

THE THRID SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY:

Morning Prayer – January 24, 2021

OPENING HYMN - “Christ for the World We Sing”

537, *Hymnal 1982*

1. Christ for the world we sing! The world to Christ we bring
with loving zeal; the poor, and them that morn, the faint and overborne,
sin-sick and sorrow-worn, whom Christ doth heal.
2. Christ for the world we sing! The world to Christ we bring
with fervent prayer; the wayward and the lost, by restless passions tossed,
redeemed at countless cost from dark despair.
3. Christ for the world we sing! The world to Christ we bring
with one accord; with us the work to share, with us reproach to dare,
with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Officiant:

Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. *Isaiah 60:3*

CONFESSION OF SIN

Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence

Officiant and People:

***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.***

Officiant: 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.***

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

People: ***And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.***

Officiant and People:

***Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.***

Officiant: The earth is the Lord's for he made it:

People: ***Come let us adore him.***

PSALM 62:6-14

Officiant and People:

***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.***

THE FIRST LESSON - 1 CORINTHIANS 7:29-31

Reader: A reading from the First Letter of Paul 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: The Word of the Lord.

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

THE GOSPEL - MARK 1:14-20

Gospeler: A reading from the Gospel of Mark

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.

Gospeler: Here ends the reading.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Benson Shelton

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Officiant and People:

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;*

*I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.*

*He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.*

*On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

THE PRAYERS

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us pray.

Officiant and People:

***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.***

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Officiant:

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Reader: Put your trust in God always, O people. With humble hearts let us pray to God: “Steadfast love is yours, *O Lord*; show us mercy.”

O God, you have called your Church to be merciful. May your Church be known by the love we show and the grace we speak. Our souls in silence wait for you.

Silence

Reader: Steadfast love is yours, O Lord;

People: Show us mercy.

Reader: O God, you love those we call enemy. Transform our hearts that we might not wish for the destruction of any but instead hope for the salvation of all people. Our souls in silence wait for you.

Silence

Reader: Steadfast love is yours, O Lord;

People: Show us mercy.

Reader: O God, we recognize that we take your creation for granted. Forgive us and teach us to be good stewards. Our souls in silence wait for you.

Reader: Steadfast love is yours, O Lord;

People: Show us mercy.

Reader: O God, we lift to you the hungry and poor of our region. We ask you to be for them a strong rock and refuge. Our souls in silence wait for you.

Silence

Reader: Steadfast love is yours, O Lord;

People: **Show us mercy.**

Reader: O God, in you is our safety and honor. Bless those who are sick and those who are brokenhearted. Give to all the comfort of your peace. Our souls in silence wait for you.

The people may add their own petitions and thanksgivings, followed by silence.

Reader: Steadfast love is yours, O Lord;

People: **Show us mercy.**

Reader: O God, even while this life is passing away, you are faithful. Receive into your heavenly kingdom the dying and the dead. Continue to bless them with your love. Our souls in silence wait for you.

Silence

Reader: Steadfast love is yours, O Lord;

People: **Show us mercy.**

Silence

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Officiant and People:

*Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.*

THE BLESSING

Officiant:

May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his only Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Deacon:

Christ has no body now on earth but yours,
No hands but yours,
No feet but yours,

Yours are the eyes through which Christ's compassion
is to look out to the earth,

Yours are the feet by which he is to go about doing good
And yours are the hands by which he is to bless us now.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon: Now let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN - "They Cast Their Nets in Galilee"

661, Hymnal 1982

1. They cast their nets in Galilee just off the hills of brown;
such happy, simple fisherfolk, before the Lord came down.
2. Contented, peaceful fishermen, before they ever knew
the peace of God that filled their hearts brim-ful, and broke them too.
3. Young John who trimmed the flapping sail, homeless, in Patmos died.
Peter, who hauled the teeming net, head-down was crucified.
4. The peace of God, it is no peace, but strife closed in the sod.
Yet let us pray for but one thing- the mar-velous peace of God

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DAILY PRAYERS
INTERCESSIONS AND THANKSGIVINGS

Birthdays this week

Jan. 24: Kerri Bonfadini
Jan. 25: Billy DeJarnette
Jan. 28: Jens Tholand
Jan. 29: Michael Bonfadini
Jan. 29: Harry Smith

Anniversaries

None

Needs of our own congregation and others

Anne Morris	Jack Kunlo	Gwen Kennedy
Audrey Bryce	Wayne Sanders	Harry Gillispie
Barbara Cook	Ray Johns	Benji Brackman
Benjamin Ryan	Melanie Chambers	Bo Cornwell
Bill Browning	John Bunt	Frank Drumheller
Buddy Clark	Linda Stacey	Butch Davies
Jackie Drumheller	Haley Clark	Kirsten Brannon
Jeanette Goss	Peter Schwenke	Emily Willis
Robert Dodd	Joe Leary	Doris Stover
Rosalie White	Martha Turner	Deacon Emmetri Beane
Russ Lloyd	Caitlin Turner	Sonja Johns
Sally Jebson	Edie Clark	Dan Hadlock
Stephen Brown	Anthony Smith	Carol Galloway

