

Christ Church Bulletin



As followers of Christ, we share the beauty and power of God's transforming love through worship, community, and service in the world.

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

- Sunday: 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I
9:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II with the St. Cecilia Choir
Nursery for infants and toddlers in Room 102
Godly Play for 3- through 8-year-olds in Rooms 210, 211, 213
10:00 AM Nursery and Children & Youth Enrichment
Adult Enrichment and Coffee Hour Fellowship
11:00 AM Choral Matins with the Christ Church and St. Agnes Choirs
Child care for infants through 5-year-olds in Room 102
Mac & Cheese Sale in the Kitchen
1:00 PM Jalonga Trip Leaders meeting in the Annex
4:00 PM Worship Service at Stonegates Health Care Center
5:00 PM Choral Evensong in the Church
- Monday: 7:00 PM Dine with the Ladies at Pizza by Elizabeths
Parenting Class in Parish Hall A
- Tuesday: 7:30 AM Cooking for Emmanuel Dining Room in the Kitchen
9:20 AM Intercessory Prayer Service in the Chapel
10:30 AM Books, Brew, & Banter in the Commons Room
11:00 AM CCEP Worship Service in the Chapel
5:30 PM Outreach Allocations meeting in Room 211/212
7:30 PM Planned Giving Committee meeting in the Commons Room
Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting in Room 214
- Wednesday: 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist/Healing Service in the Chapel
- Thursday: 6:30 AM Holy Eucharist in the Chapel
7:00 AM Breakfast/Bible Study in Room 211/212
8:30 AM CCEP Morning with Moms in classrooms and Parish Hall C
4:15 PM St. Nicholas Choir rehearsal in the Chapel
- Friday: 6:30 PM First Friday Potluck Supper in Parish Hall B

GUEST PREACHER TODAY

At 9 and 11 AM this morning we welcome The Rev. Canon Lloyd S. Casson, rector emeritus of The Episcopal Church of Sts. Andrew and Matthew. Lloyd's most recent ministry was as the interim dean of the Philadelphia Cathedral. He is no stranger to our pulpit; he is a well-beloved colleague and wonderful preacher. Please welcome him.

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ADULT ENRICHMENT TODAY – GUEST PRESENTER, TOM LAYMON

The Rev. Tom Laymon, director of the Sunday Breakfast Mission in downtown Wilmington, will speak with us this morning about the increasing prevalence of homelessness in Wilmington and about the problems, possibilities, and opportunities of housing, feeding, clothing, offering medical care, and educating and empowering the homeless in Delaware. Drawing from his extensive experience of serving homeless men, women, and children through the dynamic ministry of the Sunday Breakfast Mission, Pastor Tom will also speak about grace and blessing of ministering to and sharing Christian witness and faith with the homeless. Please join us this morning from 10:00 to 10:50 AM in Parish Halls A and B to hear from Pastor Tom, a passionate Christian and speaker.

MAC & CHEESE SALE TODAY

The YAC group (10th-12th grades) will sell macaroni and cheese (a new, improved recipe!) this morning at 11 AM. All proceeds benefit the Dominican Republic. Order forms are available in the back of the Church and in the Parish House reception area. Payment is due upon pickup in the Parish Center Kitchen between 11 AM and 12 noon.

WORSHIP SERVICE AT STONEGATES HEALTH CARE CENTER TODAY

On the fourth Sunday of each month, volunteers lead Worship for the Evening in the Commons Room of Stonegates' Health Care Center. All Stonegates residents are welcome to attend today's service at 4 PM.

CHORAL EVENSONG TODAY

Join us for the service of Evensong from *The Book of Common Prayer, 1662* for the Eighth Sunday after the Epiphany this afternoon at 5 PM in the Church. The service music will include the *Magnificat* by Charles Villiers Stanford, the *Nunc dimittis* by Charles Wood, and the anthem, *Sing Joyfully* by William Byrd.

DINE WITH THE LADIES – FEBRUARY 28

On the fourth Monday of each month at 7 PM, a group of women meets for an informal dinner at Pizza by Elizabeths in Greenville. This is a great opportunity to connect with women in the parish! February's gathering will take place on Monday, February 28. Please RSVP at rsvp@christchurchde.org or 655-3379.

