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January 16, 2022
The Second Sunday after the Epiphany
8:00 and 10:00 am
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Reflections on Today's Readings

The feast of the Epiphany directed our attention to the ways in which Christ is manifest in the Gospels, and by extension, how he is manifest in our lives. The theme of showing forth is continued in the Sundays after the Epiphany. Today's Gospel carries the third of the three classical themes of Epiphany: Jesus' first miracle, changing water into wine at the marriage feast in Cana of Galilee.

The Old Testament used the marriage relationship and the marriage feast as symbols or archetypes of God's relationship to the chosen people and of the ultimate consummation of that relationship in the establishment of the Kingdom. Today's passage from Isaiah is based on that image.

At the marriage feast, Jesus produced around 150 gallons of wine (God is lavish, even

profligate, in giving grace) and it is much better wine than the host at the dinner had been serving (God's grace far surpasses what we can do for ourselves).

God's gifts of grace to us are also the focus of today's reading from 1 Corinthians. This reading is the first in a series from this Epistle exploring the kinds of gifts we received when we were baptized by water and the Holy Spirit, and the results of God's gifts in our lives.

We are a people transformed by our relationship to God and given the grace and illumination of the Holy Spirit. The marriage images in the first and third readings describe the intimate and total nature of God's relationship to us which results of the gift of the Holy Spirit given us in baptism.

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Welcome to Christ Church: If you are visiting for the first time, please fill out the welcome cards in the pews and hand it to a member of the clergy after the service. Welcome bags available in the narthex entrance hall.

Guidelines for Gathering Indoors: For now **masks are required** for those worshipping indoors and using our buildings. Please allow for good and healthy **distancing** from other worshippers outside your household pod or community circle. We will be running our air handling system, equipped with HEPA filters behind the organ pipes, through the morning. We encourage all those who can to get vaccinated. With God's help, we will see this through;

Communion: We offer communion in one kind. It should be understood that communion in one kind (bread/wafer only) is sufficient to experience the Real Presence of our Risen Lord.

[10:00 service] Prelude

Hold On (Keep Your Hand on the Plow)

Spiritual
arr. by Calvin Taylor

Welcome Page 355 in the Book of Common Prayer

✠ *All stand, as they are able, as the bell tolls.*

[10:00 service] **Hymn 7**

Christ whose glory fills the skies

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

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading

Isaiah 62:1-5

Reader A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall

no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 36: 5-10 (pg 632 in the Book of Common Prayer)

5 Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, *
and your faithfulness to the clouds.

6 **Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep; *
you save both man and beast, O Lord.**

7 How priceless is your love, O God! *
your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

8 **They feast upon the abundance of your house; *
you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

9 For with you is the well of life, *
and in your light we see light.

10 **Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, *
and your favor to those who are true of heart.**

The Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

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

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You

know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not

speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel

John 2:1-11

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

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

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and

take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

Sermon

The Rev. Mark B. Pendleton

✂ *A brief period of silence follows the sermon.*

The Nicene Creed (*said together*) Page 358 in the Book of Common Prayer

**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

The glory of the Lord has been revealed that we might see and believe. Trusting in the Lord, let us pray,
"Jesus Christ, Light of the world, hear our prayer."

Blessed Lord, through the Spirit you have given to your Church varieties of gifts. Bind us together as your
body and then use us, we pray, to show forth your great light.

Silence

Jesus Christ, Light of the world,
Hear our prayer.

Blessed Lord, your righteousness is like the strong mountains and your justice is like the great deep. May
all the peoples of the earth look to you for salvation.

Silence

Jesus Christ, Light of the world,
Hear our prayer.

Blessed Lord, restore desolate lands. Renew your creation to bring forth life and growth.

I invite your thanksgivings.

Silence

Jesus Christ, Light of the world,
Hear our prayer.

May we desire the common good. We pray, blessed Lord, that you will teach us to love each other. We thank you for the diversity with which you have gifted the human family and bless you for the hope of unity.

Silence

Jesus Christ, Light of the world,
Hear our prayer.

Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, blessed Lord. Heal and restore those who are sick or weak in body, mind, or spirit.

We lift up those on our prayer list: Phil, Emily & John, Martha, Bobbi, Alan, Maryellen, Pat, Judy, Tom, Karen.

Silence

Jesus Christ, Light of the world,
Hear our prayer.

Blessed Lord, with you is the well of life. By water and the Spirit you accept us as members of your family. By the springs of your living water preserve us for life eternal.

Silence

Jesus Christ, Light of the world,
Hear our prayer.

Presider: 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.**

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

**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.**

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.**

The Peace

The people stand as they are able. Bow or gesture to those outside of your household or community.

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements

The Holy Communion

[10:00 service] **Offertory Music**

Give Me Jesus
Christ Church Choir

Negro Spiritual; arr. Evelyn D. White

Alms Basins (offertory plates) are placed near the baptismal font each Sunday and brought forward during the offertory just before the Eucharistic Prayer begins. For now, we are foregoing the practice of "passing the plate." Offertory envelopes are available in the entranceway Narthex.

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer B Pg. 367

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him 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:

Presider 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.

Sanctus (sung by all)

James MacMillan



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly - Lord,
God of pow-er and might. Heav'n and earth are full of your
glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bles-sed is he, O bles-sed is
he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na
in the high - - - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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The Presider 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,

Presider and People

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

The Presider 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 Presider then continues

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

People and Presider

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

✠ *The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia**

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Invitation to Communion

Communion is distributed to those gathered

Instructions for Receiving Communion

You are invited to receive Holy Communion. Those seated in the side sections please come forward for communion beginning with the front pews using the diagonal aisles and returning by the outside of those sections. Those seated in the center sections please come forward beginning with the back pews using the center aisle and returning to their seats using the diagonal aisles.

