

January 28, 2024

Epiphany 4
Communion Service

For this service, Christ Church is using BCP 2019.

The congregational responses are in ***bold italic*** print.
Please join us in saying the responses.

Vision Statement: “Our Culture”

As a church of Jesus Christ, Christ Church Westshore exists to help build a great community for all people through a movement of the gospel that brings personal conversion, discipleship in community, meeting needs in the neighborhood, and cultural renewal / revival to the Westshore and, through it, to the world.

“Know – Grow - Serve!”

Processional Hymn

The God of Abraham Praise

Hymn 401



1 The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove;
 2 He by him - self hath sworn: we on his oath de - pend;
 3 There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Right - eous - ness,
 4 The God who reigns on high the great arch - an - gels sing,
 5 The whole tri - um - phant host give thanks to God on high;

1 An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love;
 2 we shall, on ea - gle - wings up - borne, to heaven a - scend:
 3 tri - um - phant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;
 4 and "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," cry, "Al - mighty - y King!
 5 "Hail, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!" they ev - er cry;

1 the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con - fessed:
 2 we shall be - hold his face, we shall his power a - dore,
 3 on Zi - on's sa - cred height his king - dom he main - tains,
 4 Who was, and is, the same, and ev - er - more shall be:
 5 hail, A - braham's Lord di - vine! With heaven our songs we raise;

we bow and bless the sa - cred Name for ev - er blest.
and sing the won - ders of his grace for ev - er - more.
and, glo - rious with his saints in light, for ev - er reigns.
e - ter - nal Fa - ther, great I AM, we wor - ship thee."
all might and ma - jes - ty are thine, and end - less praise.

Words: Thomas Olivers (1725-1799), alt.; Music: *Leoni*, Hebrew melody; harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, alt.

Welcome

THE WORD OF GOD

I will make you, as a light for the nations.

That my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.

Isaiah 49:6

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.*

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 22:37-40 ESV

Song of Praise

O Church Arise

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O Our Come So Church, call see Spir - a - rise, to the it, war, cross, come, and to where put love love strength put your the and in
ar - mour on; cap - tive soul, mer - cy meet, ev - 'ry stride, Hear the but as give the to the Son of God grace of Christ our Cap - tain. For now the cap - tor; And with the strick - en; Then see His ev - 'ry hur - dle; That we may
weak sword foes run can that lie with say makes crushed faith, that the be - are wound - ed His feet, they are strong, whole, in the will the of a

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strength that God has giv - en. With shield of faith and belt of
fight with faith and val - our. When faced with trials on ev - 'ry
Con - quer - or has ris - en. And as the stone is rolled a -
serv - ant, good and faith - ful. As saints of old still line the

10
truth, we'll stand a - gainst the de - vil's lies; An ar - my
side, we know the out - come is se - cure. And Christ will
way, and Christ e - merg - es from the grave, this vic - t'ry
way, re - tell - ing tri - umphs of His grace, we hear their

13
bold, whose bat - tle for cry is Love, reach - ing
have the prize for which He died, an in -
march con - tin - ues till the day ev - 'ry
calls, and hun - ger for the day when, with

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out her - to it - those in dark - - - ness.
eye and heart shall see na - - - tions.
Christ, we stand in glo - - - ry. Him.

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The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Let us pray.

O God, you know that we are set in the midst of many grave dangers, and because of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: Grant that your strength and protection may support us in all dangers and carry us through every temptation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Children's Blessing & Prayer

The people sit.

The First Lesson

Deuteronomy 18:15 – 22

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 111 (*Please pray responsively by whole verse.*)

1. Praise the Lord. I will give thanks unto the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright and among the congregation.
2. ***The works of the Lord are great, sought out by all who have pleasure in them.***
3. His work is worthy to be praised and held in honor, and his righteousness endures for ever.
4. ***He has made his marvelous works to be had in remembrance; The Lord is gracious and merciful.***
5. He has given food to those who fear him; he shall ever be mindful of his covenant.
6. ***He has shown his people the power of his works, that he may give them the heritage of the nations.***
7. The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; all his commandments are true.
8. ***They stand fast for ever and ever and are done in truth and equity.***
9. He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant for ever holy and awesome is his Name.
10. ***The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; a good understanding have all those who live accordingly; his praise endures for ever.***

The Epistle

1 Corinthians 8:1 – 13

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The people stand.

Sequence Hymn

Thy Strong Word

Hymn 381, v 1

Verse 1

Thy strong word did cleave the darkness,

At thy speaking it was done.

For created light we thank thee,

While thine ordered seasons run.

Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise to thee whose light doth send!

Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia without end!

