



# Christ Episcopal Church

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## Reflection

Diane Canington

*2 Corinthians 4:6*

“For it is the God who said, ‘Let light shine out of the darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.’”

As God’s child, this is an intimate invitation to share my love of Jesus with those who need encouragement and support. There’s a chilling darkness in the world, —wars, persecution of the innocents, fear of the unknown, broken relationships, loneliness—. We are God’s light in this corporeal world, the folk who can point to Jesus as the One who offers us transformation through his unfailing compassionate love.

While writing this reflection, the hymn, “I want to Walk as a Child of the Light,” came to mind. It seems to me to be a beautiful musical interpretation of the scripture. I looked it up on YouTube and offer the first verse for your consideration.

“I want to walk as a child of the Light,  
I want to follow Jesus.  
God sent the stars to give light to the world,  
The star of my life is Jesus.  
In him there is no darkness at all.  
The day and the night are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light in the City of God.  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.”

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## *February 11, The Last Sunday after the Epiphany*

**8:00 am**

**Holy Eucharist**

Christ Church

Presider: Reverend Diane Ramerman

**9:00 —10:15 am**

**Godly Play**

Parish Hall Godly Play Room

Storyteller: Reverend Carol Rodin

Doorkeeper: Yohana Agreda

**9:00 am—Noon**

**Child Care**

Parish Hall Children’s Room

Caregivers Yohana Agreda & Jocelyn Bruno

**9:15—10:15 am**

**Adult Faith Formation**

Parish Hall Gathering Room

Breakfast at 9:00 am

**9:30 am**

**Morning Prayer**

Chandler’s Square Community

Deacon: Brian Lennstrom

**10:30 am**

**Holy Eucharist**

Christ Church

Presider: Reverend Diane Ramerman

Deacon: Deacon Eric Johnson

Preacher: Reverend Sarah Monroe

Altar Guild: Janis Larkins, Dee Roberts

Eucharistic Minister/Crucifer: Dale Ramerman

Reader 1: Mimi Chambers

Reader 2: Gary Anderson

Ushers: Don Ibsen, Marie Ibsen

**Coffee Hour**

Valerie Long

**Tellers**

Gary Anderson, Clark McKee

## Readings

### Collect of the Day

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

### 2 Kings 2:1-12

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent." Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent." Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

### Psalms 50:1-6

The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken; \*  
he has called the earth from the rising of the sun  
To its setting.

Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, \*  
God reveals himself in glory.

Our God will come and will not keep silence; \*  
before him there is a consuming flame,  
and round about him a raging storm.

He calls the heavens and the earth from above \*  
to witness the judgment of his people.

"Gather before me my loyal followers, \*  
those who have made a covenant with me  
and sealed it with sacrifice."

Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; \*  
for God himself is judge.

### 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

## **Mark 9:2-9**

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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## *Announcements*

### **Guest Preacher**

At the 10:30 am service on Sunday, February 11, we will welcome The Reverend Sarah Monroe, of *Chaplains on the Harbor*, as our guest preacher.

### **Coffee Hour Presentation**

The Reverend Sarah Monroe will make a presentation about *Chaplains on the Harbor* at the Coffee Hour following the 10:30 am service.

### **Adult Faith Formation**

Sundays

Breakfast at 9:00 am

Class 9:15-10:15 am

Parish Hall Gathering Room

Our current program, *Those Who Sing, Pray Twice!*, concludes this Sunday, February 11.

Lenten program, *Growing Old with Grace*, runs February 18—March 18.

#### *Growing Old with Grace*

Growing old is a gift from God that some people would rather not accept. In this introspective and challenging course, author, minister, and popular speaker Barbara Crafton shares profound insights into how Christians can cope with aging. She addresses:

- The Aging Process
- Letting Go of Youth
- Advantages of Growing Old
- Grace Not Glamour

This course is designed not simply for older people, but younger people who are interested in pondering what lies ahead. All are welcome.

### **Godly Play**

Godly Play meets on alternate Sundays.

Lesson for February 11: *The Good Shepherd & World Communion*

9:00—10:15 am

Parish Hall Godly Play Room

All ages are welcome.

### **Child Care**

Weekly on Sundays

9:00 am—Noon

Caregivers: Yohana & Jocelyn

Parish Hall Children's Room

All ages are welcome.

**Bishop's Committee Meeting**

Monday, February 12

4:15 pm

Parish Hall Gathering Room

**Meditation Class**

Weekly on Tuesdays

6:00—8:00 pm

Parish Hall Gathering Room or Sanctuary\*

You are welcome to attend this weekly meditation in the Plum Village Zen tradition of Thich Nhat Hanh.

Leader Jon Prescott of the Anacortes Mindfulness Community writes, "By settling our minds on everyday gifts such as the flow of our breath and the sensation of our feet touching the floor, we strengthen our ability to embrace the complexity of our lives and the world in which we live". No experience is necessary and all are welcome.

