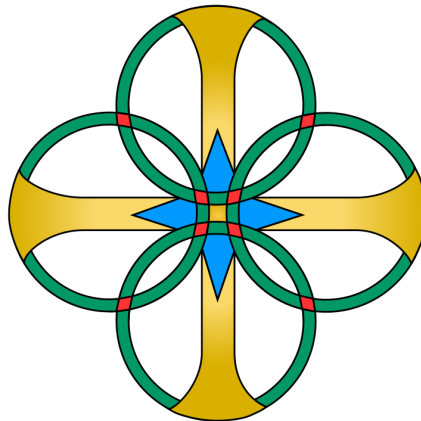


# THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

## Holy Eucharist: Rite II

January 21, 2024  
8:00am and  
10:30am (Livestreamed on Facebook)



CHRIST CHURCH  
The Episcopal Church of Norcross

*We invite you to join as an active participant in the worship of God. For ease of use, this bulletin contains most of the liturgy. Scripture texts are taken from the Revised Common Lectionary. We use the red Book of Common Prayer, the blue 1982 Hymnal, and the Lift Every Voice & Sing II hymnal, all located in the pew racks.*

*In the time before our worship begins, please be mindful of those who need this time for quiet prayer and meditation.*

*Newcomers and visitors, we welcome you warmly. May you find here, by the grace of God, that which feeds your soul.*

***The mission of Christ Church Episcopal is to live, love, and serve boldly together in the name of Jesus Christ.***

# HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

## THE WORD OF GOD

### Prelude

*My Jesus, I love Thee*

Adoniram J. Gordon

### Processional Hymn

*Mit Freuden zart*  
Sing praise to God who reigns above

Hymnal #408

### Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

*The Celebrant & congregation say together*

### Collect for Purity

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*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.*

### Gloria *(said at 8am only)*

BCP p. 356

### Gloria

Hymnal #S-277

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* And also with you.  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

### Collect of the Day

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### First Reading

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

*A Reading from the Book of Jonah.*

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

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For God a - lone my soul in si - lence waits.

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| 6 For God alone my soul in silence waits; *        | 12 Put no trust in extortion;                    |
| truly, my hope is in him.                          | in robbery take no empty pride; *                |
| 7 He alone is my rock and my salvation, *          | though wealth increase, set not                  |
| my stronghold, so that I shall                     | your heart upon it.                              |
| not be shaken.                                     | 13 God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, * |
| 8 In God is my safety and my honor; *              | that power belongs to God.                       |
| God is my strong rock and my refuge.               | 14 Steadfast love is yours, O Lord, *            |
| <i>Refrain</i>                                     | for you repay everyone according to his          |
| 9 Put your trust in him always, O people, *        | deeds. <i>Refrain</i>                            |
| pour out your hearts before him,                   |  |
| for God is our refuge.                             |  |
| 10 Those of high degree are but a fleeting         |  |
| breath, *  |  |
| even those of low estate cannot be                 |  |
| trusted.   |  |
| 11 On the scales they are lighter than a breath, * |  |
| all of them together. <i>Refrain</i>               |  |

## Second Reading

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

*A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.*

I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

Reader           The Word of the Lord.  
People           Thanks be to God.

*All remain standing.***Holy Gospel**

Mark 1:14-20

*Deacon*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

*Deacon*

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Rev. Edgar Otero

**Nicene Creed**

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*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; Form V**

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*The Leader and People pray responsively.*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for Robert, our own Bishop, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth; we pray for the parish of St. Joseph of Arimathea in Haiti, and their rector, Père Markendy, the Neighborhood Co-Op, Rainbow Village, our Thrift Shop volunteers, our Stephen Ministers and those for whom they care, and for our Vestry, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For those in positions of public trust, especially Joseph, our President, and Brian, our Governor, Nicole, our County Chair, and Craig, Mayor of the City of Norcross, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer, especially those on our parish prayer list, and those we name now in silence or aloud, especially Brooks, Jack, Heather, John, Bob, Jenny, Debanhi, Dick, Barbara, Nancy, Judy, Graham, Sharon, Walt, Barbara, and Val; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, for those who serve in the Armed Forces: Jeff, Daniel, and Andrew, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For this congregation, for those who are present, and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do; we pray for members of our parish:

Ken & Molly Kress;