PARENTING CLASSES – FEBRUARY 28 & MARCH 7

All are welcome to attend our final two Parenting Classes on Mondays, February 28 and March 7 at 7 PM in Parish Hall A. Jo Harney will facilitate discussion around *Conscious Discipline*. In order to defray the expenses associated with these classes, we are asking for a \$10 donation per class. Please sign up by calling the Preschool at 472-0021 or at rsvp@christchurchde.org.

FEBRUARY ART SUPPLY COLLECTION

During February we will collect art supplies for Survivors of Abuse in Recovery (SOAR) and our youth group's mission in Jalonga. Requested supplies include: *paint brushes and canvases, washable markers, colored pencils, crayons, chalk, finger paints, Playdough, construction paper, easel paper, glue sticks, small dry erase boards, dry erase markers, and games*. Collection bins are set up in the vestibule of the Parish Center near the circle drive and in the back of the Church. Tax receipts are available for your donations from the Church Office and from www.christchurchde.org/outreach/monthlycollect.asp.

HEALING SERVICE – MARCH 2

On the first Wednesday of every month, a Healing Service is held in conjunction with the 9:00 AM Eucharist in the Chapel. All are welcome to join us this Wednesday, March 2.

FIRST FRIDAY POTLUCK SUPPER – MARCH 4

Join us on Friday, March 4 for our First Friday Potluck Supper. Parishioners of all ages are invited to this informal meal in Parish Hall B. Bring an appetizer, casserole, vegetable, salad, or dessert to share with six to eight people. Folks are invited to bring sodas or wine to share, and you are invited to come when you can, any time after 6:30. Dinner is served around 7:30, so feel free to come early or late—whatever fits with your schedule.

LENTEN SERVICE FAIR – MARCH 6

The Jalonga youth missionaries will hold a Lenten Service Fair next Sunday, March 6 at Coffee Hour at 10 AM. For a small donation to help offset the costs of this year's mission trip, you can enlist the help of these able-bodied souls. Some of the services offered include baby-sitting, yard work, household chores, and odd jobs and tasks that suit your needs.

THINKING OF DOWNSIZING? – MARCH 6

How do you eat an elephant? (one bite at a time). Moving from a home where you have lived for many years, or even just a few years, may seem like too big a job to tackle, but with the right help, it can certainly be accomplished. Sometimes “downsizing” can be thought of as “rightsizing” as our needs vary at different times in our lives. Join us next Sunday, March 6 at 12:15 PM in Parish Hall B for a bowl of soup and a presentation from *Moving Solutions*. Whether your move is approaching soon or you are just thinking about it, you will learn proven tips and techniques that you can begin using today. Please RSVP at 655-3379 or rsvp@christchurchde.org.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER – MARCH 8

Join us for our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, sponsored by the Parish Life Committee and J2A youth. We will serve in two seatings—from 6:00 to 6:30 PM and again from 6:45 to 7:15 PM on Tuesday, March 8 in the Parish Hall. The cost is \$3 for children and \$8 for youth and adults. This is a fund-raiser for the youth's 2012 Holy Pilgrimage. Please reserve your tickets at rsvp@christchurchde.org or 655-3379 to ensure we arrange for adequate supplies.

ASH WEDNESDAY – MARCH 9

Ash Wednesday opens the season of Lent. We will worship on March 9 in the Chapel at 6:30 AM for those who wish to come before the workday; at 9 AM for those who drive best in daylight; at 11 AM for the students at CCEP; and at 4 PM in a service shaped for children. The Christ Church Choir will sing at the 7:30 PM service in the Church for a solemn choral celebration of the Ash Wednesday liturgy. All services will include communion and the imposition of ashes made from the palms of the previous year.

