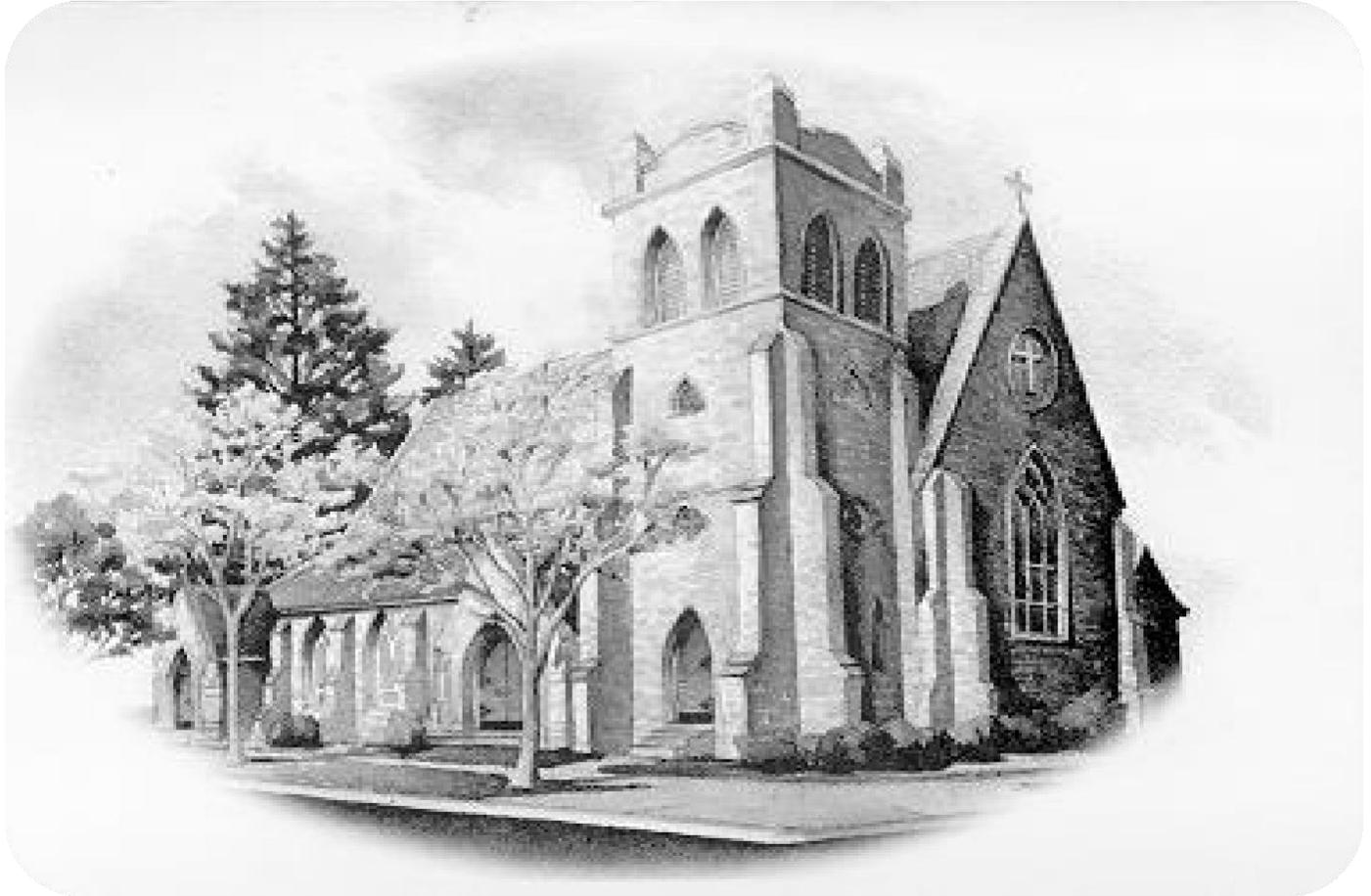


CHRIST CHURCH

NEWTON, NEW JERSEY



The Episcopal Church in the Heart of Sussex County

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The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany February 5, 2023

Prelude: *Prelude in E-flat
Dundee*

Alexander Guilmant
Healey Willan

Processional Hymn 497: *How bright appears the Morning Star*

Wie schon leuchtet

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

People: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. 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 the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen*

Gloria in excelsis, Deo (S278)

Mathias

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al-
might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo-ry. 3. Lord Je-sus Christ,
on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;
5. you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-
ceive our prayer. 6. For
you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
 Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of
 God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Lesson Isaiah 58:1-9a

Shout out, do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion,
to the house of Jacob their sins.

