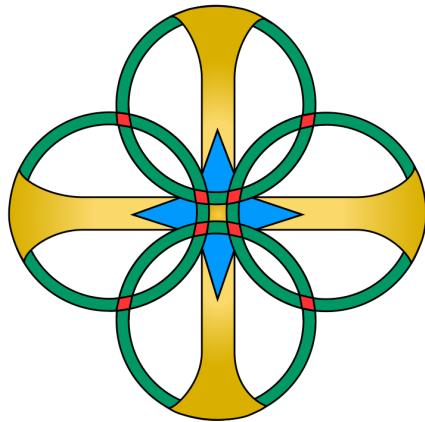

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

February 16, 2025
8:00am and
10:30am (Livestreamed on Facebook)



CHRIST CHURCH
The Episcopal Church of Norcross

We invite you to join as an active participant in the worship of God. The worship service can be found in the red Book of Common Prayer (found in the pew racks) beginning on page 355. The scripture readings and the Prayers of the People are printed in the worship bulletin. Scripture texts are taken from the Revised Common Lectionary. We use the red Book of Common Prayer, the blue 1982 Hymnal, and the Lift Every Voice & Sing II hymnal, all located in the pew racks.

In the time before our worship begins, please be mindful of those who need this time for quiet prayer and meditation.

Newcomers and visitors, we welcome you warmly. May you find here, by the grace of God, that which feeds your soul.

The mission of Christ Church Episcopal is to live, love, and serve boldly together in the name of Jesus Christ.

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude *His eye is on the sparrow* arr. Phillip Keveren

Processional Hymn *St. Denio* Hymnal #423
Immortal, invisible, God only wise

Opening Acclamation BCP p. 355

Collect for Purity BCP p. 355

Song of Praise *Glory to you* Hymnal #S-236

Collect of the Day

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Reading

Jeremiah 17:5-10

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah.

Thus says the Lord: "Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse—who can understand it? I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 1 *Beatus vir qui non abiit*

BCP p. 585

Bless - ed are they who hope in the
Lord, who hope in the Lord.

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.

Refrain

4 It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

Refrain

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

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

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

Engelberg

Hymnal #296

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more

All remain standing.

Holy Gospel

Luke 6:17-26

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus came down with the twelve apostles, and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Nicene Creed

BCP p. 358

Prayers of the People

Deacon or Celebrant

With all our heart and our mind let us offer to God our prayers, saying: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

The Leader and People pray responsively.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God. In Jesus you have made the cursed shrub of desolation to be our tree of life. Cut us away from trust in ourselves, and water our parched and withered hearts with the streams of your love. We pray especially for Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Rob, our Bishop, Edgar and Dan, our clergy, Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

O God, you brought life out of death through the Red Sea waters and through the death and resurrection of our Lord. Call all the peoples of the world out of futile living and believing, that we all may hope in your dominion of justice and peace. We pray especially for Donald, our President, Brian, our Governor, Nicole, our County Chair, and Craig, Mayor of the City of Norcross. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Holy One, in Jesus you touched the troubled and unclean. Reach out and touch all who are troubled. Heal our diseases. Look on especially Jack, Heather, John, Rolando, Bob, Jenny, Debanhi, Judy & Richard, Graham, Ron, and Val. Remove the evil spirit of racism. Let your power cleanse us that we may sing praises to you alone. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Gracious Lord, your mercy encompasses all creation. Stretch out your gracious hand even as we deny and distort your presence in our midst. Fill us with the hunger which makes us dependent on you alone. May our lives extend your healing hand to all the world. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Lord, from creation to covenant and from prophets to present day, you have judged those who seek consolation in their possessions. Bless us with the poverty which opens us to your dominion. Call us away from a life which hoards and squanders your creation. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Abba God, you came to us little and vulnerable. Make us see and become one with the poor that we may share in your dominion. Make us see and become one with the hungry that we may find out satisfaction in serving others. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

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

The People may add their own petitions.