WOMEN'S DIALOGUE GROUP MEETING – MARCH 14

Paying attention to children, spouse, household, and career all place demands on a woman. How can she find God at the center of it all? Join Ruth Kirk and Jo Harney in an offering for women of the parish and preschool. The Women's Dialogue will meet next on Monday, March 14 at 7 PM in the Commons Room. Participation is limited to 20, so please RSVP by calling 655-3379 or emailing rsvp@christchurchde.org.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Habitat for Humanity will hold its annual Bike to Build Bike Ride on Saturday, June 11. We hope to have a team of up to 20 riders participate in this 14-, 25-, or 50-mile ride. Registration is \$40 per cyclist. For more information or to join the team, contact Lucinda Laird at 658-6834 or lucinda.laird@gmail.com.

PEOPLE SERVING TODAY: **Acolytes:** 8 AM Jimmy Grant. 9 AM Betsy Grubbs, Peggy Bayard, Caleb Brokaw, Rebecca Durgin, David Grubbs, Maggie Moran; Rob Brokaw, Advisor. 11 AM Porter Ergon, Chris Martel. **Altar Guild:** Betsey Moran, Barbara Cohen-Nuttall, Bobbie Larned, Nancy Lee, Katherine Maki, Jane McKinstry, Fan Milligan, Carol Osburn, Vida Ruppe. **Coffee Hour:** Eric and Amy Johnson. **Eucharistic Ministers:** 8 AM Buck Effinger, Tucker Giddens. 9 AM Meredith Griffin, Wes Jones, Marty Rushlow, Mike Rushlow. **Greeters:** 9 AM Tony and Cindy Cucuzzella. 11 AM Joan Sharp. **Lectors:** 9 AM Jennifer O'Connor. 11 AM Wilson Anthony, Nick Cerchio. **Ushers:** 9 AM Rufus, Rosanne, Stephanie, Kelsey, and Margee Miller. 11 AM Bob Brandt, Bruce Kallos, Rod Maroney, Fred Moran.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of
Emily Lee Phelps
Ella Janssen Spartin

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THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 27, 2011

8:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I

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| Opening Acclamation | BCP 323 |
| Gloria in Excelsis | 324 |
| Collect of the Day | 165 |
| The First Reading | <i>Isaiah 49:8-16a</i> |
| Psalm 131 | BCP 785 |
| The Holy Gospel | <i>Matthew 6:24-34</i> |
| The Homily | Russ Bohner |
| The Nicene Creed | BCP 326 |
| Prayers of the People | 328 |
| Confession and Absolution | 330 |
| The Peace | 332 |
| Offertory | |
| <i>All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.</i> | |
| The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer II | BCP 340 |
| The Lord's Prayer | 336 |
| The Breaking of the Bread | 337 |
| Communion of the Faithful | |
| <i>Gluten-free wafers available upon request.</i> | |
| Post-Communion Prayer | 339 |
| The Blessing | |
| Announcements and Dismissal | |
| <i>People: Thanks be to God.</i> | |

9:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

The People Gather

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| Prelude | Prelude on <i>Song 46</i> | Leo Sowerby |
| Hymn 388 | | <i>O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!</i> |
| Opening Acclamation | | BCP 355 |
| Collect for Purity | | |
| * <i>The Gloria</i> | | 356 |
| Collect of the Day | | 216 |

God's Word

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| The First Reading | <i>(please be seated)</i> | <i>Isaiah 49:8-16a</i> |
| Gradual Hymn | <i>The Lord is My Light</i> | on the card at the end of the pew |
| The Holy Gospel | | <i>Matthew 6:24-34</i> |
| Gradual Hymn | <i>The Lord is My Light</i> | on the card at the end of the pew |
| The Homily | <i>(please be seated)</i> | Lloyd Casson |
| The Nicene Creed | <i>(as able, please stand)</i> | BCP 358 |
| Prayers of the People and Confession | | on the card at the end of the pew |
| The Peace | | BCP 360 |

Holy Communion

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| The Offertory | | |
| Anthem | <i>(please be seated)</i> | St. Cecilia Choir |
| <i>Psalm 150</i> | | Bob Chilcott |

O praise God in his holiness: praise him in the firmament of his power. Praise him in his noble acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness. Praise him in the sound of the trumpet: praise him upon the lute and harp. Praise him in the cymbals and dances: praise him upon the strings and pipe. Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals: praise him upon the loud cymbals. Let everything that hath breath: praise the Lord.

