



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 THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 3, 2024

10:30 AM HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

Voluntary *Sehr ruhig* from *Sonata No. 1*

Paul Hindemith (1895-1963)

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 from *Mass for 5 Voices*

William Byrd (1543-1623)

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

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

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

Please be seated for

The First Reading

Exodus 20:1-17

Then God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

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

Psalm 19:7-12 *Caeli enarrant*

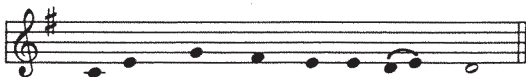
Chant: Plainsong

The Refrain is sung first by the Choir, repeated by all, then together as appointed.



Refrain

Let the words of my mouth and the med - i - ta - tion of my heart



be ac - cept - a - ble in your sight.

The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.
The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes. *Refrain*

The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever;
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb. *Refrain*

By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.
Who can tell how often he offends?
cleanse me from my secret faults. *Refrain*

The Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

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 Seek good, and not evil, that you may live; // and the God of hosts / will be with you. – *Amos 5:14*

Tract As the deer longs for the waterbrooks, so longs my soul for you, O God.
My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the living God;
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?
My tears have been my food day and night,
while all day long they say to me, "Where now is your God?"
Put your trust in God; for I will yet give thanks to him,
who is the help of my countenance, and my God. – *Psalms 42:1-3, 7*

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

The Gospel Reading

John 2:13-22

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

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

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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

Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities,
and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth thy right hand
to help and defend us, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

The first line of the musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass). The key signature has one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes.

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

The second line of the musical score continues the two-part setting. The melody and bass line are consistent with the first line, maintaining the same key and time signature.

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

The third line of the musical score continues the two-part setting. The melody and bass line are consistent with the previous lines, maintaining the same key and time signature.

give us your peace, give us your peace.

The fourth line of the musical score concludes the anthem. The melody and bass line are consistent with the previous lines, maintaining the same key and time signature. The piece ends with a double bar line.

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

William Harris (1883-1973)

Almighty and most merciful Father, grant that my hope and confidence may be in Jesu's merits
and thy mercy; confirm my faith, stablish my hope, enlarge my charity, pardon my offences,
and receive me at my death to everlasting happiness, for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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.***

The Blessing

The Celebrant blesses the People.

People ***Amen.***

Please be seated for

Announcements

Please stand and sing

Hymn in Procession 148 *Creator of the Earth and Skies*

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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MARCH 3, 2024

IN THE SEASON OF LENT

THIS WEEK WE LIFT UP...

OUR NOTES OF CARE MINISTRY. Our congregation is committed to following Jesus in service and to fulfilling the Great Commandment to love God and neighbor. One of the ways we do this is through our Notes of Care ministry. Volunteers write personal notes to parishioners experiencing a major life event. This small act of kindness to those in need or who are celebrating a joyful occasion reminds them that they are loved and cared for by their parish family. This past year, more than 100 notes were written by 14 volunteers. In addition, approximately 200 birthday cards were sent to parishioners 75 and older. If you know someone who would appreciate a Note of Care or for more information about serving as a volunteer who can occasionally assist with this ministry, please contact [Marty Rushlow](#) or call the parish office at (302) 655-3379.

CHORAL EVENSONG – TODAY

Choral Evensong will be held today at 4 PM in the Church with the Christ Church Choir and will include the Great Litany 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. Join us for this ancient service of music, scripture, and prayer.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION – MARCH 6

Those of all ages are invited for Coffee and Conversation this 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.

WHERE IS GOD IN ALL THE SUFFERING? – MARCH 6, 13, & 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. Join us on the remaining Wednesdays in Lent as we discuss this book's themes and teachings. Ruth leads our conversation alongside parish clergy and other community partners. We share a simple meal at 6:30 PM in Parish Hall A 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.

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 this Friday, March 8, at 6 PM. Contact [Jordan Kinsey](#) for details and to RSVP.

MONTHLY 175TH ANNIVERSARY SERVICE PROJECT – MARCH 10 & 15

Our 175th Anniversary Service Project with Lutheran Community Services continues this year as we address food insecurity in Wilmington with two opportunities to participate each month.

Donations Needed on March 10: On second Sundays, we collect items to donate to Lutheran Community Services: toilet paper, children's diapers, adult pull-up diapers, feminine hygiene products, body wash, shampoo, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, laundry detergent, and dish soap. Please place donations in the baskets at the back of the Church and Chapel. Items will be presented during worship and taken to Lutheran Community Services to be distributed during Christ Church's monthly volunteer opportunity.

Volunteer on March 15: On third Fridays, volunteers are needed to pack grocery bags of healthy foods and then distribute them to the cars of program participants at LCS headquarters in Wilmington. All ages are welcome, but younger children must be under parental supervision. Click [here](#) to sign up.

REMEMBER LOVED ONES THIS EASTER – BY MARCH 11

To remember someone with a contribution for special flowers or music this Easter, 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.

THE FRENCH (ITALIAN) CONNECTION WITH PIFFARO – MARCH 17

Piffaro, The Renaissance Band delights audiences with highly polished recreations of the rustic music of the peasantry and the elegant sounds of the official wind bands of the late Medieval and Renaissance periods. On Sunday, March 17, at 3 PM in the Church, they will present The French (Italian) Connection with GRAMMY award-winning tenor James Reese and guest instrumentalists Mark Rimple, Sian Ricketts, and Héloïse Degrugillier to recreate the sounds of the French court at the end of the 15th century. Tickets are \$20 (using code CCCH) to \$54 and may be purchased [here](#).

LET'S WALK & TALK TOGETHER – MARCH 23

Join in a new way to mark the close of the season of Lent at Christ Church. All ages can participate in a leisurely 5K walk through the grounds of Hagley Museum and Library on Saturday, March 23, starting from the Church at 9 AM and returning there at the end of the walk. With our walking partners, we will share how we've engaged and participated in our understanding of the promises of the Baptismal Covenant with conversation starters offered by the Rev. Stacey Carpenter. Click [here](#) to RSVP.

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 9 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.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER AT CHRIST CHURCH

Palm Sunday, March 24

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I in the Church

9:00 AM ARK Worship in the Chapel

9:00 AM SANCTUARY Worship in the Church

10:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II in the Church

All Ages Interactive Stations of the Cross along the path to the labyrinth
available Palm Sunday, March 24, through Holy Saturday, March 30

Maundy Thursday, March 28

5:00 PM All Ages Maundy Thursday Worship and Foot Washing in the Chapel

7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Worship and Foot Washing in the Church

followed by the Watch in the Chapel until 12 AM

Click [here](#) to sign up.

Good Friday, March 29

12:00 PM Good Friday Liturgy with Meditations in the Church
and livestreamed to our website

5:00 PM All Ages Worship in the Chapel

7:00 PM Tenebrae in the Church

Holy Saturday, March 30

7:30 PM Overnight Vigil at the Fire outside the Parish Center

Click [here](#) to sign up.

Easter Day, March 31

6:00 AM Easter Vigil in the Chapel

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I in the Chapel

8:45 AM to 12:15 PM Child care available in the Nursery

9:00 AM All Ages Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

9:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II in the Church

11:00 AM Choral Eucharist, Rite II in the Church and livestreamed to our website

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

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

in loving memory of

Jerold and Margaret Smith

Hugh Collins

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.

NEW HERE? Scan the QR code to let us know or complete the card in the pews and place it in the offering plate.



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