FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

January 28, 2024 8:00am and 10:30am (Livestreamed on Facebook)



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 Fugue in C G.F. Handel

Processional Hymn Azmon Hymnal #493

O, for a thousand tongue to sing

Opening Acclamation

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

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

The Celebrant & congregation say together

BCP p. 355 Collect for Purity

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

The Lord be with you. Celebrant And also with you. People

Let us pray. Celebrant

Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

First Reading

A Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Moses summoned all Israel and said to them, "The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: 'If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.' Then the Lord replied to me: 'They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

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

Psalm 111 BCP p. 754





1 Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, * in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

- 2 Great are the deeds of the Lord! *
 they are studied by all who
 delight in them.

 Refraim
- 3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, * and his righteousness endures for ever.
- 4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; *
 the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

 Refrain

- 5 He gives food to those who fear him; * he is ever mindful of his covenant.
- 6 He has shown his people the power of his works *

in giving them the lands of the nations.

7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; *

all his commandments are sure.

- 8 They stand fast for ever and ever, * because they are done in truth and equity.
- He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his covenant for ever; * holy and awesome is his Name. Refrain
- 10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; *

those who act accordingly have a good understanding; his praise endures for ever.

Refrain

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

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

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him. Hence, as to the eating of food

offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one." Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. "Food will not bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

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

Sequence Hymn

Dickinson College
Lord, make us servants of your peace

Hymnal #593

All remain standing.

Holy Gospel Mark 1:21-28

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus and his disciples went into Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon The Rev. Edgar Otero

Nicene Creed BCP p. 358

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

BCP p. 389

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:

Hector & Dora Lara;

Sue Lawton:

Kerith, Mike, & Annabell Lee; and

Connie Leff;

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 are given in thanksgiving for Channing and Christine Haskell, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, especially Ramonita Ruiz, mother of Fr. Edgar Otero, 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 BCP p. 360

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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

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

Oh! What a beautiful city

Negro spiritual

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

Deus tuorum militum

Hymnal #448

O love, how deep, how broad, how high

The people remain standing.

Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP p. 367

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)

BCP p. 367

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)

BCP p. 364

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

Ubi caritas

Jacques Berthier

Ubi ca-ri-tas, et a-mor, Ubi ca-rit-as, De-us, i-bi-est.

Where charity & love abide, God is there

Let us pray.

Postcommunion Prayer

BCP p. 365

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

Moscow
Thou whose almighty word

Hymnal #371

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude Allegro maestoso e vivace

Felix Mendelssohn

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Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving and pay your vows to the Most High.

Those who bring thanksgiving as their sacrifice honor me.

Psalm 40:14, 23a [Stewardship Quote]



Prayers for Members of Our Parish

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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

Ramonita Ruiz, mother of Fr. Edgar Otero.

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, 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 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.

ROOTED IN ABUNDANCE—UPDATE

As of Friday morning, 1-26-24, we have received 109 pledges totaling \$347,234.00. Still need to submit your 2024 pledge? Here are our (4) options:

- 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 <u>Bookkeeper@ccnorcross.org</u>
- 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 this Sunday, January 28, 2024. See This Week At Christ Church to sign up and 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.

SCOUT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2024

Join us on February 4, 2024 for Scout Sunday. They will be participating in the service as Greeters, Ushers, and Oblation Bearers.

INSTALLATION OF FR. EDGAR OTERO AS 4th 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.

LADIES NIGHT OUT, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2024

Join us at The Crossing Restaurant a5 6:30pm on 2-8-24 for Ladies Night Out. Our table will be in the ground-floor dining room. See TWACC for more information.

MEN'S CIVIC BREAKFAST, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2024

Join the Men's Group for their monthly Civic Breakfast in Webster Hall beginning at 8am on Saturday, February 10, 2024. Our speaker will be Mike Mason, Mayor of Peachtree Corners. See the TWACC for more information.

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.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER, FEBRUARY 13, 2024

The 2024 Vestry will be hosting the Pancake Supper, on Tuesday, February 13, 2024, in Webster Hall, beginning at 6:00pm.

LENTEN PROGRAM WITH DINNERS BEGINS FEBRUARY 21-24

Fr. Edgar will be leading the Lenten program this year, so stay tuned for more information. We will have a sign-up in Webster Hall for any and all parishioners to provide the light supper of soup, salad, and bread.

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

	The Rev. Edgar Otero
Acolytes	Kristie Bernard, Brian Maruscsak, Caden Neese, McKenzie Wortman
Altar Guild	
AV Team	Brook Sizemore, Dwalu Tay
Eucharistic Ministers	Jenny Ham; Ann Post, Lori Landis
Greeters	Janet Orr; Carla Johnson
Lectors	Jenny Ham; Nathan Geozos
	Janet Orr; Stephanie Usher
	Janet Orr; Walt Thompson; Yamileth Silva

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

Celebrant & Preachaer	
Altar Guild	Ann Post, Joyce Proctor
AV Team	Brook Sizemore, Dwalu Tay
Eucharistic Ministers	TBĎ
Greeters	Elliott Brack; Guy Gupton, Susan Gupton
Lectors	TBD; TBD
Ushers	Janet Orr; Stephanie Usher
Vestry of the Day	Janet Orr (all 3 services)

Liturgical Participants for 8:00am and 10:30am services on February 11, 2024

Celebrant	The Rev. Edgar Otero
Preacher	The Rev. Irma N. Guerra
Acolytes	TBD
Altar Guild	
AV Team	Brook Sizemore, Dwalu Tay
	TBĎ
Greeters	Robert Richardson; Guy Gupton, Susan Gupton
	TBD: TBD
Ushers	Robert Richardson; Stephanie Úsher
	Robert Richardson; Diane Cunningham (10:30 & 12:30 services)

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