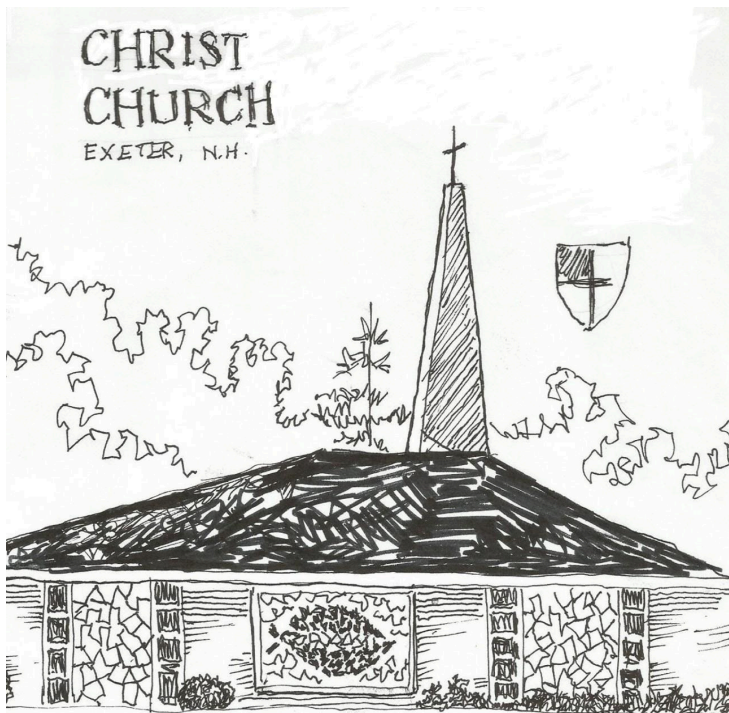


CHRIST CHURCH of Exeter



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The Second Sunday after the Epiphany
January 19, 2025
8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Reflections on Today's Readings

The feast of the Epiphany directed our attention to the ways in which Christ is manifest in the Gospels, and by extension, how he is manifest in our lives. The theme of showing forth is continued in the Sundays after the Epiphany. Today's Gospel carries the third of the three classical themes of Epiphany: Jesus' first miracle, changing water into wine at the marriage feast in Cana of Galilee.

The Old Testament used the marriage relationship and the marriage feast as symbols or archetypes of God's relationship to the chosen people and of the ultimate consummation of that relationship in the establishment of the Kingdom. Today's passage from Isaiah is based on that image.

At the marriage feast, Jesus produced

around 150 gallons of wine (God is lavish, even profligate, in giving grace) and it is much better wine than the host at the dinner had been serving (God's grace far surpasses what we can do for ourselves).

God's gifts of grace to us are also the focus of today's reading from 1 Corinthians. This reading is the first in a series from this Epistle exploring the kinds of gifts we received when we were baptized by water and the Holy Spirit, and the results of God's gifts in our lives.

We are a people transformed by our relationship to God and given the grace and illumination of the Holy Spirit. The marriage images in the first and third readings describe the intimate and total nature of God's relationship to us which results of the gift of the Holy Spirit given us in baptism.

Welcome to Christ Church: If you are visiting for the first time, please fill out the welcome cards in the pews and hand it to a member of the clergy after the service. Books and resources for children are located on the table near the side left door. Although there are customary postures (such as standing and kneeling) in Episcopal worship, you are invited to be seated at any point, according to your needs and comfort. Sunday School will be offered today for ages 9-12 at 9 a.m. and for ages 5-8 at 9:45 a.m.

The Holy Eucharist

[10:00 a.m. service] **Prelude** "Let Us Break Bread Together" Martha Sobaje
Wendy Gladstone, Guest Organist

Welcome

✠ *All stand, as they are able, as the the clergy enter or the bell tolls.*

[10:00 a.m. service]

Processional Hymn 529

In Christ there is no East or West

McKee

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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

Presider and People: **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.**

[10:00 a.m. service] S-278 Glory to God

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al-
might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo-ry. 3. Lord Je-sus Christ,
on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;
5. you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-
ceive our prayer. 6. For
you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
7. you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the
Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of
God the Fa-ther. A-men.