For those who minister to others, especially the Neighborhood Cooperative Ministries, Rainbow Village, our Thrift Shop volunteers, our Stephen Ministers, our Path to Shine volunteers, and those for whom they care, and for our Vestry. Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, especially Dan Pruitt, former organist/choir director at Christ Church from January 2007 through May 2008; Benjamin Blackwell, nephew of Tom and Amy Ross; Jean D. Brooks, mother of Bob and Robin Brooks; Jane D. Moser, grandmother of

Bills & Kassie Diehl; and all who mourn, that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

For members of our parish that we pray for this day:

Keith, Debbie, & Alex England;

Bob Erwin;

Margarita Cruz Escamilla;

Lorena G. Mora Escobar;

and for those who serve in the Armed Forces: Jeff, Daniel, and Andrew. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For the altar flowers given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for our many blessings. Lord, in your mercy, *Hear our prayer.*

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Give us, O God, tears of sorrow for this world. May our laughter grow out of trust that you are indeed Lord of heaven and earth. May we leap for joy in you, through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Confession of Sin

BCP p. 360

Absolution

BCP p. 360

Peace

BCP p. 360

Welcome and Announcements

Mission of Mercy Recipient

The Mission of Mercy recipient for February is Rainbow Village.

Blessings of Birthdays & Wedding Anniversaries

E-Giving QR Code—>



THE HOLY COMMUNION

As we prepare for Holy Communion let us listen attentively with an open heart to the music of the anthem.

*We have gluten free communion wafers available for anyone who requests them.
Please ask the priest for them when you are at the Altar rail.*

Offertory Anthem

Blest are they

arr. David Haas

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

Presentation Hymn

Azmon

Hymnal #493

O, for a thousand tongues to sing

The people remain standing.

Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B		BCP p. 367
Sanctus	<i>Holy, Holy, Holy</i>	Hymnal # S-124
The Lord's Prayer		BCP p. 364
Breaking of the Bread		BCP p. 364
Fraction Anthem	<i>Christ our Passover</i>	Hymnal #S-154
Invitation		BCP p. 364
Communion Anthem	<i>God will take care of you</i>	
Communion Anthem	<i>Lead me, guide me</i>	
Post Communion Prayer		BCP p. 365
Blessing		
<i>The priest blesses the people, saying</i>		
The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. <i>Amen.</i>		
Post Communion Hymn	<i>Duke Street</i> Jesus shall reign where're the sun doth shine	Hymnal #544
Dismissal		BCP p. 366
Postlude	<i>Tell me the stories of Jesus</i>	arr. Phillip Keveren

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**For we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world.
But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content.**

1 Timothy 6:7-8 (ESV) [Stewardship Quote]

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Prayers for Members of Our Parish

Jack Brocksmith, Heather Emery, John Emery, Rolando Guzman,
Bob Haer, Jenny Ham, Debanhi Hernandez, Judy & Richard Moore,
Graham Perrins, Ron Rice, and Val Wilson.

Prayers for the Repose of the Soul

Dan Pruitt, former organist/choir director at Christ Church in 2007-2008;
Benjamin Blackwell, nephew of Tom and Amy Ross;
Jean D. Brooks, mother of Bob and Robin Brooks;
Jane D. Moser, grandmother of Bill & Kassie Diehl.

Prayers for Members of our Military

Jeff Jennings, Daniel O'Keefe, and Andrew Pridgen.

Prayers for Friends and Family

Margo Biringer, Elaine Black, Staci Fair Burnett & family, Brad Burns, Sophia Crawford, Joyce Daniel, Ralph Donnangelo, Will Drummond, Jacob Fair, R.J. Fair, Nick Forleades, Terry Franzen, The Rev. Andrew Frearson, Greg Harry, Dashiell Hatem, Kelli Fair Holloway, Michelle Losey, Val McCall, Kaye McRoberts, Andrew Michael & Family, Andi Mocharski, Yanina & Zeke Moore, Alan Nichols, Edward Oliphant & family, Anita Oliver, James Pernini, Bonnie Pitman, Kristi Powers, Ann Pruitt, Frances Rich, Juan Rios, Robb Riddick, Gary & Cindy Russell, Tom Shaw, Joe Spencer, Andrew Thompson, and Noah Withrow.