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| Presentation Hymn 348 | <i>Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation</i> | |
| The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer B | <i>(as able, please stand)</i> | BCP 367 |

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord*

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| The Lord's Prayer | | 364 |
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Breaking of the Bread

**Fraction Anthem*

Communion of the Faithful *(gluten-free wafers available upon request)*

Communion Anthem

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| <i>O Taste and See</i> | | Ralph Vaughan Williams |
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O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: blest is the man that trusteth in him.

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| Communion Hymn 709 | <i>O God of Bethel, By Whose Hand</i> | |
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| Post-Communion Prayer | | BCP 365 |
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The Blessing

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| Hymn 398 | <i>I Sing the Almighty Power of God</i> | |
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Announcements and Dismissal

People: Thanks be to God.

*from *Mass for Christ Church Christiana Hundred* (1997) by David Willcocks, located in the pew rack

11:00 AM CHORAL MATINS

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| Prelude Prelude on <i>Song 46</i> | Leo Sowerby |
| Hymn 388 | <i>O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!</i> |
| Opening Sentences | BCP 38 |
| Confession and Absolution | 41 |
| Invitatory (S 1) (<i>as able, please stand</i>) | 42 |
| Antiphon | 44 |
| Venite | |
| Psalm 131 (<i>sung by choir</i>) (<i>remain standing</i>) | 785 |
| The First Reading (<i>please be seated</i>) | <i>Isaiah 49:8-16a</i> |
| <i>Te Deum in B-flat</i> | Charles Villiers Stanford |
| <p>We praise thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to be the Lord. All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting. To thee all Angels cry aloud; the Heavens, and all the Powers therein; to thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry, Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; heaven and earth are full of the Majesty of thy glory. The glorious company of the Apostles praise thee. The goodly fellowship of the Prophets praise thee. The noble army of Martyrs praise thee. The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee; the Father, of an infinite Majesty; thine honorable, true, and only Son; also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter. Thou art the King of glory, O Christ. Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father. When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man, thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb. When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death, thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers. Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father. We believe that thou shalt come to be our Judge. We therefore pray thee, help thy servants, whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood. Make them to be numbered with thy Saints, in glory everlasting. O Lord, save thy people, and bless thine heritage. Govern them, and lift them up for ever. Day by day we magnify thee; and we worship thy Name: ever world without end. Vouchsafe, O Lord; to keep us this day without sin. O Lord, have mercy upon us. O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us: as our trust is in thee. O Lord, in thee have I trusted: let me never be confounded.</p> | |
| The Second Reading | <i>Matthew 6:24-34</i> |
| <i>Jubilate Deo in B-flat</i> | Charles Villiers Stanford |
| <p>O be joyful in the Lord all ye lands; serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song. Be ye sure that the Lord he is God; it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture. O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise; be thankful unto him and speak good of his Name. For the Lord is gracious; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth from generation to generation.</p> | |
| The Apostles' Creed (<i>as able, please stand</i>) | BCP 53 |
| The Lord's Prayer (<i>kneel, as able</i>) | 54 |
| Suffrages A (S 22) | 55 |
| Collect of the Day and Prayers | |
| The General Thanksgiving | 58 |
| Prayer of St. Chrysostom | 59 |
| Announcements | |
| Hymn 709 | <i>O God of Bethel, By Whose Hand</i> |
| The Sermon | Lloyd Casson |
| The Offertory | |
| Anthem | Christ Church and St. Agnes Choirs |
| <i>Open Thou Mine Eyes</i> | John Rutter |
| <p>Open thou mine eyes and I shall see: incline my heart and I shall desire: order my steps and I shall walk in the ways of thy commandments. O Lord God, be thou to me a God and beside thee let there be none else, no other, nought else with thee. Vouchsafe to me to worship thee and serve thee according to thy commandments, in truth of spirit, in reverence of body, in blessing of lips, in private and public.</p> | |
| Doxology | Hymn 380, v. 3 |
| The Blessing | |
| Hymn 398 | <i>I Sing the Almighty Power of God</i> |

