



**February 7, 2021 at 10 a.m.**  
Liturgy of the Word for the  
Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany  
**Annual Meeting Sunday**

**Welcome to Christ Church!**

*Thank you for joining us. You can worship with us on [Facebook](#).*

We invite and encourage your full participation in our worship this morning. This service bulletin is the only document you'll need to participate in this morning's liturgy.

We are blessed because of your presence here, and we want to do everything possible to make you feel at home. You are welcome here!



*Loving God and neighbor, as Jesus teaches*

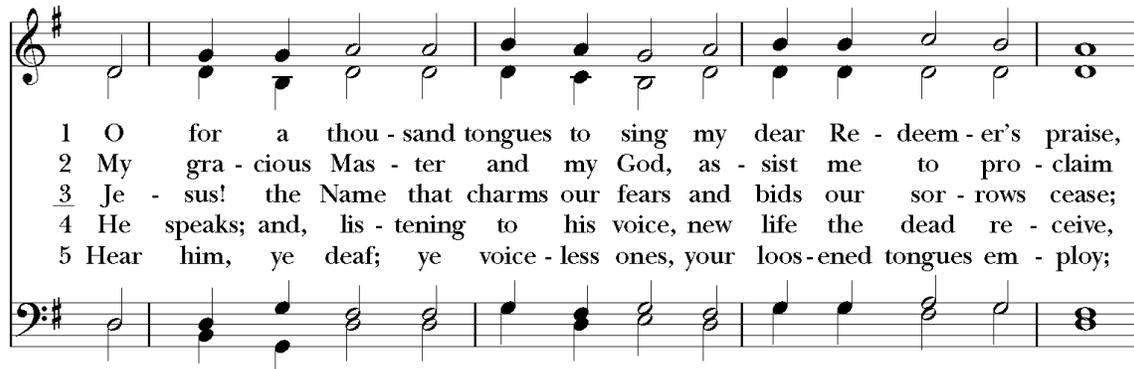
## Welcome and Announcements

This week's announcements can be found [here](#). To receive our announcements weekly in your inbox, please [click here](#).

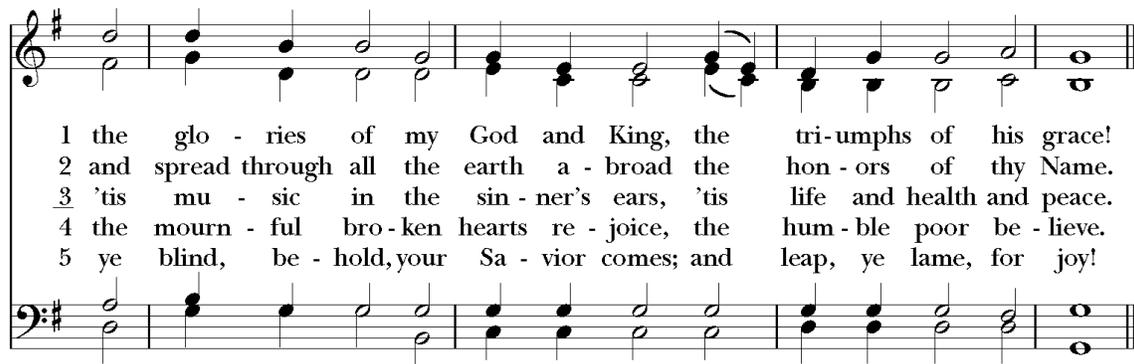
## Hymn 493 1, 2, 3 &amp; 6

O for a thousand tongues to sing

Tune: Azmon



1 O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise,  
 2 My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim  
 3 Jesus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sorrows cease;  
 4 He speaks; and, listening to his voice, new life the dead receive,  
 5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voiceless ones, your loosened tongues employ;



1 the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!  
 2 and spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy Name.  
 3 'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.  
 4 the mournful broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.  
 5 ye blind, behold, your Savior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

6 Glory to God and praise and love  
 be now and ever given  
 by saints below and saints above,  
 the Church in earth and heaven.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: *Azmon*, Carl Gotthilf Gläser (1784-1829); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

## The Opening Acclamation

**Celebrant** Blessed be the One, Holy, and Living God.

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

**Celebrant** 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 inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

