



CHRIST CHURCH CHRISTIANA HUNDRED

WELCOME!

We are glad you are with us today as we worship God and receive Christ's presence given to us in the sacrament of bread and wine. This service is offered by livestream to those who cannot assemble with us. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here.

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

FEBRUARY 25, 2024

10:30 AM HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

Voluntary *Herr Christ, der einig Gottes Sohn*, BuxWV 191, 192

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Please stand at the entrance of the cross and procession.

The Exhortation

(red) Book of Common Prayer 316, adapted

The Decalogue

Hear the commandments of God to God's people:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Honor your father and your mother.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not commit murder.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not commit adultery.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not steal.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not be a false witness.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

The Choir sings the Kyrie in either Greek or English.

Kyrie eleison

Setting: Baldassare Galuppi (1706-1785)

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Praise the Lord, you that fear him; stand in awe of him,
O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory.
For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither does he hide his face from them; but when they cry to him he hears them.
My praise is of him in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him. *Refrain*
The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him:
"May your heart live for ever!"
All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
For kingship belongs to the Lord; he rules over the nations. *Refrain*
To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship;
all who go down to the dust fall before him.
My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him;
they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.
They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn
the saving deeds that he has done. *Refrain*

The Second Reading

Romans 4:13-25

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

At the conclusion the People respond, "Thanks be to God."

Gradual Verse and Tract

Please stand at the sound of the bells. The Verse is sung first by the Cantor, then repeated by all before and after the Tract.

Verse If anyone would come after me, let him take up his / cross and follow me. – Mark 8:34

Tract Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his mercy endures forever.
Who can declare the mighty acts of the Lord, or show forth all his praise?
Remember me, O Lord, with the favor you have for your people, and visit me with your saving help;
That I may see the prosperity of your elect, and be glad with the gladness of your people,
That I may glory with your inheritance. – Psalm 106:1-2, 4-5

The Gospel is carried to the congregation so that we remember it is our Good News to hear and to share.

The Gospel Reading

Mark 8:31-38

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Once the Book of Gospels has returned to its place of honor, the People may be seated at the invitation of the preacher.

The Homily

Michael Kurth

Please stand for

The Apostles' Creed

Celebrant Let us affirm the creed of baptism, saying

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.

A member of the parish leads

The Prayers of the People

In you, Gracious and Everlasting God, we find our wholeness and strength. Hear the prayers of your people, offered in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Holy God, we pray for the Church throughout the world; for Christians who are persecuted or tempted to deny God in their life; for this congregation, that we have courage to serve Christ faithfully, inviting others to share our ministry and mission; for Michael, our presiding bishop, Kevin, our bishop, and for all your holy people, that they may triumph over evil and grow in grace; in your mercy, Lord,

hear our prayer.

Sovereign God, we pray for every nation, for peace and for the welfare of all people; we pray for wisdom among the world's leaders in government, health, and commerce, that they may be filled with your truth and serve your whole creation; in your mercy, Lord,

hear our prayer.

Sheltering God, we pray for those affected by disease, disaster, and war; defend the weary, guard the children, give refuge to the homeless, protect the powerless, and teach us your way of compassion; in your mercy, Lord,

hear our prayer.

Merciful God, we pray for those who are sick in body, mind, or spirit, especially N., and those we name now; that they may know your power to heal; in your mercy, Lord,

hear our prayer.

Eternal God, we pray for those who have died, especially N., and for the people who miss them; that your will for them may be fulfilled and that we may trust the power of Christ to save; in your mercy, Lord,

hear our prayer.

Gracious God, you have promised forgiveness and blessing to those who humble themselves and exalt your Son as Lord and Savior.

Please kneel or humble your body, placing hands on your heart in silent prayer before

The Confession of Sin and Absolution

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and neighbor.

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.*

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.

Please stand for

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People *And also with you.*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory and Preparation of the Table

Being seated, we begin with a time of offering. Giving money is a sign that our life serves God's purposes and expresses our gratitude for God's many blessings. The ushers will receive the offering and present it on our behalf. Also, you may give online or text a contribution to (302) 244-5368. For those who give electronically, a card is available in the pews to participate in the act of offering. Newcomers and guests may place the welcome card in the offering plate.

Anthem

The Southern Harmony, arr. Philip Moore (b. 1943)

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.
To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to God and to the Lamb, I will sing.
To God and to the Lamb who is the great "I AM,"
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing, while millions join the theme, I will sing.
And when from death I'm free I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and through eternity I'll sing on.

Please stand and sing

Presentation Hymn 144, vs. 1, 2 *Lord Jesus, Sun of Righteousness*

(blue) Hymnal 1982

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People *We lift them to the Lord.*

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

The Celebrant continues the prayer, inviting our praise in the ancient song of the Sanctus.

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:



might, _____ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, _____ hea - ven and earth are

full, _____ full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he 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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Please stand or kneel as the Celebrant continues the prayer, inviting our acclamation of Christ's sacrificial death and triumphant resurrection,
Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues the prayer, concluding

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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 Celebrant invites the People to say the prayer Jesus taught his first disciples.