Geraldina Landa;

Tony & Lori Landis; and

Filiberto Lara;

we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the altar flowers given by Joyce Proctor, in loving memory of her mother, Vera Henry Hailey, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, especially Nicki Leritis DeVillier, long-time parishioner, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

*To you, O Lord our God.*

*Silence*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect, or the following Doxology*

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## **Confession of Sin**

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*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*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 Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says*

## **Absolution**

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.*

## **Peace**

<i>Celebrant</i>	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
<i>People</i>	<i>And also with you.</i>

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **Blessings of Birthdays & Wedding Anniversaries**

## **Announcements**

## **Mission of Mercy Recipient**

The Mission of Mercy recipient for January is St. Joseph of Arimathea in Jasmin, Haiti.

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

*As we prepare for Holy Communion let us listen attentively with an open heart to the music of the anthem.*

*We have gluten free communion wafers available for anyone who requests them.  
Please ask the priest for them when you are at the Altar rail.*

## Offertory Anthem

*Brightest and Best  
Star in the east*

from The Southern Harmony 1835

*Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts,  
to the deacon or celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.*

## Presentation Hymn

*Georgetown  
They cast their nets in Galilee*

Hymnal #661

*The people remain standing.*

## Great Thanksgiving

### Eucharistic Prayer B

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*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.*

*The Celebrant proceeds*

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:

## Sanctus *(said at 8am only)*

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### Sanctus

Hymnal # S-124

*Celebrant and People*

*Then 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*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 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.*

*The Celebrant then continues*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

*People and Celebrant*

*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**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

**Fraction** *(said at 8am only)*

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**Fraction Anthem**

Hymnal #S-154

## **Invitation**

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

**Communion Hymn**

*Soon and very soon*

LEVAS II #14

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

**Postcommunion Prayer**

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*Celebrant and People*

*Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.*



## Blessing

*The priest blesses the people, saying*

May the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. Amen.

## Post Communion Hymn

*Restoration*  
Jesus calls us o'er the tumult

Hymnal #550

## Dismissal

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

## Postlude

*Love divine, all loves excelling*

John Zundel  
arr. Bill Wolaver

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**Stewardship is a thankful response to God's graciousness to us.**

Rev. C.W. Taylor [Stewardship Quote]



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## Prayers for Members of Our Parish

Brooks Breedlove, Jack Brocksmith, Heather Emery, John Emery, Bob Haer, Jenny Ham, Debanhi Hernandez, Dick Kohlhausen, Barbara McCue, Nancy Maxwell, Toni Mocharski, Judy Moore, Graham Perrins, Sharon Pitman, Walt Thompson, Barbara Wessel, and Val Wilson.

## Prayers for the Repose of the Soul

Nicki Leritis DeVillier, long-time parishioner.

## Prayers for Members of our Military

Jeff Jennings, Daniel O'Keefe, and Andrew Pridgen.

## Prayers for Friends and Family

Matthew Beagley, Margo Biringer, Elaine Black, Catherine Brack, Irene Brown, Staci Fair Burnett & family, Brad Burns, Sophia Crawford, Ralph Donnangelo, Will Drummond, Jacob Fair, R.J. Fair, Paul Hailey, Dashiell Hatem, Robin Hippel, Kelli Fair Holloway, Martha Gilbert Holmes, Betty Ann Hudgins, Val McCall, Barbara McCoy, Martin McRoberts, Lisa Matthews, Anita Oliver, Bonnie Pitman, Kristi Powers, Ramonita Ruiz, Gary & Cindy Russell, Debbie Scott, Tom Shaw, Andrew Thompson, Pete Van Zant, June Davis Wilson, and Noah Withrow.

*Please call 770/447-1166 or e-mail the church office at [office@ccnorcross.org](mailto:office@ccnorcross.org) to add or remove names from the prayer list.*

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## **TIME-SENSITIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please read This Week At Christ Church or watch TWACCation on Facebook for announcements.

### **CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL AND NURSERY CLOSED THE REMAINDER OF JANUARY**

We regret to advise that the Children's Sunday School classes and the Nursery will be closed for the remainder of January 2024. Volunteers are always needed.

For questions or to volunteer, please contact Janet Orr at [janetreevesorr@yahoo.com](mailto:janetreevesorr@yahoo.com).