**All** Amen.

## Confession of Sin

**Celebrant** Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*A moment of silence is kept.*

**All** 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.

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

### A Collect for a Church Meeting

*Book of Common Prayer, p. 818*

**Officiant** The Lord be with you.

**People** And also with you.

**Officiant** Let us pray.

**All** Almighty and everliving God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with us who take counsel here at Christ Church, Needham for the renewal and mission of your Church. Teach us in all things to seek first your honor and glory. Guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## THE LESSONS

### The First Lesson

Isaiah 40:21-31

**Lector** Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

*At the conclusion of the reading:*

**Lector** Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

**People** Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 147:1-12, 21c**

*Psalter for the Christian People, pp. 195-196*

*The psalm is read responsively, breaking at the asterisk (\*).*

Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God! \*

**how pleasant it is to honor the LORD with praise!**

The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem; \*

**and gathers the exiles of Israel.**

The LORD heals the brokenhearted \*

**and binds up their wounds.**

The LORD counts the number of the stars \*

**and calls them all by their names.**

Great is our LORD and mighty in power; \*

**whose wisdom is beyond limit.**

The LORD lifts up the lowly, \*

**but casts the wicked to the ground.**

Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; \*

**make music to our God upon the harp.**

God covers the heavens with clouds \*

**and prepares rain for the earth;**

God makes grass to grow upon the mountains \*

**and green plants to serve mankind.**

God provides food for flocks and herds \*

**and for the young ravens when they cry.**

God is not impressed by the might of a horse; \*

**and has no pleasure in the strength of a man;**

But the LORD has pleasure in the God-fearing, \*

**in those who await God's gracious favor. Hallelujah!**

**The Epistle**

**1 Corinthians 9:16-23**

**Lector** If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

*At the conclusion of the reading:*

**Lector** Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

**People** Thanks be to God.

Hymn

From miles around the sick ones came

Words: Jane Manton Marshall (1924-2019)  
from *Wonder, Love and Praise*, #774

Tune: *Gardiner*  
from *Sacred Melodies*, 1815  
arr. Wm. Gardiner (1770-1853)  
adapted: Charles Raines

From miles a - round the sick ones came,  
And still they come, new preys of plague,  
Re - call us to our mis - sion, Lord,

in hope that One they heard was Lord  
while of - ten in their rooms of prayer  
to reach for those cut off, in pain;

would make their souls and bod - ies well,  
God's peo - ple wor - ship, safe and sound,  
to of - fer friend - ship, strength, and peace

with heal - ing touch or sav - ing word.  
un - heed - ing, e - ven un - a - ware.  
and be a faith - ful church a - gain.

Salem, Massachusetts  
January 2021

**The Gospel**

Mark 1:29-39

**Celebrant** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.**People** Glory to you, Lord Christ.**Celebrant** After Jesus and his disciples left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

*At the conclusion of the reading:***Celebrant** The Gospel of the Lord.**People** Praise to you, Lord Christ.**The Sermon**

The Rev. Nicholas Morris-Kliment

*A moment of silent reflection follows the sermon.***Baptismal Covenant****Celebrant** Do you believe in God the Father?**People** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**Celebrant** 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.**Celebrant** 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.**Celebrant** 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.**Celebrant** 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.

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

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

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

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

**Celebrant** 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.

**Celebrant** Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect the beauty and integrity of all creation?

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

#### **Prayers of the People, Form IV**

adapted from the *Book of Common Prayer*, p. 388

*Please stand or kneel or sit, as able and comfortable.*

**Intercessor** Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Lord of light,

**All** We give you praise.

**Intercessor** Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Lord of light,

**All** We give you praise.

**Intercessor** Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to honor your honor and glory. Lord of light,

**All** We give you praise.

**Intercessor** Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. Lord of light,

**All** We give you praise.

**Intercessor** Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of your salvation. Lord of light,

**All** We give you praise.

**Intercessor** We commend to your mercy all who have died, that you will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Lord of light,

**All** We give you praise.

**Celebrant** Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

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

**All**

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.