Please call 770/447-1166 or e-mail the church office at office@ccnorcross.org to add or remove names from the prayer list.

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TIME SENSITIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please read *The Christ Church Chronicle* (CCC) at www.ccnorcross.org for detailed announcements.

WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL!



To make your visit smoother, please scan the QR code with your smartphone. This will take you to our electronic visitors book, where you can quickly and easily enter your details. Your information helps us keep in touch with all new family members. Welcome home!

SIGN UP TO HOST COFFEE HOUR

Hosting coffee hour is a wonderful way to serve our church community! We're looking for volunteers to provide light refreshments and a welcoming space for fellowship between and after Sunday services in the Parish Hall. You can sign up alone or with a friend to bring a few sweet treats OR a few savory treats. We are also looking for donations of packaged snacks to put out after the 1:00 service. It's easy, fun, and a great way to meet new people. Whether you're a seasoned host or trying it for the first time, we'd love to have you! Use the QR code (to the left) or this link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0E48A4AD2DA5FD0-fallwinter> to access the Signup Genius or Contact Kathy Smith at ksmithd106@gmail.com for more information. Let's keep the coffee flowing and the conversations going!



OPEN YOUR HEART THIS VALENTINE'S DAY FOR OUR RAINBOW VILLAGE FAMILY

Among the various types of support we provide to Rainbow Village as a Faith Partner is our commitment to furnish an apartment for a newly arriving family. Typically, a family comes to RV with virtually no household possessions and need considerable assistance to restart their lives. Because each family is invited to take the household goods with them to ease the transition into their new home when they graduate from the program, there is always a need to extend this helping hand to our next family.

Please visit the Rainbow Village display in Webster Hall where you'll find the needed items listed on the board. Please select one or more items you are willing to order directly from Amazon and put your name and number on the clipboard. All items should be shipped directly to the church office at 400 Holcomb Bridge Road, Norcross, GA 30071 by Sunday, February 23, 2025. Thank you for opening your heart and sharing our love with a family in need. Questions: contact Rita Boughrum graciousgardens@gmail.com

MAINTENANCE DAY, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2025

Don't forget! We are having a Mid-Winter Maintenance Day ! This is the opportunity to satisfy your personal vision of a "mini-mission". Maybe you have noticed an area that needs paint, cleaning, or a small repair. We have lots of opportunities for sprucing up things inside our many buildings.

Currently on the list:

- Replace 50 fluorescent bulbs with LEDs (rewiring the fixtures)
 - Activity Center railing replacements
 - Webster Hall signage
 - Hallway flooring tear out
- Some ceiling tile replacements in breezeway and Ed. Wing.
 - Paint an education wing office
 - Concrete repair front entrance patio
- Paper towel dispenser installed in rest rooms
 - Other small projects as needed

The team effort starts at 9:00am on Saturday, February 15, 2025. We expect to be pretty much done around 12:00pm. Lunch will follow. Please coordinate any maintenance and repair items with Charles Dowdell. charlesdowdell@gmail.com or text to 678/234-3453.

SCOUT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2025

Christ Church Episcopal will be celebrating our scouts at the 10:30am and 1pm services on Sunday, February 23, 2025. All current scouts are invited to wear their uniforms to show their support of scouting. Eagle Scouts should wear their pins. They will be serving as Greeters and Ushers at the 10:30am and 1pm services.

As Scouting America celebrates its anniversary, we salute the splendid volunteers who serve as Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, and in other positions of leadership.

Our Scout unit would like to invite you and your family to be a part of their program.