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The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

✠ *The people sit.*

The First Reading

Isaiah 62:1-5

Reader A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of

your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 36:5-10 *(read responsively by verse)*

5 Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, *
and your faithfulness to the clouds.

6 **Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep; *
you save both man and beast, O Lord.**

7 How priceless is your love, O God! *
your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

8 **They feast upon the abundance of your house; *
you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

9 For with you is the well of life, *
and in your light we see light.

10 **Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, *
and your favor to those who are true of heart.**

The Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Reader A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation

of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

[10:00 a.m. service]

Sequence Hymn 135, vv. 1,2

Songs of thankfulness and praise

Salzburg

The Gospel

John 2:1-11

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

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

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the

brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

✠ *The people sit.*

Sermon

The Rev. Nicole Benevenia

✠ *A brief period of silence follows the sermon.*

The Nicene Creed *(said together)*

**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.**

Prayers of the People: Form VI

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and Rob our Bishop; and Mark and Nicole our clergy, and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

As we plan for next Sunday's Annual Meeting, we give thanks for all those who have made pledges to support our work and ministry and all those who make donations throughout the year.

Silence

We pray for all those impacted by the devastating fires in Southern California. For the families grieving the loss of loved ones and for the many left without homes.

We pray for the peaceful transition from one President to another: we pray for Joseph and Donald. May our nation be blessed with leaders who act justly and serve the common good.

Silence

For those known to us in need of prayer.

Brynn, Kevin, Lucia, Greg, Mary, Lela, Kass, Jack, Pat, Sharon, Sue, Beatrice, Jewelle, Justin.

Please add those names either silently or aloud for whom you are praying.

Silence

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

We give thanks for the life and witness of Martin Luther King, Jr. May we be inspired by his work for justice and peace.

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Silence

Presider: O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

✠ *The Confession is omitted in this Feast Day.*

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

✠ *The people greet one another in the name of the Lord. The Peace may be expressed by shaking hands, bowing, "fist or elbow bumps", namaste greeting, putting hand over heart, waving, making the peace sign, and by offering a smile.*

Announcements

The Holy Communion

[8:00 a.m. service at the Presentation of the Gifts]

Presider All things come of thee, O Lord.

People **And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.**

[10:00 a.m. service]

Offertory Anthem

There is a Balm in Gilead
Christina DeMaio, mezzo soprano

Traditional spiritual
Mark Hayes, arr.

✠ *The people stand for the hymn as they are able.*

[10:00 a.m. service]

Offertory Hymn 533

How wondrous and great

Old 104th

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider

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; Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

[8:00 a.m.] *Presider and People*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

