



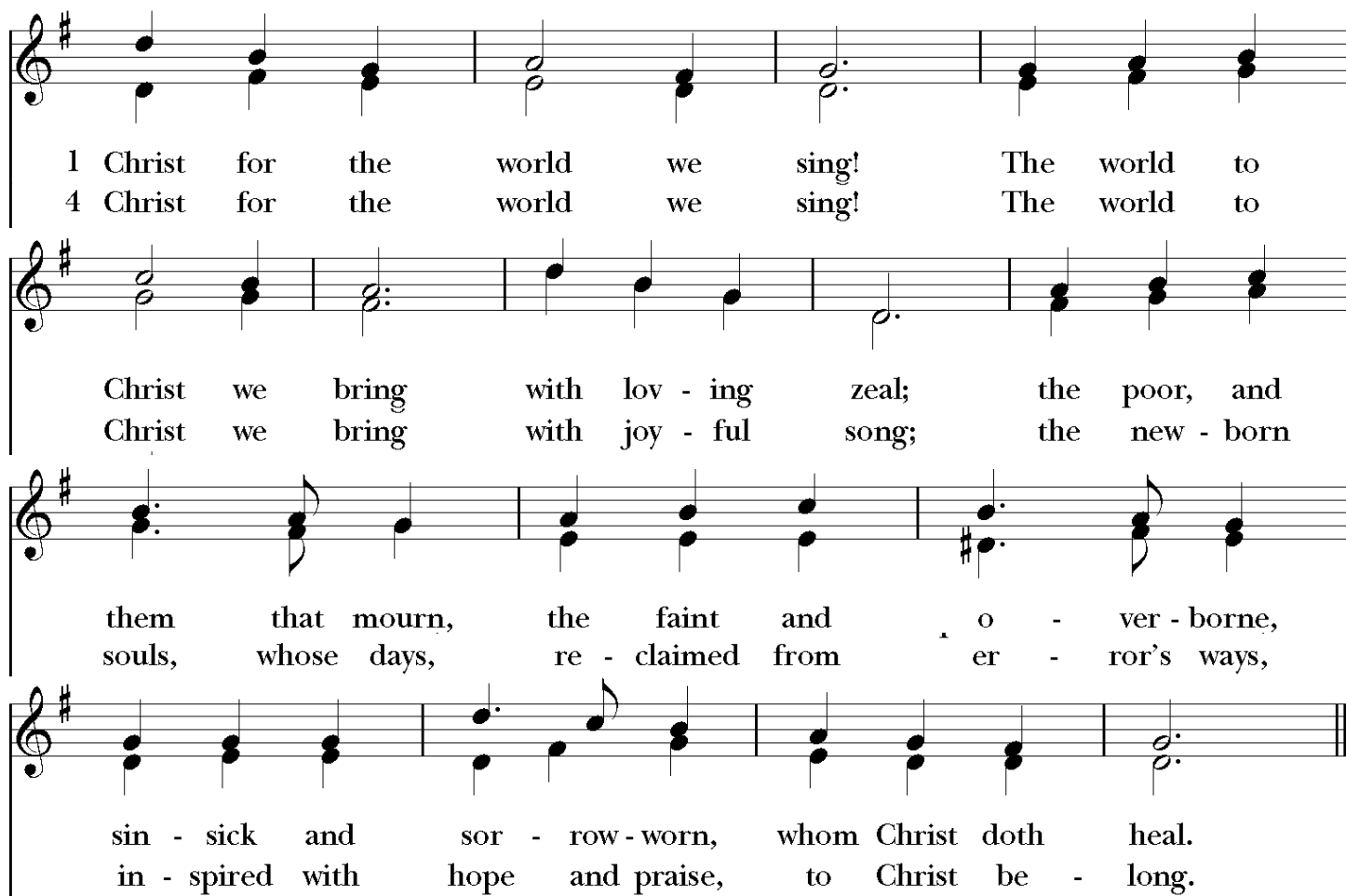
JANUARY 24, 2021 | 10:30 AM
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Prelude: "Come, Follow Me"

Clay Christianson

Opening Hymn: 537 "Christ for the world we sing!" (v. 1 and 4)

Moscow



1 Christ for the world we sing! The world to
4 Christ for the world we sing! The world to

Christ we bring with lov - ing zeal; the poor, and
Christ we bring with joy - ful song; the new - born

them that mourn, the faint and o - ver - borne,
souls, whose days, re - claimed from er - ror's ways,

sin - sick and sor - row - worn, whom Christ doth heal.
in - spired with hope and praise, to Christ be - long.

Call to Worship & Welcome

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Blessed be God: Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

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

The Celebrant and people say 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.