THE FIRST READING: ISAIAH 49:8-16a

Thus says the Lord: In a time of favor I have answered you, on a day of salvation I have helped you; I have kept you and given you as a covenant to the people, to establish the land, to apportion the desolate heritages; saying to the prisoners, "Come out," to those who are in darkness, "Show yourselves." They shall feed along the ways, on all the bare heights shall be their pasture; they shall not hunger or thirst, neither scorching wind nor sun shall strike them down, for he who has pity on them will lead them, and by springs of water will guide them. And I will turn all my mountains into a road, and my highways shall be raised up. Lo, these shall come from far away, and lo, these from the north and from the west, and these from the land of Syene. Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing! For the Lord has comforted his people, and will have compassion on his suffering ones. But Zion said, "The Lord has forsaken me, my Lord has forgotten me." Can a woman forget her nursing child, or show no compassion for the child of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you. See, I have inscribed you on the palms of my hands.

THE SECOND READING/HOLY GOSPEL: MATTHEW 6:24-34

Jesus said, "No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth. Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today."

COLLECT OF THE DAY

January 16:

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.*

January 23:

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.*

January 30:

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

February 6:

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

February 13:

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

February 20:

O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

February 27:

Most loving Father, whose will it is for us to give thanks for all things, to fear nothing but the loss of you, and to cast all our care on you who care for us: Preserve us from faithless fears and worldly anxieties, that no clouds of this mortal life may hide from us the light of that love which is immortal, and which you have manifested to us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

March 6:

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. *Amen.*

9:00 AM GRADUAL HYMN

from *Songs and Prayers from Taizé*

The musical notation is for a hymn in G major, 4/4 time, with a tempo of 66. The melody is written on a single staff. The lyrics are: "The Lord is my light, my light and sal-va-tion: in God I trust, in God I trust. The". The notation includes a key signature of one sharp (F#), a common time signature (C), and a tempo marking of 66. The melody is marked "Calmly". There are four sections marked with circled letters: A1, A2, B1, and B2. The first section (A1) is marked with a Dm chord. The second section (A2) is marked with a G chord. The third section (B1) and the fourth section (B2) are marked with a G chord. The piece ends with a "fine" marking.

Sing once through in unison, then two times through as a round between women and men, women starting.

9:00 AM PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

O God, who created all things, we thank you for revealing yourself to us in your son Jesus Christ. We pray for the church, our clergy, and bishops. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for *N.*; in the Diocesan cycle we pray for *N.* Empower us to proclaim the gospel to all who seek the truth. *Show us your light O Lord, and bear our prayer.*

Give your justice to the nations, and give your mercy to our President and to all whose decisions affect the peace and well-being of the world. We pray for the people of Haiti and the Dominican Republic. Open our ears to the cries of the weak, the poor, and the needy, and open our hearts to answer their call.

Show us your light O Lord, and bear our prayer.

Bless our parish community and the City of Wilmington, and especially the people and work of *N.*, that in your light we may become your servants.

Show us your light O Lord, and bear our prayer.

Have mercy on those among us who journey in sickness, fear, or any kind of trouble, especially *N.*, and those who we remember now (*pause*). Send your grace upon them and deliver them from their distress.

Show us your light O Lord, and bear our prayer.

We pray for those who have died, especially *N.*, and those we remember now (*pause*), and we pray that they may have rest in that place where there is no pain, but life eternal.

Show us your light O Lord, and bear our prayer.

We thank you for all the blessings of this life, remembering them now (*pause*). We thank you for your Son Jesus; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life.

Show us your light O Lord, and bear our prayer.

Together let us pray for the forgiveness of our sins:

There have been times when we have forgotten to live as children of God. We have been selfish or cruel—hurtful to others and harmful to ourselves. We are sorry for what we have done, and what we have left undone. Please forgive us, and let your mercy bring us new light to begin again.

Celebrant

+ 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.*