

# 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. To observe Lent, the announcements and greeting are placed at the conclusion of worship. Please maintain quiet for prayer. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here.

## THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 1, 2026

## 10:30 AM HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

Service Music from *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880-1968)

**Voluntary** *An Wasserflüssen Babylon*, BWV 653

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

*Please stand, as able, at the entrance of the cross and procession.*

### The Penitential Order

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People* ***His mercy endures for ever.***

*Celebrant* If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8-9*

*Please kneel, as able, for*

### The Confession

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our 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.***

*The Choir sings the Kyrie in either Greek or English.*

### Kyrie eleison

Setting: Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)

*Kyrie eleison.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Christe eleison.*

Christ, have mercy upon us.

*Kyrie eleison.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

### The Absolution

*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.***



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.

*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* God so loved the world that he gave his on-ly Son; //  
that all who believe in him might have / e-ter-nal life. – *John 3:16*

*Tract* Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his mercy endures for ever.  
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. – *from Psalm 106*

*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 3:1-17*

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

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

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

*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**

Ruth Beresford

*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 Sean, 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. We give you thanks for your loving kindness, given to us and offered for all people in Jesus' name. *Amen.*

### 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 using Apple or Google Pay, PayPal, Venmo, a credit/debit card, ACH, 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

Libby Larsen (b. 1950)

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son,  
that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

*Please stand and sing*

**Presentation Hymn 313, vs. 1 & 4** *Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured*

(blue) Hymnal 1982

### The Great Thanksgiving

(red) Book of Common Prayer 361

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* *And also with you.*

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

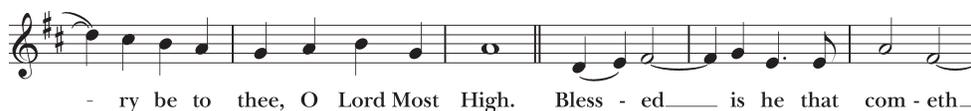
*People* *We lift them to the Lord.*

*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:



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.*

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -  
way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -  
on us. O Lamb of God, that  
ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have  
mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of  
God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the  
world, grant us thy 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**

Henry Loosemore (1607-1670)

Why art thou so full of heaviness, O my soul?  
And why art thou so disquieted within me?  
O put thy trust in God; for I will yet give him thanks,  
Which is the help of my countenance, and my God.

### **Communion Hymn 144** *Lord Jesus, Sun of Righteousness*

Hymnal 1982

*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.***

### **Announcements**

*All sing*

### **Hymn in Procession 637** *How Firm a Foundation, Ye Saints of the Lord*

Hymnal 1982

### **Dismissal**

*Priest* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

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

*During this solemn season of Lent, there is no concluding organ voluntary. 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.*

*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*  
The Rev. Thomas Word Peters, *Associate Rector*  
The Very Rev. William Lane, *Pastoral Associate*

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Sheila Abio, *Head of School*  
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