



January 30, 2022 at 10 a.m.
Liturgy of the Word for the
Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
Blizzard Edition

Welcome to Christ Church!

Welcome to worship this morning! Not even a blizzard can keep us from gathering as the one Body of Christ, seeking solace and strength, pardon and renewal.

During the season of Epiphany, we celebrate the ways that Jesus is the light of the world. Like the Magi, we encounter the Christ Child and embody God's message of love and compassion as we journey through our days.



Loving God and neighbor, as Jesus teaches

Join us on [Zoom](#) this morning.

Welcome and Announcements

This week's announcements can be found [here](#).

If you would like more information about Christ Church, please [click here](#).

The Opening Acclamation

Officiant Blessed be the One, Holy, and Living God.

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

Officiant 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.

All Amen.

Confession of Sin

Officiant 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.

Officiant 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.

The Collect of the Day

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

All 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.

THE LESSONS

The First Lesson

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Lector The word of the LORD came to me saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you, Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD." Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

At the conclusion of the reading:

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

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 71:1-6

A Psalter for the Christian People, p. 94

The psalm is prayed responsively, breaking at the asterisk.

1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; *

let me never be ashamed.

2 In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; *

incline your ear to me and save me.

3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; *

you are my crag and my stronghold.

4 Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, *

from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.

5 For you are my hope, O Lord GOD, *

my confidence since I was young.

6 I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my mother's womb you have been my strength; *

my praise shall be always of you.

The Epistle

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Lector If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

At the conclusion of the reading:

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People Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

Luke 4:21-30

Preacher The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Preacher Jesus began to speak in the synagogue at Nazareth: "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

At the conclusion of the reading:

Preacher The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Very Rev. Amy McCreath, Dean of the Cathedral of St. Paul, Boston

A moment of silent reflection follows the sermon.

The Nicene Creed

Book of Common Prayer, p. 358

Please stand as comfortable and able if desired, as makes sense in your context.

All

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

adapted from *Times and Seasons*, The Church of England

Please stand or kneel or sit if desired, as able and comfortable, as makes sense in your context.

Intercessor We pray for the coming of God's kingdom. You sent your Son to bring good news to the poor, sight to the blind, freedom to the captives and salvation to your people: anoint us with your Spirit; rouse us to work in his name. Holy One, by your Spirit

People bring in your kingdom.

Intercessor Send us to bring help to the poor and freedom to the oppressed. Holy One, by your Spirit

People bring in your kingdom.

Intercessor Send us to tell the world the good news of your healing love. Holy One, by your Spirit

People bring in your kingdom.

Intercessor Send us to those who mourn, to bring joy and gladness instead of grief. Holy One, by your Spirit

People bring in your kingdom.

Intercessor Send us to proclaim that the time is here for you to save your people. Holy One, by your Spirit

People bring in your kingdom.

Officiant Holy One, use us, just as we are, to bring in your kingdom of mercy, justice, love and peace. Empower us by your Spirit and unite us in your Son, that all our joy and delight may be to serve you, now and forever. **Amen.**

Officiant 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*

Your faithful giving supports our mission and serves Christ in all persons, loving our neighbors as ourselves. To give online [click here](#) or text "CCN123" to 73256.

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.

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.**

Prayers of the People

The flowers intended for the altar today are given in thanksgiving for the bonds of friendship and ministry between Christ Church, Needham and The Cathedral of St. Paul in Boston.

Your prayers are requested for Jody, Jennifer P., Linda B., Ping W., The Pouliot Family, Bryan, Steve, Michael, Mary S., Nancy, Sara Y., Linda F., Kate, Baby Raven N., Kalin N., Pat H., Pam J., Julia and Family, John, James, Judi, David E., Sonia P., Janet, Billy C., Thomas, Gail, and Sarah. And prayers for all serving our country – especially, remembering Brian, Timmy, Tom Z., Emmy, Jack, Sean, Ian, Tim, and Andrew.

This week in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean. 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 for the parishes of the Boston Harbor Deanery: St. John's Church, Jamaica Plain (Boston); Northeastern University Lutheran Episcopal Campus Ministry; St. Cyprian's Church, Roxbury (Boston); St. John & St. James Church, Roxbury (Boston); and Veterans Ministries.

In the Needham Cycle of Prayer, we pray for First Baptist Church and Needham Firefighters.

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

Thank you to Phil Bergen for being the Lector/Intercessor today and to Annie Russell for being the Voice of the People.

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