Please contact Keith England (kengland1963@gmail.com) for more information on scouting. For more detail, please read the Christ Church Chronicle newsletter and the 2024 annual report.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER, MARCH 4, 2025, 6:00PM

Come celebrate Shrove Tuesday a/k/a Fat Tuesday with a delicious pancake supper in Webster Hall on **March 4, 2025, from 6:00pm to 7:30pm**. Bring your family and friends for an evening of great food, fun, and fellowship. Enjoy a variety of pancakes (including vegan and gluten free) and toppings, and take part in the festive atmosphere as we prepare for the Lenten season. All are welcome and we look forward to seeing you there! Suggested donation is \$5 a person (kids eat free!). Don't miss out on this wonderful community event. Mark your calendars and come hungry!

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Liturgical Participants for 8:00am and 10:30am services on Sunday, February 16, 2025

Celebrant..... The Rev. Edgar Otero
Preacher..... The Rev. Daniel J. Burrows
Acolytes..... McKenzie Wortman, Jodi Arminio
Altar Guild Jodi Arminio, Lori Landis
AV Team Eliam Otero, Dwalu Tay; Yamileth Silva, Andrew Yen
Eucharistic Ministers Channing Haskell; Meg Tuel, Angela Becker
Greeters Elliott Brack; Cathy Canfield, Heather Durham, Nancy Emery
Lectors Jenny Ham; Sue Lawton
Ushers..... Scott Bruce; Carla Johnson
Vestry of the Day..... Scott Bruce; Sue Lawton; Yamileth Silva

Liturgical Participants for 8:00am and 10:30am services on Sunday, February 23, 2025

Celebrant..... The Rev. Edgar Otero
Deacon..... The Rev. Daniel J. Burrows
Acolytes..... McKenzie Wortman, Kristie Bernard, Meg Tuel
Altar Guild Cathy Canfield, Heather Durham
AV Team Eliam Otero, Dwalu Tay; Yamileth Silva, Andrew Yen
Eucharistic Ministers Toni Weir; Cathy Canfield, Lori Landis
Greeters Jenny Ham; Amy Ross, Annette Stewart
Lectors Steve Smith; Myrna Campbell-Kelly
Ushers..... Jenny Ham; Stephanie Usher
Vestry of the Day..... Kathy Smith; Janet Orr (10:30am & 1pm)

Liturgical Participants for 8:00am and 10:30am services on Sunday, March 2, 2025

Celebrant..... The Rev. Edgar Otero
Deacon..... The Rev. Daniel J. Burrows
Acolytes..... TBD
Altar Guild TBD
AV Team Eliam Otero, Dwalu Tay; Yamileth Silva, Andrew Yen
Eucharistic Ministers Channing Haskell; Angela Becker, Cathy Canfield
Greeters Robert Richardson; TBD
Lectors TBD; Betsy Pickren
Ushers..... Robert Richardson; Karyn Angstadt
Vestry of the Day..... Charles Dowdell; Diane Cunningham (10:30am & 1pm)

Liturgical Participants for 7am, 12pm, & 7:30pm services on Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025

Celebrant..... The Rev. Edgar Otero
Deacon..... The Rev. Daniel J. Burrows
Acolytes..... TBD
Altar Guild TBD; Amy Ross; TBD
AV Team Yamileth Silva, Andrew Yen (7:30pm)
Eucharistic Ministers Ange Justice; Cathy Canfield; Ann Post & Meg Tuel & Hispanic EM
Greeters TBD; Stephanie Usher; Carla Johnson
Lectors Ange Justice; McKenzie Wortman; Sue Lawton
Ushers..... TBD; Stephanie Usher; Carla Johnson
Vestry of the Day..... Diane Lynch (7am & 12 noon); Sue Lawton (7:30pm)

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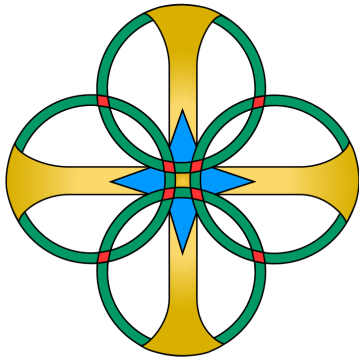
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