Deaths: Mike Millikin and Bern Gagnon

Military

Braeden Woodside (AWSAN USN)	Matthew Stevens (RTC USMC)
Carrington Travers (PO)	Nate Cotter (USMC)
David A. Hoffman (Lt. Col.)	Rudolph Travers, Jr. (E3)
Jessica Helsel (Capt.)	Taylor Craddock (USSF)
Michael Sprinkel (US Navy)	

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VIRTUAL ANNUAL MEETING - FEB. 7 - 12 PM

Our Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, Feb. 7 at 12 PM on Zoom. We'll vote on new vestry member/s, review our warden's and treasurer reports, and the 2021 budget. A Zoom meeting invitation link, along with instructions for using Zoom, will be emailed to everyone on that Sunday morning.

Vestry Nominees:

Peyton Cramer and Marty Moon

Please vote to elect two new Vestry members. Email your vote to ssac@ststephensculpeper.net before Feb. 5

THE CULPEPER FOOD CLOSET NEED OF THE WEEK

Below are few items we will need over the next several weeks, however any donation is gratefully accepted.

- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Pork n Beans
- Canned Pasta (Chef Boyardee, SpaghettiOs)
- Canned Fruit
- Applesauce (cans or single serve cups)

Mail monetary donations to: The Culpeper Food Closet
 P.O. Box 343
 Culpeper, VA 22701

PRAYER LIST UPDATE

We are updating our weekly prayer list. If you know of anyone who has been healed, let us celebrate their recovery by removing their name. If you would like to add a name, please email Karen: krosica@ststephensculpeper.net.



Giving is a way to worship God — to honor Him as your provider, and remind yourself that all of your resources belong to Him, provided through His grace. God instituted giving as a way to worship Him, to protect our hearts from greed, and to support the work of the church, care for the poor, and help to share the Gospel to communities around the world. We have set up convenient ways for you to continue giving to the ministry of St. Stephen's. If you have any questions or need additional information, please email the office or bookkeeper:

ssac@ststephensculpeper.net
bookkeeper@ststephensculpeper.net.

Checks by Mail or Automatic Bill Pay

Mail checks to the church office or use Bill Pay through your bank. This is the electronic equivalent of writing a check. To obtain bank information, please email: bookkeeper@ststephensculpeper.net.

Mail checks to: St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
 115 N. East Street
 Culpeper, VA 22701

If you are mailing your regular pledge, be sure to include your envelope number on the memo line. If you are mailing an unpledged amount, please specify if it's for the General Fund or Rector's Discretionary Fund.

Online Giving

As a convenience, we accept donations on our website. This method will allow you to give to our General Funds or the Rector's Discretionary Fund, using a credit card or debit. You may set up a one-time or recurring donation. You can also set up your annual pledge. All donations are always safe and secure. Select the "Give" link on our website.

Pledging

Setting up an annual pledge helps us to keep our budget balanced, paying for both monthly and unplanned expenses. You can fill out a pledge card online or contact bookkeeper@ststephensculpeper.net.

Zoom is a virtual meeting platform we use while practicing social distancing.

**Please contact the ministry's group leader for information and to request a Zoom meeting invitation link sent to you. If you don't know who to contact:
Heidi: hwarner@ststephensculpeper.net or Karen: krosica@ststephensculpeper.net**

You can use Zoom on your computer, tablet, iPhone, or Android. It would be helpful if your computer has a video camera microphone; most have these built in. If you don't have a camera or mic available, you can listen and speak using a telephone. Simply download the app and follow the steps below. If you have any difficulties or questions, please contact Heidi in office.

Let's Get Going...

For phone or tablet

1. Download the Zoom Cloud Meetings app and follow the instructions
2. Meeting Hosts will email you an invitation link to their meeting

For computers

1. Download the Zoom app: <https://zoom.us/download>
2. When the install has finished, click: zoominstaller.exe in the lower left corner of your screen
3. The program is now ready for you to join meetings
4. The meeting host will send you an email invitation to the meeting
5. From your email inbox, open the email from the group host
6. Under "Join Zoom Meeting", click the link provided: [https://\(link\)](https://(link))
6. Click Open Zoom
7. You may be asked to enter your name
8. To use telephone only, click Phone Call and a phone number will be provided
9. The host will allow you to enter the meeting
9. To use your computer, click Computer Audio (there will be a button to test your speaker and mic)

You have several options to enhance your computer meeting experience

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We hope you find Zoom an easy and helpful resource to stay connected.