Communion is received standing. The bread is received in the open palm. (Gluten-free wafers are available).

Please take the wafer back to your pew and consume it then. (We thus avoid multiple persons removing their masks in the same location). If you are using a cane or walker, you may consume the bread as you receive it, so as not to impair walking back to your seat.

Those who do not wish to receive Communion are invited to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.

Communion can also be brought to you in the pews. Please communicate this request to an usher or the clergy.

[10:00 service] **Music at Communion**

The Post Communion Prayer (Page 366) in the Book of Common Prayer

Presider and People

**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**

[10:00 service] **Hymn 599**

Lift Every Voice and Sing

Lift Every Voice

The Dismissal

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

[10:00 service] **Postlude**

Go Down, Moses

Spiritual
arr. by Calvin Taylor

The worship is over ☩ The service begins

Participating in Today's Liturgy:

Preacher/Presider: The Rev. Mark B. Pendleton

Lector at 8:00 a.m. Fran Hall

Lector at 10:00 a.m. Cary Einhaus

Welcome Team/Usher:

Live Streaming Tech: Leslie Pendleton

Flower Delivery: Jeannette McDonald

Altar Guild: Melissa Poirier, Carla Ranks

**This week at Christ Church
January 16-22**

Sunday	PSP Rehearsals 1:00 pm
Monday	Office Closed
Tuesday	Bible Study ZOOM 11:00 am Rotary Club in the Parish Hall 12:15 p.m. PSP Rehearsal 6:00 pm Scouts 6:00 pm Beatitudes ZOOM 6:30 pm
Wednesday	Oasis Sisters ZOOM Meeting 10:30 am PSP Rehearsal 4:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm

2022 Pledge Update and Ways to Give: As of January 4 we have received **127** pledges for a total of **\$312,216**. In 2021 we received **149** pledges for **\$365,561**. Now more than ever, in this prolonged season of exile and disconnection, Christ Church remains a community of hope, welcome, and hospitality. Your pledge helps strengthen our mission and ministry.. You can mail in the paper pledge card, or pick one up in the Narthex entryway of the church.

Looking to donate a suitcase? The Rev. Mark and Leslie Pendleton, along with Mike Hays, will be making a quick trip to Cuba for 4 days in March to bring much needed medicine and supplies for water systems. We are looking for used, fairly light and large suitcases on wheels. If you have any gathering dust, please bring them into church or the church office. Thank you!

The Beatitude Series in-person offering has been moved to Zoom out of caution for the post-holiday rapid spread of Covid. Here is the updated schedule: Tuesday, 1/18 at 6:30 pm: Peacemaking; Tuesday, 1/25 at 6:30 pm: Living as Citizens of God's Kingdom; Tuesday, 2/1 at 6:30 pm: Foundations. Links to Zoom meetings can be found in the e-news, on the Faithlife Calendar, or on the Events section of our website's homepage. Simply click on the event to pull up the details.

Healing team is available to offer healing prayers during the Eucharist, at the side of the church. Please tell your healing minister if you have a specific prayer need and if you would like a laying on of hands, just prayers or both.

The Oasis Sisters: In light of the current conditions surrounding the omicron variant of COVID19 the Oasis Sisters have decided to suspend our monthly in-person meeting at Christ Church until further notice. "Our meetings are on Wednesdays from 10:30 am until 12 noon on Zoom."

Face to the Rising Sun: The Christ Church Choir was gifted the latest book from the Rev. Dr. Mark Bozutti-Jones, about spirituals and justice. Spirituals, songs of abiding faith passed down by African Americans through the centuries, offer a remarkable view of resilience, courage, and love. In the same week our nation honors the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Fr. Mark will explore the modern-day lessons of these Spirituals with scripture readings, daily devotions, and questions for reflection. Join us for timely conversation. January 20 at 7 p.m. on Zoom for 90 minutes. Link in E News.

Annual Meeting (Live Streamed) Jan. 23: The Annual Meeting of Christ Church of Exeter (our incorporated name in the State of New Hampshire) will gather in person after the 10 a.m. service at 11:15 a.m. in the church. We will live stream on our YouTube channel (stay on worship link). We will meet to elect officers, new vestry members and diocesan delegates and to hear reports including our finances. More news to follow.

A New Year's thank you to all the parishioners who generously donated to the Thanksgiving and Christmas basket outreach this year. We gave out 30 Thanksgiving baskets on November 20 with assistance from Christina DeMaio and youth group members Amelia and Aaron Faria, Annita and Michael Parmelee and Callum Bishop. On December 18, Maggie O'Neill brought youth group members Annita Parmelee, Amelia and Aaron Faria and Henry Rutter to brave the cold to distribute 20 Christmas food baskets and toys and clothing to 37 children. Thank you to Pat Izzo, Cheryl Gilbert, Kim Billings and Jen Murray for their unwavering dedication, compassion, and humor. It is an understatement to say that they are a well-oiled machine when it comes to this ministry! Thank you to Darla Watt for being the genius behind the Signup Genius. Thank you for participating in this ministry. Many of you have participated for many, many years and many donated for both Thanksgiving and Christmas. Many of you bought extra gifts for children not on your list, many of you donated cash so that the committee could fill a child's last-minute Christmas wish and all of you contributed overflowing food baskets. The families receiving the food baskets were very thankful and the parents of the children you shopped for were beyond grateful. You made their Christmas and our community brighter. Thank you.

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