Song of Praise

**Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers;
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

**Glory to you in the splendor of your temple;
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

**Glory to you, beholding the depths;
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant and people say together

Lord Jesus Christ, with those you called by the lakeside, may we follow you, proclaiming the reign of God, and sharing your mission to bring good news to all; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen (from *Prayers for an Inclusive Church*)

First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Reader A reading from the book of Jonah

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 62:6-14

- 6 For God alone my soul in silence waits; *
truly, my hope is in him.
- 7 He alone is my rock and my salvation, *
my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.
- 8 In God is my safety and my honor; *
God is my strong rock and my refuge.

- 9 Put your trust in him always, O people, *
pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.
- 10 Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath, *
even those of low estate cannot be trusted.
- 11 On the scales they are lighter than a breath, *
all of them together.
- 12 Put no trust in extortion;
in robbery take no empty pride; *
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.
- 13 God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, *
that power belongs to God.
- 14 Steadfast love is yours, O Lord, *
for you repay everyone according to his deeds

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Reader A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians

I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn: 661 "They cast their nets in Galilee" (v. 1, 2 and 4) Georgetown

1 They cast their nets in Gal - i - lee just
2 Con - tent - ed, peace - ful fish - er - men, be -
4 The peace of God, it is no peace, but

off the hills of brown; such hap - py,
fore they ev - er knew the peace of
strife closed in the sod. Yet let us

sim - ple fish - er - folk, be - fore the Lord came down.
God that filled their hearts brim - ful, and broke them too.
pray for but one thing— the mar - velous peace of God.

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Peter Homeyer

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.**

Those worshipping with us at home are invited to share their own prayer requests in the comments of our live-stream during the musical interlude.

Prayers of the People form IV

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, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

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, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

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 your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

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, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

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, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

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

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Prayer for a Pandemic

**May we who are merely inconvenienced
remember those whose lives are at stake.**

May we who have low risk factors remember those most vulnerable.

**May we who have the luxury of working from home remember those who must
choose between preserving their health or making their rent.**

**May we who have the flexibility to care for our children at home when their
schools reopen and then close, remember those that have no options.**

**May we who have to cancel our trips
remember those who have no safe place to go.**

**May we who are worried about our margin money
remember those who have no margin at all.**

**May we who have a home for social distancing
remember those who have no home.**

**As indifference grips our country, let us choose love during this time when we
cannot physically wrap our arms around each other, let us yet find ways to be
the loving embrace of God to our neighbor.**

Amen.

Prayer for Peace

**Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is
drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength
known but the strength of love: So mightily spread
abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered
under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as
children of one Father; to whom be dominion and
glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

Concluding Collect

Confession of Sin

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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.**

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

Announcements

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

Prayer For a Birthday

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The People now greet one another in God's grace and peace.

Closing Hymn: 381 "Thy strong word did cleave the darkness" (v. 1 and 2) *Ton-y-Botel*

1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; at thy speak - ing
2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, dark as night and
it was done; for cre - at - ed light we thank thee,
deep as death, broke the light of thy sal - va - tion,
while thine or - dered sea - sons run: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
breathed thine own life - giv - ing breath: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

Postlude: "Fantasia on *Ton-y-Botel*"

Richard Purvis

THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPPING WITH US TODAY!

Rector & Celebrant: The Rev. Peter Homeyer
Director of Music & Organist: Yun Kim
Cantor: Elizabeth Blackwell
Lectors: John Cloud, Stephanie Sexton
Production: Emily Joyce, MaryJane Plote

Permission to reprint, podcast, and / or stream the music in this service obtained from ONE LICENSE with license #A-737087. All rights reserved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 7, 2021 at 10am on Zoom. At the November Vestry meeting, the following motion was approved by the Vestry and will be stated at the beginning of the meeting: "The Annual Meeting approves it's meetings be held in person or other electronic means or a combination thereof provided that the means of communication used allow all members participating in the meeting to hear each other at the same real time and gives each member the ability and opportunity to participate in the discussion pursuant to the Christ Episcopal Church Bylaws and Diocesan Canons."

Christ Church will offer one worship service via Zoom on Sunday, February 7 at 9am. This will lead directly into the Annual Meeting at 10am, with a brief intercession for folks to prepare themselves for the meeting. Zoom link will be published at a later date.

Look for your meeting packet in the mail this week!

Standing Committee Invites Participation in Diocesan-Wide Survey

In a letter to the diocese on January 13, The Standing Committee invited all members to participate in a diocesan-wide survey as the first step in the search for our next bishop. "As part of our work during this transition time leading to the search and call of our next bishop, the Standing Committee invites your participation in a diocesan-wide survey. This will help us understand the health of our diocese and assess our immediate and long-term needs." [Click Here](#) to read full letter & take survey

Ash Wednesday Services and Imposition of Ashes—February 17

Ash Wednesday services will be held on Christ Church's Facebook Live at 12pm and 7pm on February 17, 2021. Imposition of Ashes will be held on the Reconciliation Labyrinth from 4-6pm, following all COVID safety practices.