The Lord's Prayer

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

We sing the anthem at the breaking of the bread, which is Christ's Body, broken for us. Please be seated after the sacrament is presented.

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

All are welcome to receive the sacrament of Christ or a blessing. Come up the center aisle and take your place along the altar rail, kneeling or standing. If you desire a blessing, cross your arms over your chest to indicate your intent. Receive the host in open hands. Gluten-free host is available; let the clergy know your need when they approach you. When you are presented with the cup, drink from it or dip the bread carefully into the cup and consume in both kinds together. If you do not wish to receive the cup, please cross your arms to indicate your intent, but wait for the minister to pass you before you leave the rail. Please use the side aisle to return to your pew. If you are unable to come forward, ask an usher to let the clergy know, and communion will be brought to you.

Communion Anthem

George Oldroyd (1887-1956)

Jhesu, since thou me made and bought, be thou my love and all my thought,
And help that I may to thee be brought, withouten thee I may do nought.

Jhesu, since thou must do thy will, and naething is that thee may let,*
With thy grace my heart fulfil, my love and my liking in thee is set.

Jhesu at thy will I pray that I might be, all my heart fulfil, with perfect love to thee.
That I have done ill Jhesu forgive thou me, and suffer me never to spill.** Jhesu for pity. Amen.

(*let=hinder; **spill=perish/be lost)

Please stand for

The Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant In thanksgiving, let us pray.

People ***Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.***

Sending Eucharistic Visitors

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts; that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People ***We who are many are one body because we all share one bread, one cup.***

The Blessing

The Celebrant blesses the People.

People ***Amen.***

Please be seated for

Announcements

Please stand and sing

Hymn in Procession 675 *Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said*

Hymnal 1982

Dismissal

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

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

After the Procession has passed, the Congregation is asked to leave the church quietly.

Please take your bulletin with you or return it to the table in the narthex as you leave.

We are sent forth to be Christ's blessing in the world. Our prayer is that today's worship has encouraged you in love, strengthened you for service, and filled you with grace. We look forward to your presence again in worship, in service to others, in learning and fellowship.

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IN THE SEASON OF LENT

THIS WEEK WE LIFT UP...

THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC AT CHRIST CHURCH. Since the earliest days of our parish, music has been central to Christ Church. From the music-making of the choirs, clergy, and congregation to concert presentations of the highest caliber, Christ Church offers our parishioners and the wider community a unique opportunity to experience the beauty of God and to celebrate the gifts given to this congregation. Through music, we are unified—drawn together in an art form that becomes prayer and praise. For information about Christ Church's music program, contact [Bruce Barber](#), Director of Music. For information on having your child participate in our Chorister program, please contact [Jo Harney](#), Director of Choristers.

The Christ Church Choir Sings the Music of Maurice Duruflé Today

The Christ Church Choir with guest organist Nathan Laube, guest cellist Gloria dePasquale, and chamber ensemble will sing music of Maurice Duruflé today at 4 PM in the Church. Works include *Suite for Organ*, Op. 5, two *Quatre Motets*, and the *Requiem Mass* in a reflective concert this Lent. Soloists for the *Requiem Mass* are mezzo-soprano Sylvia Leith and bass-baritone Edmund Milly, both soloists from our December 2022 *Messiah* performance. Mr. Laube is Associate Professor of Organ at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York, and Ms. dePasquale is a recently retired, longtime member of the Philadelphia Orchestra cello section. This concert is open to all free of charge, and a freewill offering will be received. Click [here](#) to reserve a seat.

DINE WITH THE LADIES – TOMORROW

On the fourth Monday of each month, a group of women meets for an informal dinner in Greenville. This is a great opportunity to connect with other women in the parish, and all women are invited. The group will meet at Pizza by Elizabeths tomorrow, February 26, at 7 PM. Click [here](#) to RSVP today.

WHERE IS GOD IN ALL THE SUFFERING? – WEDNESDAYS THROUGH MARCH 20

“Suffering affects us all. We live in a world filled with injustice, natural disasters, poverty, and pandemics. We experience grief, pain, and unfairness. We all want an explanation for these realities, and for many, they present a major barrier to belief in a loving God. How does the Christian faith speak to the human experience of suffering, and, wonderfully, offer real hope for us all?” – from *Where is God in All the Suffering?* by Amy Orr-Ewing. Please join us this Lent on Wednesdays, February 28, March 6, 13, and 20, as we discuss this book's themes and teachings. Ruth will lead our conversation alongside parish clergy and other community partners. We will share a simple meal at 6:30 PM in Parish Hall C and conclude at 8 PM. Copies of the book are available for purchase, though you may participate without reading the book. Click [here](#) to RSVP.

