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 FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT MARCH 17, 2024 10:30 AM HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

Voluntary Fantasy in C minor

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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 Missa Brevis

Jonathan Dove (b. 1959)

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 alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

Please be seated for

The First Reading Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Chant: Plainsong

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

Psalm 51:1-13 Miserere mei, Deus

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

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spi - rit with - in me.

Refrain

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness;

in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

Wash me through and through from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight. Refrain

And so you are justified when you speak and upright in your judgment.

Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, a sinner from my mother's womb.

For behold, you look for truth deep within me, and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; wash me, and I shall be clean indeed. Refrain

Make me hear of joy and gladness, that the body you have broken may rejoice.

Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence and take not your holy Spirit from me.

Give me the joy of your saving help again and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit. Refrain

The Second Reading
Hebrews 5:5-10

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and

supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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 serves me, he must follow me, says the Lord; //

and where I am, there shall my ser- / vant also be. - John 12:26

Tract "Greatly have they oppressed me since my youth," let Israel now say;

"Greatly have they oppressed me since my youth, but they have not prevailed against me."

The plowmen plowed upon my back and made their furrows long.

The Lord, the Righteous One, has cut the cords of the wicked. - Psalm 129:1-4

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 12:20-33

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. "Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour?' No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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 Stacey Carpenter

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.*

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Please be seated as those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this month stand to be recognized; then all say

People

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

George Oldroyd (1887-1956)

When I think on Jesu's blood, that he shed upon the rood, I let tears smart.

Who of men can be unkind if Christis blood he hath in mind, entirely in his heart?

Sweet Jesu Christ, what is thy guilt, that thou for me art spilt, flower of unlothfulness?

I a thief am, but thou diest; I am guilty, but thou abuyest all my wickedness.

Why gavest thou so much for thine? What winnest thou for thy hard pine rich in bliss above?

Love thy heart so deep has sought, that pain of death doth let thee nought of man to win the love.

Sweet Jesu Christ.

Please stand and sing

Presentation Hymn 144 Lord Jesus, Sun of Righteousness

(blue) Hymnal 1982

The Great Thanksgiving

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift up your hearts.PeopleWe 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:





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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.



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

Stephanie Martin (b. 1962)

Ave verum corpus natum ex Maria Virgine, vere passum immolatum in cruce pro homine. Cujus latus perforatum vero fluxit sanguine; esto nobis praegustatum mortis in examine.

Hail, true Body born of the Virgin Mary, on the cross was thy body torn for us. Out of Thy pierced side did flow sacred blood; feed us with Thy broken Body now, and in the time of our death.

Please stand for

The Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant In thanksgiving, let us pray.

People Almighty and everliving Go

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 439 What Wondrous Love is This

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 17, 2024

IN THE SEASON OF LENT

THIS WEEK WE LIFT UP...

CHRIST CHURCH SUPPORT GROUPS. Christ Church's Care Support Ministries provide compassionate Christian care to people in need within and beyond our church family. Our Grief Support Group meets monthly for those seeking the support of others who have lost a loved one, and Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon meet at Christ Church during the week for those dealing with alcoholism and recovery. These groups offer refreshment and comfort and provide a place of safety, prayer, and mutual support. For more information, please contact the Rev. <u>Stacey Carpenter</u> or call (302) 655-3379.

Grief Support Group Meeting Today

Those who have experienced the loss of a loved one and are moving through the grief process are encouraged to attend today's Grief Support Group meeting at 12 PM in the Commons Room or online. Contact Stacey Carpenter for the Zoom link.

ALL AGES PRAYER STATIONS & FELLOWSHIP - TODAY

Join in an expanded Coffee & Community this morning, March 17, from 9:30 to 10:30 AM and take part in prayer stations that will be set up in the Parish Halls. Come spend some time in prayerful activities, appropriate for those of all ages. Child care is offered in the nursery until noon, but no faith formation classes take place at this time so that all can participate.

THE FRENCH (ITALIAN) CONNECTION WITH PIFFARO - TODAY

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. Today 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 by clicking here.

WHERE IS GOD IN ALL THE SUFFERING? - WEDNESDAY

"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 in the discussion for the last in our series this Wednesday, March 20. We share a simple meal at 6:30 PM in Parish Hall A and conclude at 8 PM. Click here to RSVP.

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 in our understanding of the promises of the Baptismal Covenant with conversation starters offered by the Rev. Stacey Carpenter. Click here to RSVP.

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

Wednesday in Holy Week, March 27

9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Rite of Reconciliation with Christ Church Clergy Click <u>here</u> to sign up.

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 <u>here</u> 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 until 6 AM Click <u>here</u> 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

ALL AGES INTERACTIVE STATIONS OF THE CROSS - MARCH 24-30

Follow the story of Jesus' death and resurrection from his condemnation by Pilate to his crucifixion and burial through hands-on, multisensory stations available on the path to the labyrinth from Palm Sunday, March 24, through Holy Saturday, March 30. Children and adults of all ages are encouraged to experience this powerful offering.

DINE WITH THE LADIES - MARCH 25

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 Cromwell's Tavern on Monday, March 25, at 7 PM. Click <u>here</u> to RSVP.

RITE OF RECONCILIATION WITH CHRIST CHURCH CLERGY - MARCH 27

Lent is a season of penitence, forgiveness, and reconciliation. One way Episcopalians experience the assurance of God's mercy and grace is through participating in the sacramental rite of Reconciliation, commonly known as confession. All in search of healing and forgiveness are welcome to make a personal confession with the Christ Church clergy on the Wednesday of Holy Week, March 27. To sign up for a 20-minute time slot, click here.

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TWO OPPORTUNITIES TO KEEP WATCH - MARCH 28 & 30

As Jesus prayed in the garden of Gethsemane shortly before his arrest, he asked his disciples to keep vigil with him—to stay awake and support him in his hour of need. You are invited to keep watch in the Chapel on Maundy Thursday, March 28, from 8 PM to midnight, following the 7 PM service in the Church. Then on Holy Saturday, March 30, we invite you to participate in an overnight vigil at the fire outside the Parish Center from 7:30 PM to 6 AM as we await Christ's victory over death with the lighting of the Paschal candle at the Easter Vigil. Click here to sign up for an hour or two on one or both dates.

FAMILY PROMISE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - APRIL 21-27

Christ Church has the pleasure of hosting families from the Family Promise Network during the week of April 21-27. Family Promise uses a holistic approach with families experiencing homelessness to provide safe shelter and assist with permanent housing. Families stay overnight in the Family Promise Hospitality Center on Milltown Road, and volunteers are needed to prepare and deliver meals there each evening and to pick up items for families during the week. Click here to volunteer.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of
Terry J. Conway
and in honor of
the wedding anniversary of
Rufus and Rosanne Miller on March 21

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

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