

# Christ Church

## Third Sunday in Epiphany

January 24, 2010  
10:30am Berkeley, 5:00pm Rockridge

### Gathering and Reflecting

"Authenticity is a crucial quality of the storyteller. He must be congruent with his story—his tongue, feet, and wallet must move in the same direction".

*-Peter Guber, "The Four Truths of the Storyteller," Harvard Business Review (2008)*

"Do they profess to have delighted us by telling us that they hold our soul to be only a little wind and smoke, especially by telling us this in a haughty and self-satisfied tone of voice? Is this a thing to say gaily? Is it not, on the contrary, a thing to say sadly, as the saddest thing in the world?"

*-Blaise Pascal, french mathematician responding to the Western Enlightenment (1623-1662)*

### Prelude

Today's Worship Pastor: Jonathan St. Clair  
Today's Teaching Pastor: Bart Garrett

### Call to Worship - Psalm 62

Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Yes, my soul, find rest in God;  
my hope comes from him.

**Truly he is my rock and my salvation;  
he is my fortress, I will not be shaken.**

My salvation and my honor depend on God;  
he is my mighty rock, my refuge.

**Trust in him at all times, you people;  
pour out your hearts to him,  
for God is our refuge.**

Surely the lowborn are but a breath,  
the highborn are but a lie.  
If weighed on a balance, they are nothing;  
together they are only a breath.

**Do not trust in extortion  
or put vain hope in stolen goods;  
though your riches increase,  
do not set your heart on them.**

One thing God has spoken,  
two things I have heard:  
"Power belongs to you, God,

and with you, Lord, is unfailing love";  
and, "You reward everyone  
according to what they have done."

## Holy Holy Lord

Holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might;  
heav'n and earth are full of You.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of God;  
blessed is he who comes from You.

*Chorus*

Hosanna, Hosanna, You reign!

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## We Crown You

All hail the power of Jesus' name,  
the wonders of His grace, our Savior  
All bow before the King of Love  
our treasure and our God, Redeemer  
There is none more holy, great and mighty  
No one like our God

*Chorus*

King of Kings and God of Grace, we crown You

Our Redeemer strong to save, we crown You

High and holy lifted up

There is none more worthy Lord

We crown You Lord of all

All sing a melody of praise  
Our grateful hearts we raise to You, our treasure  
All rise and shout a victory cry  
Jesus is alive, and we have been forgiven  
There is none more holy, great and mighty  
No one like our God

For the life that You've restored  
For the hope that's been reborn  
Every prodigal called home  
Grace and mercy You have shown  
For the blood that washed me pure  
For my sin and shame no more  
Son of God our greatest prize  
King of Glory, Jesus Christ

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## Confession of Sin

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."

*Silence is kept for private confession of sin.*

Let us humbly confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Holy and merciful God,  
in your presence we confess  
our sinfulness, our shortcomings,  
and our offenses against you.  
You alone know how often we have sinned  
in wandering from your ways,  
in wasting your gifts,  
in forgetting your love.  
Have mercy on us, O Lord,  
for we are ashamed and sorry  
for all we have done to displease you.  
Forgive our sins,  
and help us to live in your light  
and walk in your ways,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
Amen.

## Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners

Jesus! What a friend for sinners!  
Jesus! Lover of my soul;  
Friends may fail me, foes assail me,  
He, my Savior, makes me whole.

*Chorus*

Hallelujah! What a Savior!  
Hallelujah! What a friend!  
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,  
He is with me to the end.

Jesus! What a strength in weakness!  
Let me hide myself in Him.  
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing,  
He, my strength, my vict'ry wins.

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## Prayer of Adoration

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
And also with you.

## Welcoming One Another

*Children in kindergarten through fourth grade may be dismissed for Children's Church at this time.*

## Gloria Patri

Glory be to God the Father,  
and to Christ His only Son;  
praise we too the Holy Spirit,  
binding all the Church as one:  
As it was in the beginning,  
is for now and evermore.

Amen!

