



**Welcome to Christ Church**  
**January 4, 2015**  
**2nd Sunday after Christmas (Year B)**



**10:15 Service** is in the leaflet. **Hymns** are in the larger blue books. **Prayer List** is on the stand; **Welcome materials** are on the back table. 10:15 service participants: Lector: S. Bridgman Chalicists & Acolytes: P. Mann, M. Bridgman Altar Guild: L. Goodwin, D. Patton Usher: B. Bastow, R. Wishart Coffee Hour: Jim & Linda, Turquoise Team

**10:15 a.m. Family Eucharist, Rite II (Readings for other services)**

Prelude

**93 Opening Hymn**

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

**People:** **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*(and together)* **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.**

**S280 Gloria** *(sung together)*

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**Celebrant:** God be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Celebrant:** Let us pray

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

**A Reading (Lesson) from the Book of Jeremiah 31:7-14**

Thus says the Lord: "Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, 'Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel. See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, 'He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.' For the Lord has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty," says the Lord.

**Reader:** Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

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

**Psalm 84:1-8**

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! \* *My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.*
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; \* *by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.*
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! \* *they will always be praising you.*
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! \* *whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.*
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, \* *for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.*
- 6 They will climb from height to height, \* *and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.*
- 7 Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; \* *hearken, O God of Jacob.*
- 8 Behold our defender, O God; \* *and look upon the face of your Anointed.*

**A Reading (Lesson) from the Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

*Reader:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**114 Gradual Hymn** (verses 1 & 2 before Gospel, 3 after Gospel) *(please all stand)*

**The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23** *(Glory to you, Lord Christ)*

After the wise men had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son." When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

*Reader:* The Gospel of the Lord

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

**Message** Dave Carter *(all may be seated)*

**The 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

**Prayers of the People, Form III**      *(Lay reader and congregation kneeling or standing)*

Father we pray for your holy Catholic Church

**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of your Church may truly and humbly serve you;

**That your name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests and deacons;

**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest;

**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

For ... *(read names from the intercession sheet)*

*And for those in the Armed Forces but especially for: Angela, Dan, Jeff, Ken, Tom, Jotham, Doug, Joel, Jed, Micah, Bill, Colin, Tim and Jay (and names from the sheet)*

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life...

especially for those celebrating birthdays... *Sarah Bridgman, Joshua Malboeuf, Amanda Wedegis, Sarah Cass, Claudia Abbott, Paul Warner, Jason McNally (and from the sheet)*

For those celebrating anniversaries...

Celebrant: Lord, hear the prayers of thy people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of thy name; through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.      **People:      And also with you**

**102      Offertory Carol**      *(the ushers pass the collection plates)*

**380      Offertory Presentation Hymn** (verse 3 only) *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**The Holy Eucharist: Prayer B**

**S120**      *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 him thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant continues.....* ..... It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. 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.

**S128**   *Sung Together.....* **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.**

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,

*Celebrant and People*   **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 our loved ones and 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, ...***

**Sung Anthem at the Breaking of the Bread**

**S155**   **Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*Celebrant:* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

**Hymns during Communion** (81, 92) *(all baptized are invited to communion)*

**Prayer after Communion:** *Celebrant:* Let us pray together.

*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**

**Announcements**

**107**   **Recessional Hymn**

**Postlude**