virtual choir) H 497)



1 How bright ap - pears the Morn - ing Star, with mer - cy beam - ing  
from a - far; the host of heaven re - joic - es;  
O right - eous Branch, O Jes - se's Rod! Thou Son of Man and  
Son of God! We, too, will lift our voic - es:  
Je - sus, Je - sus! Ho - ly, ho - ly, yet most low - ly,  
draw thou near us; great Em - man - uel, come and hear us.

**PSALM: Psalm 29**

- <sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, \*  
**ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.**
- <sup>2</sup>Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; \*  
**worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**
- <sup>3</sup>The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders; \*  
**the LORD is upon the mighty waters.**
- <sup>4</sup>The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; \*  
**the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**
- <sup>5</sup>The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; \*  
**the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;**
- <sup>6</sup>He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \*  
**and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**
- <sup>7</sup>The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;

the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; \*

**the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

<sup>8</sup>The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe \*

**and strips the forests bare.**

<sup>9</sup>And in the temple of the LORD \*

**all are crying, “Glory!”**

<sup>10</sup>The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; \*

**the LORD sits enthroned as King forevermore.**

<sup>11</sup>The LORD shall give strength to his people; \*

**the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.**

*At the end of the Psalm is sung or said*

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \***  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

## The Lessons

### **FIRST READING: Acts 19:1-7**

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?” They replied, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” Then he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They answered, “Into John’s baptism.” Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.” On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— altogether there were about twelve of them.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

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

### **THE GOSPEL: Mark 1:4-11**

*The people stand*

*Presider*            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

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

<sup>4</sup>John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. <sup>8</sup>I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.  
<sup>10</sup>And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

*Presider* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* **Praise to you Lord Christ**

*Silence may follow.*

## **HOMILY**

### **BAPTISMAL RENEWAL INVITATION**

*The Presider may first address the people in these or similar words, all standing*

Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, now that our Advent, Christmas and Epiphany observance is ended, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

### **THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS**

*Presider* Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

*People* **I do.**

*Presider* Do you believe in God the Father?

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

*Presider* 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.**

*Presider* 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.**

*Presider* 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.**

*Presider* 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.**

*Presider* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

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

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

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

*Presider* 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.**

*The Presider concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows*

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Prayers

### SALUTATION

*The people stand or kneel*

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider* Let us pray.

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Presider and People*

**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,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray to our God whose Spirit breathes life into being, that through baptism we may be empowered as God's beloved children to share in the healing and reconciling work of Christ, saying: God shall give strength to the people; **God shall give us the blessing of peace.**

- Fill your Church with the power of your Holy Spirit, O Gracious One, that we may bring the light of your blessing to the whole world. God shall give strength to the people; **God shall give us the blessing of peace.**

- Let your gentle spirit be upon this nation and upon all in authority, that we may share in your work to bring forth justice upon the earth. God shall give strength to the people; **God shall give us the blessing of peace.**
- Let your prophets speak powerful words of repentance and transformation to the ends of the earth, that the breath of your creative love and the sound of your blessing may go forth throughout the world. God shall give strength to the people; **God shall give us the blessing of peace.**
- Let your grace descend and dwell among the people of this community, that we may be united in love, abounding in compassion, and proactive in peace. We bring to you today those serving in the military: (Military): *Richard W., Eric C., Michael S., Chris W., Mark R., Michael B., Marshal N., Nicole G., Joshua R. David B., Tony G., Mark, Timothy N., Jerome S., William S., Austin, Neil S., Rob., Evan H., James R., Robert W.*

And those who risk so much as First Responders: *Jim N., Rob H., Frank D., Tom H., Joan H., David III, Michael D., Marianna, Aaron K., Josh P., Doug C., Art R., Lee E., Jesse F., Mitchell H., Wayne M.*

God shall give strength to the people. **God shall give us the blessing of peace.**

Let the heavens open and your Spirit descend upon us, bringing your comfort and healing to all for whom we pray, especially *Doug C., Bill T., John L., Jeanne, DePalma Family, Richard G., Melso Family, Peticca Family, Maripat, Amy, Kay, Doris, Katharyn H., Maureen, Richard, Michelle, Feilke family, Jay S., Donna P., Sue S., Joyce M., Rebecca, Anna, Jack, Jane B., Nancy A., Cameron, Megan, Jessica, Donna, Maye, Little Vincent and all law enforcement officers and staff who were injured at the U.S. Capital this week.*

- Hear our grateful thanks and praise for your demonstration of presence and grace in our lives and in the lives of others, giving thanks especially for the waters that sustain us.

Welcome with your divine pleasure all who have died, especially Linda Epps (*and \_\_\_*) that they may have a place in your eternal realms.