*Gloria Patri, 2nd cent., Lyrics Adapted by Carlton Young, 1973*

*Music by Eric Gilbert ©2009*

# The Lord's Word

*The Bible (from 'papyrus, scroll'), consists of the books of the Old Testament (Law, Prophets, and Writings) and the New Testament (Gospels, Acts, Letters, and Revelation). The Scriptures are God's words – his powerful, authoritative self-expression and revelation. The prose and poetry of the various genres of the Bible tell the story of God's redeeming love for the world, making us "wise for salvation through faith in Jesus Christ... thoroughly equipped for every good work" (2 Timothy 3). Listen to God's voice calling, shaping, energizing, and directing his church in her mission to bless the world and build the kingdom of God "on earth as it is in heaven" (Matthew 6).*

## New Testament Lesson

A reading from Ephesians 2:8-10; 3:1-13.

Eph 2:8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—<sup>9</sup> not by works, so that no one can boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

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Eph 3:1 For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—

<sup>2</sup> Surely you have heard about the administration of God's grace that was given to me for you, <sup>3</sup> that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly. <sup>4</sup> In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, <sup>5</sup> which was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets. <sup>6</sup> This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.

<sup>7</sup> I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power. <sup>8</sup> Although I am less than the least of all the Lord's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ, <sup>9</sup> and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. <sup>10</sup> His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, <sup>11</sup> according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. <sup>12</sup> In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence. <sup>13</sup> I ask you, therefore, not to be discouraged because of my sufferings for you, which are your glory.

This is the Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

## Teaching

Series: Resolved  
Title: To Tell the Story

## Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

- *We offer our gifts in gratitude and faith in response to God's gifts of bread and wine, the body and blood of Jesus Christ.*
- *The Christian church has historically taken up alms for the poor, weak, and needy during worship.*
- *Christians offer a sacrificial portion of their resources -time, talents, treasures - as an act of faith and gratitude in response to God's grace, which enables the church to continue doing God's work in the church, the city, and the world.*
- *Those who are not Christians should feel under no compulsion to give; your presence is a good gift to us.*
- *Many members and regular attenders give tithes and special offerings through automatic bill payment via bank check; your bank will gladly set that up for you. Checks for the offering may be made payable to Christ Church. All gifts are tax deductible with receipts issued at the conclusion of the tax year.*

## Gospel Lesson

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 1:14-18.

Jn 1:14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only [Son], who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

15 (John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, "This is he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.' ") 16 Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. 17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. 18 No one has ever seen God, but the one and only [Son], who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Prayers of the People

*As we prepare to come to Jesus in the feast of the Lord's Supper, we also bring the church, the city, and the world before the throne and table of our King. We pray together with one heart and mind, agreeing with the prayers offered, and adding our own silent prayers.*

Let us pray for the church...

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

Let us pray for the city...

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

Let us pray for the world...

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

Give ear to our prayers, O Father,  
for the sake of your son Jesus,  
our only mediator and advocate.  
**Amen.**

## The Lord's Supper

*The signature celebratory feast of Christians has many names: the Love Feast, the Freedom Meal, the Bread Breaking, the Lord's Supper, Communion (from 'sharing'), the Eucharist (from 'thank you'), and the Mass (from 'Go, you are sent out'). This adaptation of the Jewish Passover has always been a common, shared, joyous family meal for those who follow Jesus, looking back to his once-for-all sacrificial death and looking forward to his return. When we celebrate the feast we commune with the risen Lord Jesus who stands as our host to offer forgiveness, healing, and life; we also commune with one another, participating together in the reconciling grace of God.*

*We invite all who follow Jesus to partake of the Lord's Supper – Baptized Christians who confess the faith, are at peace with God and neighbor, and seek strength to live more faithfully for Christ. If you are not yet a Christian, or if you are a Christian who is not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage your prayerful observation in the hopes that you may consider your relationship with Jesus and with his church.*

*The order of our celebration follows the four actions Jesus performed with the bread and wine when he gathered his disciples around the table: he took, he blessed, he broke, and he gave.*

## He Took

Let us all confess our faith from the Apostle's Creed.

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God  
the Father almighty.  
From there he will come 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.

## He Blessed and Broke

The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.

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. 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:

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!

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of the faith:  
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Christ, our Passover, is sacrificed for us.  
Therefore, let us keep the feast.

As our Savior taught us, so we pray,  
Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For yours is the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory, forever and ever.  
Amen.

## He Gave

The gifts of God for the people of God.  
Thanks be to God.

