

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
ROSEVILLE, MN



Epiphany and Pageant

Year B

January 3, 2021

10:30 AM

Welcome to Worship with St. Christopher's!

Wednesday service at 12:15 p.m. in the North Parking lot, in your car. 96.1 FM on the radio.

Next Sunday's readings: Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 29; Acts of the Apostles 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11.
(Epiphany 1/Baptism of Our Lord, Year B)

Audio podcasts of sermons are available online at our website. Please click on WORSHIP, and then Sermons. Links to previous Sundays' recordings are on the same page.

Prelude

The Word of God

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

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

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray: O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people sit.

The Christmas Pageant

A Virtual Presentation for your enjoyment.

The people stand.

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.**

The Prayers of the People

Form 3, Book of Common Prayer p. 387

Deacon or other leader

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.
Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Confession

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

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

The Absolution

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

The people stand

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The people sit.

Greetings & Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B, BCP p. 367

The people stand.

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.**

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:

Celebrant and People

**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.

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Christopher and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 for ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

**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

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

The Invitation

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

and may add Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him
in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Post Communion Prayer

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.

The Blessing

Dismissal

The Deacon says the dismissal.

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

Postlude

Thursday Ministries

Readers: *(None, due to pageant presentation)*

Intercessor: Jean Crow

Sunday Ministry (12/27)

Altar Guild: Karen Hartman

Faith Formation

Children's Sunday School Zoom at 9:30 AM Sundays.

Adult Formation/Video Coffee Hour Via Zoom at 8 AM Sundays.

Pledge Drive Update

Where does 2020 stand? Well, we are about 3% behind on pledge receipts at the end of November. Please be sure your 2020 Pledge is up to date. Because of Covid-19, we are behind in building income by about \$31,000.

For 2021, about 77% (90) of our pledges are in so far. They account for about 84% of the asked-for amount towards our 2021 budget. We are "short" about \$55,000. Please let us know what you intend for 2021.

ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

Our 2020 Annual Meeting will be held virtually on January 24, 2021.

We expect to mail out copies of the Annual Report about one week before the meeting. Please watch for information about logging in for the meeting. It will be very similar to connecting for Adult Forum. **If you will be submitting a report** for the Annual Report Book, PLEASE have it in the office not later than **January 10th**. THANK YOU!

Parish Prayer List

Please pray for our Members and Friends who are in Acute need:

Ebie Richards

Please pray for our Shut Ins and Members with ongoing needs:

Mary Barkley	Harold Danley	Barb Swanson
Jerry Baxter	Michael Elsen	Jean Swesey
Jean Brandt	Don Horton	Evelynne Thompson
Dan Brown	Ken Ives	Joe Westenfield
Dennis Buechler	Ebie Richards	Marliss Westenfield
Ruth Buechler	Marcia Rockwood	Barb Wilkinson
Betty Carr	Dave Stewart	Roberta Williams
Pamela Case		

Please pray for our family and friends with ongoing needs:

Brian Hogan, Nora Bridges, Carol Haskin, Ruth Korpola, Allison & Beth, Barb & Roger Carsten, Dan B., Bonnie, Lois Purrington, Gretchen Glueck, Savannah Rausch, Jerry, Renee Forst, Jack Cork, Olivia McLoughlin, Elizabeth Bergum, Steve & Pam, Kirk Ingram, Amy, Marmie, Ann, Russ Amling, Sue Hitchcock, Jim VonDeLinde, Brenda Beard Conley, Conner Eischens, Merle Anderson, Jan Holte, Dave Waring, Sydney Eischens, Kit Corti, Russell Hitchcock, Nancy Kersten, Missy Peterson.

Pray for all who have died, especially Mary Richards.

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, please pray for Christians in other denominations and the work of the ecumenical movement .

In the Episcopal Church in Minnesota Cycle of prayer, please pray for youth ministries within the Episcopal Church in Minnesota, especially for those who are involved with the Youth Commission and Teens Encounter Christ that must be held virtually this year; for Circle of the Beloved and all those in our faith community who are involved with faith formation ministries with children, youth and young adults. Pray also for Church of the Epiphany faith communities in Plymouth and St. Paul.

Please pray for children caught in crisis at our borders, and around the world. Please pray for our neighbors who are refugees and immigrants. Please pray for the President and President-elect, and the Congress of the United States. Please pray for the victims of the Coronavirus, and for the caregivers and first responders who care for them. Please pray for world peace and justice for all people; and for those whose lives have been disrupted by recent marches and riots, storms and wildfires worldwide.

Please pray also for our enemies and for those who wish us harm.

In Thanksgiving: we give thanks for the Coronavirus Vaccines, and for friends and family apart from us this holiday season, staying safe to gather in the next season; and for the ministries of our members as they continue to live as the Church away from our building.

We remember those who celebrate Birthdays and Anniversaries this week:

3 William Wegwerth, 6 Kathy Brown, 9 Madeline Drake



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BE CHRIST**

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