Vestry Meetings — Change of Schedule

Vestry meetings will now be held on the 4th Thursday of each month at 6:15pm. Agenda items should be submitted to the parish office for consideration by the 3rd Monday of each month. Vestry meetings are open to the parish; if you would like to attend a vestry meeting, please check with the parish office to confirm whether that month's meeting will be held virtually or in-person.

CURRENT WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Sundays

8 AM | Liturgy of The Word
Via Zoom

9 AM | Virtual Coffee Hour
Via Zoom

10:30 AM | Liturgy of The Word with Music
Facebook Live, Christ Episcopal Church, Dayton

Weekdays

9 AM | Morning Prayer Rite II
Facebook Live, Christ Episcopal Church, Dayton

**Christ Episcopal Church
20 W. First St. Dayton, OH 45402
937-223-2239 | www.daytonchristepiscopal.com
Find us on Facebook: Christ Episcopal Church, Dayton**

"The Hill We Climb" by Amanda Gorman

When day comes we ask ourselves,
where can we find light in this never-ending shade?
The loss we carry,
a sea we must wade.
We've braved the belly of the beast,
We've learned that quiet isn't always peace,
and the norms and notions
of what just is
isn't always just-ice.
And yet the dawn is ours
before we knew it.
Somehow we do it.
Somehow we've weathered and witnessed
a nation that isn't broken,
but simply unfinished.
We the successors of a country and a time
where a skinny Black girl
descended from slaves and raised by a single mother
can dream of becoming president
only to find herself reciting for one.
And yes we are far from polished.
Far from pristine.
But that doesn't mean we are
striving to form a union that is perfect.
We are striving to forge a union with purpose,
to compose a country committed to all cultures, colors, characters and
conditions of man.
And so we lift our gazes not to what stands between us,
but what stands before us.
We close the divide because we know, to put our future first,
we must first put our differences aside.
We lay down our arms
so we can reach out our arms
to one another.
We seek harm to none and harmony for all.
Let the globe, if nothing else, say this is true,
that even as we grieved, we grew,
that even as we hurt, we hoped,
that even as we tired, we tried,
that we'll forever be tied together, victorious.
Not because we will never again know defeat,
but because we will never again sow division.
Scripture tells us to envision
that everyone shall sit under their own vine and fig tree
and no one shall make them afraid.

If we're to live up to our own time,
then victory won't lie in the blade.
But in all the bridges we've made,
that is the promise to glade,
the hill we climb.
If only we dare.
It's because being American is more than a pride we inherit,
it's the past we step into
and how we repair it.
We've seen a force that would shatter our nation
rather than share it.
Would destroy our country if it meant delaying democracy.
And this effort very nearly succeeded.
But while democracy can be periodically delayed,
it can never be permanently defeated.
In this truth,
in this faith we trust.
For while we have our eyes on the future,
history has its eyes on us.
This is the era of just redemption
we feared at its inception.
We did not feel prepared to be the heirs
of such a terrifying hour
but within it we found the power
to author a new chapter.
To offer hope and laughter to ourselves.
So while once we asked,
how could we possibly prevail over catastrophe?
Now we assert,
How could catastrophe possibly prevail over us?
We will not march back to what was,
but move to what shall be.
A country that is bruised but whole,
benevolent but bold,
fierce and free.
We will not be turned around
or interrupted by intimidation,
because we know our inaction and inertia
will be the inheritance of the next generation.
Our blunders become their burdens.
But one thing is certain,
If we merge mercy with might,
and might with right,
then love becomes our legacy,
and change our children's birthright.
So let us leave behind a country
better than the one we were left with.

Every breath from my bronze-pounded chest,
we will raise this wounded world into a wondrous one.
We will rise from the gold-limbed hills of the west.
We will rise from the windswept northeast,
where our forefathers first realized revolution.
We will rise from the lake-rimmed cities of the midwestern states.
We will rise from the sunbaked south.
We will rebuild, reconcile and recover.
And every known nook of our nation and
every corner called our country,
our people diverse and beautiful will emerge,
battered and beautiful.
When day comes we step out of the shade,
afame and unafraid,
the new dawn blooms as we free it.
For there is always light,
if only we're brave enough to see it.
If only we're brave enough to be it.

THE NEW DAWN BLOOMS AS WE FREE IT.
FOR THERE IS ALWAYS LIGHT,
IF ONLY WE ARE BRAVE
ENOUGH TO SEE IT -
IF ONLY WE ARE
BRAVE ENOUGH
TO BE IT.

- AMANDA
GORMAN



KIMOTHY
JOY