FEBRUARY OUTREACH COLLECTION

February's collection benefits those participating in programs with SOAR (Survivors of Abuse in Recovery) and STEHM (Supportive Transitional & Emergency Housing Ministry). Travel-sized toiletry items, bleach spray cleaner, toilet bowl cleaner, sponges, microfiber cleaning cloths, laundry detergent, dryer sheets, Ziploc bags, and tissues may be left in the back of the Church or in the collection bin in the Parish Center circle drive entrance.

SUBMIT A VESTRY NOMINATION – BY MARCH 1

Do you feel called to serve your parish community as a member of the vestry or know someone who would make a great candidate? We are accepting nominations for this year's vestry class. The vestry serves many important roles in partnership with our rector. Key responsibilities include setting and enabling the long-term vision and purpose of the parish and ensuring its ongoing health and vitality through sound spiritual and financial stewardship of our congregation and beautiful campus. As part of this, setting ministry budget priorities is a key responsibility. If interested in learning more or submitting a nomination, please contact any member of the vestry, including this year's outgoing class: [Louise Barton](#), [Sherri Howell](#), [Mike Rushlow](#), or [Suzanne Smith](#).

CHORAL EVENSONG – MARCH 3

Choral Evensong will be held next Sunday, March 3, at 4 PM in the Church and will include the Great Litany in Procession and music by Victor Judson Schramm, Philip Radcliffe, and Henry Purcell. David Schelat, Director of Music at First & Central Presbyterian Church in Wilmington, will play an organ prelude beginning at 3:30 PM.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION – MARCH 6

Those of all ages are invited for Coffee and Conversation on Wednesday, March 6, from 10:45 to 11:45 AM in the Commons Room, sponsored by Christ Church's Elder Ministry. Gather with friends for meaningful conversation and make new friends over coffee, tea, and snacks. Bring a friend along for this time of fun and fellowship and then stay for the 12 PM Eucharist in the Chapel.

LGBTQ+ GATHERING – MARCH 8

All are welcome to join Christ Church's LGBTQ+ ministry for hors d'oeuvres and fellowship at Roi Barnard's home in Hockessin on Friday, March 8, at 6 PM. For details and to RSVP, email [Jordan Kinsey](#).

REMEMBER LOVED ONES THIS EASTER – BY MARCH 11

To remember someone with a contribution for special flowers or music at Easter this year, click [here](#) to submit your names and contribute online or mail a check made payable to Christ Church along with your memorial names to P. O. Box 3510, Wilmington, DE 19807 by Monday, March 11. All memorials will be listed in the Easter Day bulletins.

UPCOMING BAPTISMAL SERVICES – MARCH 31 & MAY 19

The sacrament of Holy Baptism will take place on Easter Day, March 31, at 6 AM and on the Day of Pentecost, May 19, at 10:30 AM. Preparation meetings for parents and godparents will be held prior to both dates. To participate in either service, please contact [Jane Rubini](#) or call (302) 655-3379.

PLAN YOUR SUMMER VACATION AT MEMORIAL HOUSE – AUGUST 2-9

Spend a week of fun with other members of Christ Church at Memorial House—the retreat center of the Episcopal Church in Delaware—from Friday, August 2 through Friday, August 9. The Rev. Stacey Carpenter will be our host for the week. Memorial House is nestled in the pines section of Rehoboth, two blocks from the beach. Homemade meals are provided for breakfast and dinner, so you can relax, play, and connect with others, with nature, and with God. For more information or to make a reservation, click [here](#).

CHRIST CHURCH'S MINISTRY MATCH DISCOVERY TOOL

Christ Church's Ministry Match Discovery Tool is a new approach to meet your desire to serve with ministry opportunities at Christ Church and with our neighbors in need. Click [here](#) to complete a short survey about your preferences and see your results immediately. Our prayer is that the Ministry Match Discovery Tool helps us match you with possibilities and particular ways to engage in ministry at Christ Church that are meaningful and joyful, and we invite your participation!

ST. MICHAEL'S BOOK SALE

St. Michael's School & Nursery was established in 1890 by the Episcopal Church in Delaware to care for children of working parents. At Christ Church, we sell books donated by parishioners for just 50 cents per paperback and \$1.00 per hardback. All proceeds benefit the Scholarship Fund at St. Michael's. Visit the St. Michael's Book Nook between the Commons Room and Parish Hall C in the Parish Center to find your next good read!

WEAR YOUR CHRIST CHURCH NAME TAG

Please help us build community as we get to know fellow parishioners and newcomers by wearing your Christ Church name tag when you come to church. Tags are hard plastic with a magnetic clip. Click [here](#) or call the parish office at (302) 655-3379 to order yours.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God

in loving memory of

Douglas G. and Mary C. McPherson

Travis L. and Doris L. Moye

and in loving memory of

Richard and Kay King

Lillian and Pat Reilly

Sam and Bell King

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, Christ Church welcomes you into a loving and joyful community that serves others and seeks to grow deeper in relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

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PARISH CLERGY

The Rev. Ruth Beresford, *Rector*
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