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The people stand.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord according to Mark.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel

Mark 1:21 – 28

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Verse 3

Thy strong word bespeaks us righteous;
Bright with thine own holiness,
Glorious now, we press toward glory,
And our lives our hopes confess.

Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise to thee whose light doth send!
Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia without end!

The Sermon

Rev. Gene Sherman

The Big Picture – "The Authority of Christ"

The people stand.

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.

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 people sit.

The Prayers of the People

From the rising of the sun to its setting let us pray to the Lord:

That the people of God in all the world may worship in spirit and in truth:

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

That the church may discover again that unity which is the Father's will:

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

That the nations of the earth may seek after the ways that make for peace:

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

That the whole creation, groaning in travail, may be set free to enjoy the glorious liberty of the children of God:

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We thank you for all the blessings of this life.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

That all who with Christ have entered the shadow of death may rest in peace and rise in glory:

Let us commend the world, to which Christ showed the way, to the mercy and protection of God. ***Amen.***

Confession

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.***

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16 ESV

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And with your spirit.

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements / Birthdays / Anniversaries

Anniversary:

Cody & Amy Lang 1/28 (1 yr)

What else did God create?

God created all things by his powerful Word, and all his creation was very good; everything flourished under his loving rule.

(Genesis 1:31)

And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good.....

Offertory

Please stand.

Doxology

Hymn 380, v. 3

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise him, all creatures here below,
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

The people remain standing.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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 through Jesus Christ our Lord; who took on our mortal flesh to reveal His glory; that he might bring us out of darkness and into his own glorious light.

Therefore, we praise you joining our voices with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, who forever say this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

***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.***

The people sit or stand.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son into the world for our salvation.

By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me."

Therefore, let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy sacrament, and be made one body with him, so that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the fullness of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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 forever. ***Amen.***

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

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, forever and ever. Amen.

Alleluia, Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed once for all upon the cross.

Therefore, let us keep the feast! Alleluia!

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All who have received Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord; and have been baptized are welcome to receive Communion at Christ Church. If you have not been baptized, or do not desire to receive Communion, we invite you to come forward for prayer with one of our ministers. Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available.

Communion Music (*Please join in*)

What Wondrous Love Is This

Hymn 439

Unison



1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to
3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and

won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won - drous love is this that
God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free I'll

caused the Lord of bliss to lay a - side his crown for my
is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to lay a - side his crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme I will sing.
on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Words: American folk hymn, ca. 1835; Music: *Wondrous Love*, from *The Southern Harmony*, 1835; alt. acc. Carlton R. Young, (b. 1926)

He Will Hold Me Fast

Habershon & Merker



1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
2. Those He saves are His de - light, Christ will hold me fast;

When the tempt - er would pre - vail, He will hold me fast.
Pre - cious in His ho - ly sight, He will hold me fast.

I could nev - er keep my hold through life's fear - ful path;
He'll not let my soul be lost; His Prom - is - es shall last;

For my love is oft - en cold; He must hold me fast.
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;

For my Sav - ior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

3. For my life He bled and died,

Christ will hold me fast; Just - ice has been sat - is - fied;

He will hold me fast. Raised with Him to end - less life,

He will hold me fast till our faith is turned to sight,

when He comes at last! He will hold me fast,

He will hold me fast; For my Sav - ior loves me so,

1. He will hold me fast. 2. He will hold me fast. ENDING

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Song of Celebration

On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand

1. On Jor - dan's stor - my banks I stand, And
 2. All o'er those wide ex - ten - ded plains, Shines
 3. No chill - ing winds nor that pois - onous breath, Can
 4. When shall I reach that hap - py place, And

cast a wish - ful eye To Can - aan's fair and
 one e - ter - nal day There God, the Son for -
 reach that health - ful shore, Sick - ness, sor - row,
 be for - ev - er blessed When shall I see my

7 A E E Bsus B E₁
 hap - py land, Where my po - sses - sions lie - 2. All
 ev - er reigns, And scat - ters night a
 pain and death, Are felt and feared no
 Fa - ther's face, And in his bos - om

10 E 2, 3, 4 Chorus
 way. (Men) I am (Women) I am bound, I am bound, I am bound I am
 more. rest.

13 A B E E
 bound for Prom - ised Land I am bound, I am bound, I am

13 A B E E
 bound for Prom - ised Land I am bound, I am bound, I am

16 B A B E
 bound, I am bound I am bound for Prom - ised Land 3. No
 4. When

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Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, *we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.*

The Blessing

The people respond: Amen.

The people stand.