**Offertory Sentence**

**Officiant** O Lord our God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power; because you have created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being. *Revelation 4:11*  
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**Offertory Anthem**

Morning Hymn

Gerald Near

adapted/arranged Charles Raines (b. 1952)  
with new introduction and interlude

*The Christ Church Quartet*

*We thank Thee that Thy church, unsleeping, While earth rolls onward into light, Through all the world her watch is keeping, And rests not now by day or night. As over each continent and island The dawn leads on another day, The voice of prayer is never silent, Nor dies the strain of praise away. The sun that bids us rest is waking Our brethren 'neath the western sky, And hour by hour fresh lips are making Thy wondrous doings heard on high. So be it, Lord; Thy throne shall never Like earth's proud empires, pass away: Thy kingdom stands, and grows forever, Till all Thy creatures own Thy sway.*

**A General Thanksgiving**

*Book of Common Prayer, p. 836*

**All** Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.

We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.

We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know Christ and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. Amen.

**Hymn 779 (Wonder, Love, and Praise)**

The church of Christ in every age

Tune: *Wareham*

The Church of Christ in Every Age



1. The Church of Christ in ev - 'ry age Be - set by  
2. A - cross the world, a - cross the street, The vic - tims  
3. Then let the ser - vant Church a - rise, A car - ing  
4. For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, Can cure the  
5. We have no mis - sion but to serve In full o -



change but Spir - it led, Must claim and test its  
of in - jus - tice cry For shel - ter and for  
Church that longs to be A part - ner in Christ's  
fe - ver in our blood, And teach us how to  
be - dience to our Lord: To care for all, with -



her - it - age And keep on ris - ing from the dead.  
bread to eat, And nev - er live un - til they die.  
sac - ri - fice, And clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.  
share our bread And feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.  
out re - serve, And spread his lib - er - at - ing Word.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000, © 1971, Hope Publishing Company  
Tune: WAREHAM, LM; William Knapp, 1698–1768

**Concluding Blessing**

adapted from Times and Seasons, The Church of England

**Officiant**

May Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of the Divine glory and gladden your hearts with the good news of God's kingdom; and the blessing God almighty—Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit—be with you now and always. **Amen.**

**Organ Postlude**

Hymn Prelude on "From miles around the sick ones came"

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

## Prayers of the People

This week in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Anglican Church of Burundi. Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Alan and Gayle, our Bishops; Amy, Dean of our Cathedral; Carol, our Regional Canon; and Nick, our priest. Also, our companion parish at St. Luc's, Lazil, Haiti and our siblings at the MANNA Community in Boston.

This week in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray the **Parishes of the Boston Harbor Deanery:** Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Boston; The Crossing; MANNA Community; The Cathedral Chapter; Episcopal Boston Chinese Ministry; and Postulants and Candidates for Holy Orders.

In the Needham Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Carter Memorial United Methodist Church and Town Meeting Members.

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of:

Carl Fagerholm by Ingrid and Eamon Melvin  
Thomas J. Wainwright by the Wainwright Family  
Dr. and Mrs. Charles Test by Debby Rempis  
Marjorie Storm Ounanian from the Ounanian Family

Your prayers are requested for Gene, Margaret B. and family, Sharon, Tom C., Bob P., Marian G., Jeff M., Martin W., Richard, Leo, Sommer, Meghan, Jim, Linda, Sara Y., Carol M., Jenny, Geoff C., Kathryn M., Robert B., Jennifer P., Linda B., Kara J., Sarah, Gail, Thomas, Linda F., and Betsey. And prayer for all serving our country - especially, remembering Tom Z., Emmy, Jack, Sean, Ian, Colin, Tim and Andrew.

Please email your prayers to the [office](mailto:office@ccneedham.org) (office@ccneedham.org).

## Thank you to those who assisted in the service today!

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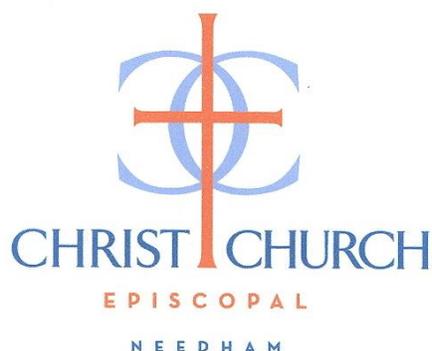
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