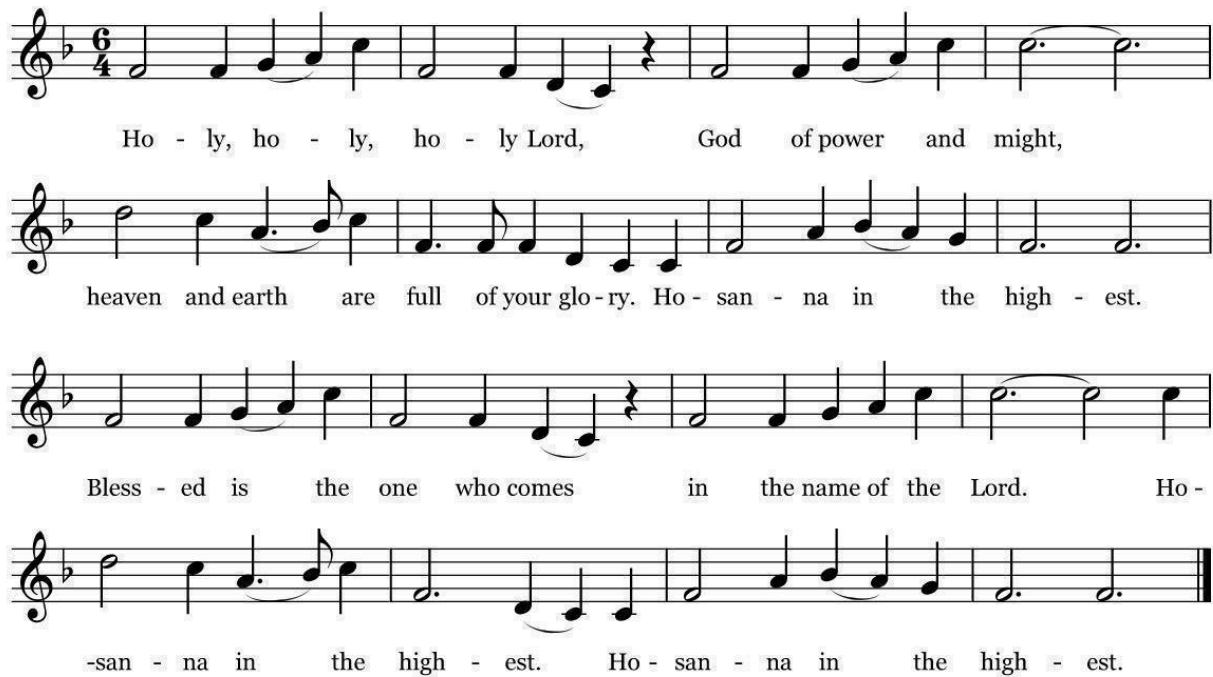
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

[10:00 service] Sanctus WLP 858



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
-san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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✠ *The people kneel or stand as they are able.*

The Presider continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: 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 for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Presider and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Presider continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the church, and the author of our salvation.

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 for ever. **AMEN.**

The Presider then continues

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

People and Presider

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

⊗ *A period of silence is kept.*

[10:00 service] **Fraction Anthem WLP 878**

Whoever Comes to Me

1: Cantors only 2: Congregation

Who - ev - er comes to me shall not hun - ger and

who - ev - er be - lieves in me shall nev - er thirst.

All sing on repeat

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff is for Cantors only and the second is for the Congregation. The lyrics are: 'Who - ev - er comes to me shall not hun - ger and' on the first line, and 'who - ev - er be - lieves in me shall nev - er thirst.' on the second line. A repeat sign is at the end of the second line with the instruction 'All sing on repeat'.

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Invitation to Communion

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.

Prayer for those Participating Online

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our heart. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Instructions Concerning Communion and Healing

You are invited to receive Holy Communion. Following the usher's instructions, we begin with those seated in the side sections, starting with the front pews. Please go to the back of the church and proceed down the center aisle to the communion rail. Return to your seat using the outside aisles of those sections. Those seated in the center sections, please come forward beginning with the back pews using the center aisle and return using the diagonal aisles.

Communion may be received kneeling or standing at the altar rails. The bread is received in the open palm. (Gluten-free wafers are available). You may drink from the cup, or place your hand on the base as a sign of devotion. Intinction, dipping the wafer into the wine, is also acceptable. Those who do not wish to receive Communion are invited to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.

Communion can also be brought to you in the pews. Please communicate this request to an usher or the clergy. The Healing team is available to offer healing prayers at the side of the church. Please tell your healing minister if you have a specific prayer need and if you would like a laying on of hands, just prayers or both.

[10:00 a.m. service]
Communion Hymn

Taste and See

Taste and see. Taste and see the good - ness

The first system of the hymn features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one flat. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Taste and see. Taste and see the good - ness".

of the Lord. O Taste and see. Taste and

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "of the Lord. O Taste and see. Taste and".

see the good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord. **Fine**

The third system concludes the main part of the hymn. The lyrics are: "see the good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord." The system ends with a double bar line and the word "Fine".