Yet day after day they seek me
and delight to know my ways,

as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;

they ask of me righteous judgments,
they delight to draw near to God.

“Why do we fast, but you do not see?
Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day,
and oppress all your workers.

Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today
will not make your voice heard on high.

Is such the fast that I choose,
a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast,
 a day acceptable to the LORD?
 Is not this the fast that I choose:
 to loose the bonds of injustice,
 to undo the thongs of the yoke,
 to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?
 Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
 and bring the homeless poor into your house;
 when you see the naked, to cover them,
 and not to hide yourself from your own kin?
 Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
 and your healing shall spring up quickly;
 your vindicator shall go before you,
 the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.
 Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
 you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

Lector: The Word of the Lord
People: **Thanks be to God**

The Psalter Psalm 112:2-7,9 *Beatus vir*



Hap-py are they who fear the Lord.

Their descendants will be mighty in the land; *
 the generation of the upright will be blessed.

Wealth and riches will be in their house, *
 and their righteousness will last for ever. [ANTIPHON]

Light shines in the darkness for the upright; *
 the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

It is good for them to be generous in lending *
 and to manage their affairs with justice. [ANTIPHON]

For they will never be shaken; *
 the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; *
 their heart is right;
 they put their trust in the Lord. [ANTIPHON]

They have given freely to the poor, *
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
they will hold up their head with honor.

[ANTIPHON]

The Epistle 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the human heart conceived,
what God has prepared for those who love him”—

these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

Sequence Hymn 488: *Be thou my vision*

Slane

The Gospel Acclamation



Cantor: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

People: **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

Cantor: Your word is a lantern to my feet * and a light upon my path.

People: **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

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

Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Timothy Mulder, *Interim Rector*

Nicene Creed

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.

The Prayers of the People

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. *People: **Lord, have mercy.***

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for Carlye our own Bishop, for Julio, Bishop of Panama and
Archbishop of Central America and for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people
of God, we pray to you, O Lord. *People: **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. *People: **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 to you, O Lord. *People: **Lord, have mercy.***

For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the
light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord. *People: **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. *People: **Lord, have mercy.***

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and
freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord. *People: **Lord, have mercy.***

For all who live and work in this community, we pray to you, O Lord. *People: **Lord, have mercy.***

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord. *People: 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 to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

For ourselves; for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: 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.

People: Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died, in the communion of your Church 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.

People: Lord, have mercy.

I ask your prayers for our parish in this time of discernment. O Giver of every good gift: Look graciously upon your church in this place, and so guide us to grow in commitment and service to you, to one another and to this world, that we may call a faithful priest to join us in the ministry of this parish, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: 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. *People: To you, O Lord our God.*

Celebrant: 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.*

The Confession of Sin

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence. Then the Priest and People pray together:

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

The Absolution

Priest: 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 Peace

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

Air & Chorus: The Marvellous Work (*from THE CREATION*)
Shannah Yerofeyev, *soprano*

F. J. Haydn

*The marvellous work behold amaz'd
The glorious hierarchy of heaven ;
And to th' ethereal vaults resound
The praise of God and of the second day.*

CHORUS

*And to th' ethereal vaults resound
The praise of God and of the second day.*

Presentation Hymn 380(3): *Doxology*

Old Hundredth

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
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, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory in the face of thy 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 and Benedictus (S125)

Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed 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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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.”

Celebrant
 There - fore, ac - cord - ing to his com - mand, O Fa - ther,
Celebrant and People
 We re - mem - ber his death, We pro - claim his re - sur -
 rec - tion, We a - wait his com - ing in glo - ry.

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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.**

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

**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

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

Communion: *Elevation No. 46*

Dom Paul Benoit

Communion Hymn 321 : *My God, thy table now is spread*

Rockingham

Post Communion Prayer

The Celebrant and People together

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.

Closing Hymn 381: *Thy strong word did cleave the darkness*

Ton-y-Botel

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve. Alleluia. Alleluia!

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Organ Voluntary: Sortie

César Franck

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CHRIST CHURCH NOTES:

Lector: Matt Genung

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Ushers: Mike & Denise Streeter

We ask your prayers...

For those who are ill: Alex, Amy, Susy, Dan, Susanna, Valarie, Rick Jr. Aiden, Joyce, Tom and Amanda

For those serving in the armed forces: Parker and Nicholas. For those with child: Alyssa and Sam.

We rejoice with... Noah Maruska, Joe David, Rachael Genung, Barbara Wortmann and all who are celebrating their birthdays this week.

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