Recessional Hymn

All Hail the Power, vv. 1-3 & 6

Hymn 450

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of staves. The first system contains the first five verses of the hymn, and the second system contains the next five verses. The lyrics are printed below the staves, with some words hyphenated across lines. The music features a variety of note values, including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, as well as rests. The key signature has one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4.

1 All hail the power of Je - sus' Name! Let an - gels pros-trate
2 Crown him, ye mar - tyrs of our God, who from his al - tar
3 Hail him, the Heir of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did
* 4 Ye heirs of Is - rael's cho - sen race, ye ran-somed of the
* 5 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm-wood and the

1 fall; bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and
2 call: praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and
3 call, the God in - car - nate, Man di - vine, and
4 fall, hail him who saves you by his grace, and
5 gall, go, spread your tro - phies at his feet, and

1 crown him Lord of all! bring forth the roy - al
 2 crown him Lord of all! praise him whose way of
 3 crown him Lord of all! the God in - car - nate,
 4 crown him Lord of all! hail him who saves you
 5 crown him Lord of all! go, spread your tro - phies

1 di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!
 2 pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all!
 3 Man di - vine, and crown him Lord of all!
 4 by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
 5 at his feet, and crown him Lord of all!

6 Let every kindred, every tribe,
 on this terrestrial ball,
 to him all majesty ascribe,
 and crown him Lord of all!

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Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our February Prayer Meeting Dates & Times:

Morning Prayer – Mondays, Tuesdays, & Thursdays at 10:00 AM

Mid-Day Prayer – 1st, 2nd, 4th & 5th Wednesday at 12:00 PM

Monthly Evening Corporate Prayer Meeting – 2/26 at 7:30 PM

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER – Come enjoy pancakes & sausage with your CCW family **Tuesday, February 13th, 5:30 – 700 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. Join in the talent show and cheer the kids on as they race and flip pancakes to win the Golden Skillet. Please RSVP and include the number of people attending on the Realm post sent out last week. In addition, we also need volunteers to either cook, set up, or tear down. There are sign-up sheets in the back of the church for volunteers. If you are available to help, please add your name(s) to the appropriate column. **The deadline for your RSVP is Friday, February 9th** so we can provide plenty of food and beverages! Contact Gene directly for the talent show. Make sure to invite a friend or two for the fun and games!

Tuesday Men's Bible Study – Our winter session began on **Tuesday, January 16th, from 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM in the Hearth Room.** The Bible Study is a live-streamed study each week as our CCW minister, Gene Sherman, works verse by verse through the book of 1st John to help equip and teach those following Christ. We have taken this local men's bible study's content and made it available to anyone to watch via live stream on our website, Facebook page, or YouTube channel on Tuesday mornings.

Wednesday Little Church – This Little Church group began meeting on Wednesdays last week for a Bible Study & wrap up with Communion. On the 3rd Wednesday of the month, we lead a service for the Knickerbocker Apartments where we have been in partnership since the early 1970's. Please join us!

Read, Mark, Learn – Our Read, Mark, Learn midweek Bible study begins on **Wednesday, January 24th at 7p.m.** This semester we will be diving into the book of Psalms and exploring the beauty of the powerful prayers and songs of Israel. The Psalms are so much more than Old Testament poetry, they are Scripture's invitation to pour our hearts out to the Lord in every circumstance of our life. Come and join us in studying how these ancient songs can aid us in our walk with Christ today. **If you plan to join us or have any questions,** please contact Cody Lang at clang@christchurchwestshore.com.

Faith Seeking Understanding Catechism Class – Our catechism class is starting back up, beginning today, **Sunday, January 28 at 9:15 a.m.** Paul wrote to Timothy, "*for while **bodily training** is of some value, **godliness** is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come.*" Just as we exercise our bodies, we need to exercise our souls, drawing near to Jesus to become more like him. This semester we will be exploring and practicing spiritual disciplines to help us grow in our Christlikeness. Join us and discover some new ways to spend time with the Lord throughout your week and see how God will meet you in the process.



Sermon Text: Mark 1: 21 – 28

²¹And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath he entered the synagogue and was teaching. ²²And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. ²³And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, ²⁴“What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God.” ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” ²⁸And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.



Giving

**The flowers at the Altar are given
to the glory of God!**

2024 Financials

Through Sunday	1/21/2024
Current Month Total Expense Budget	\$44,071
Current Month Actual Revenues	\$44,253
YTD Total Expense Budget	\$44,071
YTD Actual Revenues	\$44,253
Annual 2024 Total Expense Budget	\$555,002

Attendance for 1/21/2024

9:00 a.m. — 19

10:30 a.m. — 90

Wednesday — 6

Online — 44