### **ROOTED IN ABUNDANCE—UPDATE**

**As of Friday morning, 1-19-24, we have received 109 pledges totaling \$347,234.00.**

Still need to submit your 2024 pledge? You have four (4) options to register your financial commitment by:

- Placing it in the black pledge box in the narthex.
- Mailing your card to Christ Church of Norcross, 400 Holcomb Bridge Road, Norcross, GA 30071
- Emailing [Bookkeeper@ccnorcross.org](mailto:Bookkeeper@ccnorcross.org)
- Submitting online at <https://www.ccnorcross.org/2024-estimate-of-giving/>

### **SAVE THE DATE FOR SOUP-ER BOWL SUNDAY**

We will be having a Soup-er Bowl, a/k/a Chili cook-off, a/k/a Stew Stomp on Sunday, January 28, 2024. See This Week At Christ Church for more details.

### **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2024**

Following the canonical laws of the church, our annual parish meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 4, 2024, at 9:15am in the Nave. Reports will be distributed by Vestry members.

### **INSTALLATION OF FR. EDGAR OTERO AS RECTOR OF CCE**

Please join us at 6:30pm in the Nave on Wednesday, February 7, 2024, when Bishop Rob Wright will officiate at the installation service of Fr. Edgar Otero as the fourth (4th) rector of Christ Church Episcopal, Norcross.

### **ASH WEDNESDAY AND THE BEGINNING OF LENT 2024**

And just like that Shrove Tuesday Ash Wednesday, and Lent are right around the corner.

Shrove Tuesday, February 13, 2024;

Ash Wednesday with Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes will take place at 12 noon and 7:00pm on February 14, 2024.

Stay tuned for more information.

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### **Liturgical Participants for 8:00am and 10:30am services on January 21, 2024**

Preacher ..... The Rev. Edgar Otero  
Celebrant ..... The Rev. Irma N. Guerra  
Acolytes ..... Bennett Diehl, Eleanor Diehl, Brian Maruscsak, Meg Tuel, McKenzie Wortman  
Altar Guild ..... Jori Arminio, Lori Landis  
AV Team ..... Brook Sizemore, Dwalu Tay  
Eucharistic Ministers ..... Kathy Smith; Brian Maruscsak, Angela Becker  
Greeters ..... Kathy Smith; Diane Cunningham, Guy Gupton  
Lectors ..... Elliott Brack; Myrna Campbell-Kelly  
Ushers ..... Kathy Smith; Stephanie Usher  
Vestry of the Day ..... Kathy Smith; Diane Cunningham

### **Liturgical Participants for 8:00am and 10:30am services on January 28, 2024**

Preacher ..... The Rev. Edgar Otero  
Celebrant ..... The Rev. Irma N. Guerra  
Acolytes ..... TBD  
Altar Guild ..... Connie Leff, Amy Ross  
AV Team ..... Brook Sizemore, Dwalu Tay  
Eucharistic Ministers ..... Jenny Ham; Ann Post, Lori Landis  
Greeters ..... TBD; Carla Johnson  
Lectors ..... Jenny Ham; Nathan Geozos  
Ushers ..... TBD; Stephanie Usher  
Vestry of the Day ..... TBD; Walt Thompson

### **Liturgical Participants for 8:00am and 10:30am services on February 4, 2024**

Preacher ..... The Rev. Edgar Otero  
Celebrant ..... The Rev. Irma N. Guerra  
Acolytes ..... TBD  
Altar Guild ..... Ann Post, Joyce Proctor  
AV Team ..... Brook Sizemore, Dwalu Tay  
Eucharistic Ministers ..... TBD  
Greeters ..... Elliott Brack; Guy Gupton, Susan Gupton  
Lectors ..... TBD; TBD  
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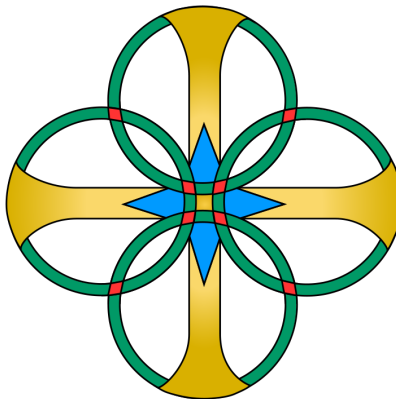
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