- *You may come by rows, beginning with the front row, to receive Holy Communion. Eat the bread when you are ready and hold onto the cup (red wine or white grape juice) so we can drink it together as a symbol of our unity in Christ.*
- *Those who are not receiving communion are encouraged to come to the servers to receive a blessing. You may fold your arms across your chest to indicate that you will not receive bread and wine.*
- *Please place your communion cups in the recycle bin in the back of the worship space at the conclusion of the service.*

### Prayers During Communion

#### *Prayer for Truth*

God, if you are real and you care about me, please show up in my life. Give me understanding of mind and experience of heart to know who you are, who I am, and what life in this world is about. If Jesus is "the way, the truth, and the life," then I need you to persuade me. If it is true that "Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again," then give me faith. Amen.

#### *Prayer for Repentance and Belief*

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.

#### *Prayer for Renouncing Sin*

Lord Jesus, you have called us to be poor in spirit, meek, hungry and thirsty for righteousness, merciful, and pure in heart. Grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need and turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the bread of life. Enable me to love you with my whole heart and love my neighbor as myself. Amen.

#### *Prayer for Renewal and Commitment*

Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism, to love God and neighbor, and to a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, to pursue forgiveness, reconciliation, and peace, and to live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.

## Communion Prayer

Let us give thanks to God.  
Gracious God,  
we thank you for the love  
that brings us food from heaven,  
gives us the life of your dear Son,  
and assures us that we belong  
to the company of all his faithful people  
in heaven and on earth.  
Grant that, strengthened by this fellowship  
and by the power of his Holy Spirit,  
we may continue his work in the world,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

Jesus, I my cross have taken,  
All to leave and follow Thee.  
Naked, poor, despised, forsaken,  
Thou from hence my all shall be.  
Perish every fond ambition,  
All I've sought or hoped or known.  
Yet how rich is my condition!  
God and heaven are still my own.

Man may trouble and distress me,  
'Twill but drive me to Thy breast.  
Life with trials hard may press me;  
Heaven will bring me sweeter rest.  
Oh, 'tis not in grief to harm me  
While Thy love is left to me;  
Oh, 'twere not in joy to charm me,  
Were that joy unmixed with Thee.

Go, then, earthly fame and treasure,  
Come disaster, scorn and pain  
In Thy service, pain is pleasure,  
With Thy favor, loss is gain  
I have called Thee Abba Father,  
I have stayed my heart on Thee  
Storms may howl, and clouds may gather;  
All must work for good to me.

Soul, then know thy full salvation  
Rise o'er sin and fear and care  
Joy to find in every station,  
Something still to do or bear.  
Think what Spirit dwells within thee,  
Think what Father's smiles are thine,  
Think that Jesus died to win thee,  
Child of heaven, canst thou repine.  
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## Stories From Our Community

### Blessing and Sending

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.

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

### Postlude

*Those who regularly worship with us may help us recycle the outer worship folder by placing them in the re-use bin in the back.*

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### New to Christ Church?

*Christ Church exists to lead people into a deeper relationship with Christ and his Church through community for the city. We hope you will join us in the mission.*

## Welcome Table

At the conclusion of the worship service, please stop by the Welcome Table on your way out. You will meet someone who can give you more information about the church and help you fill out a card for the upcoming Newcomer Meal.

## Newcomer Meal - Sunday, Mar 7

We invite you to join the pastors, other newcomers, and folks from the Christ Church community for a casual meal within the first several weeks or months of your first visit to Christ Church. You will get to know others in our community, hear the story, vision, and mission of Christ Church, and learn how you can be more involved in our worship and work. Fill out a Newcomer Card at the Welcome Table to let us know you are interested.

## Newcomer Class - Sundays, Jan 31 to Feb 21, following worship services

After you have come to our Newcomer Meal, please join the pastors and other newcomers for a four-week, one-hour class to get to know one another, explore what we believe about Christianity, and discover how you can partner with Christ Church to put those beliefs into practice in your life, church, community, and city. We meet immediately following each worship service.

## Weekly Emails about Upcoming Events

Sign up on our home page for "This Week at Christ Church," a weekly or bi-weekly email about upcoming events in the life of our community. You may unsubscribe at any time.