1. I will bless the Lord at all times.
2. Glo - ri - fy the Lord with me.
3. Wor - ship the Lord all you peo - ple.

The first system of the three-part setting features a treble clef with a key signature of one flat. The melody is written in the treble clef. The lyrics are: "1. I will bless the Lord at all times. 2. Glo - ri - fy the Lord with me. 3. Wor - ship the Lord all you peo - ple." A triplet of eighth notes is marked with a "3" above it.

The piano accompaniment for the three-part setting is written in a grand staff (treble and bass clefs). It consists of three measures of music, each corresponding to one of the three parts of the setting.

1. — His praise _____ shall al - ways_ be on my
 2. — To - geth - er_ let us all_ praise His
 3. — You'll_ want for noth - ing_ if you

1. lips; _____ my soul _____ shall
 2. name. _____ I called _____ the
 3. ask. _____ Taste _____ and

1. glo - ry_ in the Lord; _____ for
 2. Lord_ and He an - swered me; _____ from
 3. see_ that God is good; _____ in

1. He has been so good to me.
 2. all my troubles He set me free.
 3. Him we need put all our trust.

D.C.

Post-Communion Prayer

✠ *The people kneel or stand as they are able.*

Presider and People

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
 you have graciously accepted us as living members
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
 and you have fed us with spiritual food
 in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
 Send us now into the world in peace,
 and grant us strength and courage
 to love and serve you
 with gladness and singleness of heart;
 through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

[10:00 a.m. service]

Recessional Hymn WLP 778, vv. 1-2, 4

We are all one in mission

Nyland

The Dismissal

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

[10:00 a.m. service]

Postlude

Steal Away
 Suzanne Jalbert Jones, *piano*

Traditional spiritual
 Calvin Taylor, arr.

*The worship is over * The service begins*

Participating in Today's Liturgy:

Preacher: The Rev. Nicole Benevenia

Presider: The Rev. Mark Pendleton

Lector at 8:00 a.m.: Cary Einhaus

Lector at 10:00 a.m.: Lucia Savage

Intercessor at 10:00 a.m.: Laura Nickerson Smith

Eucharistic Minister at 8:00 a.m.: Sue Ingram

Eucharistic Minister at 10:00 a.m.: Carol Allard

Welcome Team/Usher: Wendy MacArthur-Keith, Lissa Simard

Live Streaming Tech: Joe DiPalermo

Altar Guild: Sue Ingram, Diane DiPalermo

Flower Delivery: Juliette Gavin

Hospitality: Linzee Coleman-Bagge, Cynn timer Irwin

Red Door Forum at 11:15 a.m. today will feature some of the writings and speeches of Martin Luther King, Jr. and invite our own community to consider the impact of acts of service.

Yesterday concluded our rotation with **Seacoast Family Promise**. We thank those who prepared meals for the family at the house in Greenland.

Update from Mark on Donations for Companion Parish in Cuba: Over-the-counter medicine donations being collected: What is still highly valued: Benadryl tablets, Glucosamine / Chondroitin. You can drop off any donations at the church office until **January 26**. Gracias. Mark+

Save the Date for the **Annual Meeting** of Christ Church of Exeter taking place on **Sunday, January 26** at 11:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall.

To make a donation, you are welcome to use this QR code from your smartphone.



**This week at Christ Church
January 19-25**

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| Sunday | Forum 11:15 a.m. PSP Rehearsal 1:00 p.m. Confirmation Class 11:15 a.m. |
| Monday | Office Closed - Martin Luther King Jr. Day Holiday |
| Tuesday | Bible study 11:00 a.m. Communion services at RiverWoods at 11:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. PSP Rehearsal 5:30 p.m. |
| Wednesday | PSP Rehearsal 4:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. |
| Saturday | George Baker Memorial Service 11:00 a.m. |

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