We pray for the souls of 1.8 million dead worldwide from the Coronavirus. May they rest in peace, and may we strive to reduce the devastation. *Silence.*

God shall give strength to the people; **God shall give us the blessing of peace.**

*Presider:* Gracious and loving God, you have anointed your people with the waters of Baptism, and you have made us your beloved children: Let your Spirit spread mightily among us, that we may share in the work of your Son, bringing blessing and light to all the world in the power of the Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

## **FIRST COLLECT**

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

## **SECOND COLLECT**

God of the present moment, God, who in Jesus stills the storm and soothes the frantic heart; bring hope and courage to your people as we wait in uncertainty. Bring hope that you will make us equal to whatever lies ahead. Bring us courage to endure what cannot be avoided, and the obedience to refrain from what must be avoided for the wellbeing of all; for your will is health and wholeness; you are God, and we need You. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. *Amen.*

## **OFFERTORY REMINDER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Let us with gladness present the offerings and gifts of our life to the Lord.

## **SEQUENCE ANTHEM**

When Jesus Went to Jordan's Stream

*Soloist, Dan Rosen*

## **THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING**

*Presider and People*

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

HYMN *The Sinless one to Jordan came* (vs. 1, 2, 5) (Led by Alice Berry)

H 120



1 The sin - less one to Jor - dan came,  
 2 Up - ris - ing from the wat - ers there,  
 3 A - bove him see the heaven - ly Dove,  
 4 How blest that mis - sion then be - gun  
 5 O Christ, may we bap - tized from sin,



1 and in the riv - er shared our stain;  
 2 the Fa - ther's voice did then de - clare  
 3 the sign of God the Fa - ther's love,  
 4 to heal and save a race un - done!  
 5 go forth with you a world to win:



1 God's right - eous - ness he thus ful - filled,  
 2 that Christ, the Son of God, had come  
 3 now by the Ho - ly Spi - rit shed  
 4 Straight to the wil - der - ness he goes  
 5 grant us the Ho - ly Spi - rit's power



1 and chose the path his Fa - ther willed.  
 2 to lead his scat - tered peo - ple home.  
 3 up - on the Son's a - noint - ed head.  
 4 to wres - tle with his peo - ple's foes.  
 5 to shield us in temp - ta - tion's hour.

## **FINAL BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

Ascribe to God glory and strength and worship God in the beauty of holiness. The same God who proclaimed Jesus as the beloved has also made you God's beloved child; you are part of the goodness of God's wonderful creation. May the blessing of the One Holy and Loving God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you and nurture you, now and for ever. Amen. ***Amen.***

## **CONCLUDING SENTENCE**

This is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love each other as he commanded us. Those who keep his commandments dwell in God and God dwells in them. This is how we know that he dwells in us, because of the Spirit he has given us.

*! John 1.3*

## **POSTLUDE**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Max Drischner

## **CCRP EVENTS & INFORMATION**

Whoever you are, for whatever draws you to join Christ Church today, we are glad you are here. If you would like to learn more about how to connect and grow through the ministries of the Episcopal Church in this region, and Christ Church, Ridley Park, please send us an email:

[office@christchurchridleypark.org](mailto:office@christchurchridleypark.org).

**Join our weekly e-newsletter** by texting CCRPLOVE to 22828. The parish-wide emails will be in your inbox every Friday evening and have our most updated announcements and access to important links.

**Red Door Communion Distribution-** We are now be offering in-person communion after the 10am livestreamed Holy Eucharist service. After participating at home, you may come by the church **between 11-11:30pm** to receive communion outdoors at the rear of the nave, red doors. Please remain masked and social distanced from other households outside.

**Free Poinsettias-** Help us re-home the Christmas decor poinsettias. You may pick them up during communion distribution.

**Pledge Envelopes-** Your 2021 pledge envelopes are ready for pick-up! We are asking that households please stop by the church to pick-up envelopes during Office Hours or during Sunday communion distribution. If you will not be using your pledge envelopes this year because you are giving electronically online, please inform the office as soon as possible.

**Quizzitch Game Night-** January 31, 7pm on zoom. The congregational-wide competition is back again! This online quiz show is good for teams of all ages. Team up with your covid-pod & zoom-in together. One screen per-team with phone-in teammates welcome.

**Dismantling Racism Youth Workshop with the Diocese of Pennsylvania-** Youth 13+ are invited. Reach out to Mackenzie for more information.

*1/17- Zoom Guardian Information Meeting*

*2/14- Workshop Session 1 (10am-4pm)*

*3/7- Workshop Session 2 (10am - 4pm)*

**Annual Meeting-** Packets will be available for pick up on January 24th during communion distribution, from 11-12pm. The first Sunday of February at 11am the meeting will be hosted on zoom (call-in option available) with voting online and by mail-in ballots. More info to come.

**Livestreaming Assistant-** If you are willing to be trained on how to work the streaming camera remote and broadcast the Sunday 10am service please contact Mackenzie.

**Photo Scanning-** Looking for tech-able persons to take home photos to scan and digitize for CCRP photo archives. On your own time and at your own pace.

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