## Upcoming Events

*For a complete listing of announcements and information, please visit our announcements page and website calendar at [www.christchurchberkeley.org](http://www.christchurchberkeley.org).*

### New Family-Friendly Community Group - Starting Thursday, Feb 4, 6-7:30pm

Do you have to fall off the face of the earth when you have young children? Do significant relationships and a substantive spiritual life have to go out the window? The Christ Church pastors will lead a family-friendly group at College Avenue Presbyterian Church through March; we hope that by April the group will be established with everyone serving in different capacities. Dinner will be shared from 6:00-6:30; childcare will be shared among the group from 6:30-7:30 so that parents can pray and engage in a guided discussion without distractions. Kids will be home and in bed at a reasonable time. Please contact [jonathan@christchurchberkeley.org](mailto:jonathan@christchurchberkeley.org) if you are interested.

### Day of Peace - Saturday, Feb 6, 9-12pm

Join us at LeConte Elementary School in Berkeley and Claremont Middle School in Oakland, helping their PTAs with various buildings and grounds projects. Snacks and drinks will be provided; wear your work clothes & bring your friends! Please RSVP at the Project Peace Website ([www.projectpeaceeastbay.org](http://www.projectpeaceeastbay.org)). NOTE: Both sites are family friendly; no childcare provided, but supervised children welcome.

### Lenten Prayer Retreat - Mar 5-7

The season of Lent is a time to draw closer to God in prayer. This co-ed retreat will involve corporate prayer, reflections on prayer, and directed silence in which to be alone with God for reading, journaling, and prayer. The retreat will be at St. Columba Retreat House near Point Reyes. There is space for thirty people, and the cost is \$80 per person. Please contact [jonathan@christchurchberkeley.org](mailto:jonathan@christchurchberkeley.org) if you are interested.

### Parenting Roundtable - Saturday, Mar 6, 9-11am

Bart and Katie Garrett will host this interactive morning of learning and discussion at College Avenue Presbyterian Church (5951 College Avenue). This is a great opportunity to spend time with other parents in our church while discovering and discussing what it means to love our kids and families well. The cost of the event is \$8 per adult and \$3 per child, and covers brunch, childcare and materials. Please RSVP by February 25 to Emily George at [emily@christchurchberkeley.org](mailto:emily@christchurchberkeley.org).

### Teachers for Children's Church

We need teachers for Children's Church at the Rockridge worship service. You will be given curriculum and training to teach once per month or be a substitute. Please contact [Ann.Ellistonann@christchurchberkeley.org](mailto:Ann.Ellistonann@christchurchberkeley.org) if you are interested.

### Baptism and Beliefs - Sundays, Time TBD

Are you wondering whether you or your child should be baptized? Do you want to explore the meaning of baptism and the basics of the historic Christian faith?

Feb 28: Watch and discuss a video about baptism

Mar 14: "I believe in God the Father"

Mar 21: "I believe in Jesus Christ"

Mar 28: "I believe in the Holy Spirit"

Please contact [jonathan@christchurchberkeley.org](mailto:jonathan@christchurchberkeley.org) if you are interested.

## **Saving Your Marriage Before (and After) It Starts – Mar to May, Day & Time TBD**

Nearly married? Newly married? Can't remember how long you have been married? In this 8-week group we will view and discuss videos from Drs. Les and Lesslie Parrott. Please contactjonathan@christchurchberkeley.org if you are interested.

## **Enroll in Financial Peace University – Mar to Jun, Day & Time TBD**

This life-changing 13 week video program teaches you how to make the right decisions with your money and empowers you with the practical skills and confidence needed to achieve your financial goals and experience true financial peace. The average family pays off \$5,300 in debt and saves \$2,700 in the first 91 days of Financial Peace University. Please contactjonathan@christchurchberkeley.org if you are interested.

## **Weekly Worship**

### **Morning Prayer - 7:15 to 7:45am on Tuesdays & Thursdays**

Join us for morning prayer based on a simple structure of The Book of Common Prayer. You may leave early as needed or stick around for coffee and conversation. We meet at the Figueroa's home (Tuesdays - 2820 Fulton St, Berkeley 94705) and St. Clairs home (Thursdays - 5945 Keith Avenue, Oakland 94618).

### **Next Teaching in this Series "Resolved"**

Title: To Exalt God

Text: Ephesians 3:14-21

## **Teaching Notes**

## **Christ Church Staff**

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