Cost is by donation. \*Class will meet in the Sanctuary on February 13.

**Women's Group**

Tuesday, February 13

Noon—1:00 pm

Parish Hall Gathering Room

All are welcome.

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**

Tuesday, February 13

5:00—6:00 pm

Parish Hall Gathering Room

Hosted by the Men's Group.

All are welcome.

**Ash Wednesday Holy Eucharist**

Wednesday, February 14

Noon

6:00 pm

Christ Church Sanctuary

**Ashes to Go**

On Ash Wednesday, our clergy will be distributing ashes in front of the Anacortes post office, 10:30 am—12:30 pm.

**Prayer Committee Meeting**

Thursday, February 15

10:00—11:00 am

Parish Hall Gathering Room

All congregants interested in helping Deacon Eric compose the Prayers of the People are welcome to attend.

**Wednesday Evening Lenten Program**

February 21 & 28, March 14 & 21

5:00 pm Evening Prayer

5:30 Soup Supper & Program

March 7

5:00 pm Taize Service

5:45 Soup Supper & Program

Our Lenten program, *Civil Discourse*, is offered by the Episcopal Church Office of Government Relations. It was created as a resource to help people understand and practice civil discourse, particularly as it relates to discussions about politics, policy and legislation, and why it is so important to living out our Gospel call and solving the problems facing our communities, country, and the world.

### **Weekday Prayer Services**

Morning Prayer: Wednesdays, 8:00—8:30 am

Centering Prayer: Thursdays, 1:00—1:30 pm

### **Gentle Yoga Class**

Weekly on Mondays

3:00 pm

Parish Hall Gathering Room

Class is free and all are welcome.

### **Men's Group**

Weekly on Fridays

8:00 am

Parish Hall Conference Room

Please join us. All are welcome.

### **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

Second & fourth Fridays

3:00—5:00 pm

Parish Hall Gathering Room

Please join us for this prayerful ministry and spiritual practice which reaches out to those in need of comfort

& solace, as well as in celebration & joy. Please contact Reverend Carol for more information. All are welcome.

### **The Red Door Thrift Shop**

*A Ministry of Christ Episcopal Church*

1019 Seventh Street, Anacortes

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Profits from our Red Door Thrift Shop fund Christ Church's Community Support program.

Shop Hours: Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday, 11:00 am - 5:00 pm

Donation Hours: Monday through Friday, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Volunteers and donations are always welcome.

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## *Clergy Schedule*

*10:30 am Eucharist*

### February 18

Presider: Reverend Diane Ramerman

Deacon: Deacon Brian Lennstrom

Preacher: Reverend Diane Ramerman

### February 25

Presider: Reverend Carol Rodin

Deacon: Deacon Eric Johnson

Preacher: Mr. Dale Ramerman

### March 4

Presider: Reverend Carol Rodin

Deacon: Deacon Eric Johnson

Preacher: Reverend Carol Rodin

## *The Week Ahead...*

### **Monday, February 12**

Gentle Yoga Class  
3:00—4:00 pm  
Parish Hall Gathering Room

Bishop's Committee Meeting  
4:15 pm  
Parish Hall Gathering Room

Choir Practice  
5:00 pm  
Sanctuary

### **Tuesday, February 13**

Women's Group  
Noon—1:00 pm  
Parish Hall Gathering Room

Guemes Channel Trail Meeting  
1:30—3:00 pm  
Parish Hall Gathering Room

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper  
5:00—6:00 pm  
Parish Hall Gathering Room

Meditation Class  
6:00—8:00 pm  
Sanctuary

### **Wednesday, February 14**

*Ash Wednesday*

Morning Prayer  
8:00—8:30 am  
Christ Church Sanctuary

The Red Door Staff Meeting  
9:00—10:00 am  
Parish Hall Gathering Room

The Red Door Linen Group  
10:00 am—Noon  
Parish Hall Gathering Room

Holy Eucharist  
Noon  
Christ Church Sanctuary

Education for Ministry  
12:30—2:45 pm  
Parish Hall Conference Room

Ministry Support Circle Meeting  
3:00—5:00 pm  
Parish Hall Conference Room

Holy Eucharist  
6:00 pm  
Christ Church Sanctuary

### **Thursday, February 15**

Prayer Committee Meeting  
10:00—11:00 am  
Christ Church Sanctuary

Centering Prayer  
1:00—1:30 pm  
Christ Church Sanctuary

### **Friday, February 16**

Men's Group  
8:00 am  
Parish Hall Conference Room

Office Volunteers  
9:00—10:00 am  
Parish Hall Gathering Room

Pastoral Care Circle  
9:30 am  
Parish Hall Conference Room