

# 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 FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 22, 2026

### 10:30 AM HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

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

**Voluntary** *Tierce en taille*

Pierre Du Mage (1674-1751)

*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* Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. *Hebrews 4:14, 16*

*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: Janet Hall (1923-2004)

*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.***

## 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

*Ezekiel 37:1-14*

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord." So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

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

## Psalm 130 *De profundis*

Chant: Plainsong

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



*Refrain* With the LORD there is mer-cy, and with him there is plen-teous re-demp-tion.

Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice;

let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss, O Lord, who could stand?

For there is forgiveness with you; therefore you shall be feared.

I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; in his word is my hope. *Refrain*

My soul waits for the Lord, more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning.

O Israel, wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy;

With him there is plenteous redemption, and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins. *Refrain*

## The Second Reading

Romans 8:6-11

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

*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* I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; //  
whoever believes in me shall not die / for ev-er. – *John 11:25-26*

*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. – *Psalms 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 11:1-45*

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

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

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him." When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the

resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world." When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in 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**

Thomas Word Peters

*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.

Lord God, we pray for all impacted by the attacks in Iran and around the Middle East: for the military and their families; for the leaders of the nations; for our president and his council; for the people of Iran and those who will rise to leadership; for enemies and allies; for those who are wounded and those who have lost their lives; for the innocents who cannot escape the tyranny of terror.

We turn to you, Lord God, that your ways may be known upon earth and your saving health among all nations; in your mercy, Lord,

*hear our prayer.*

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

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 lay aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,  
to lay aside his crown 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 his love for me,  
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
and through eternity I'll sing on.

*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.

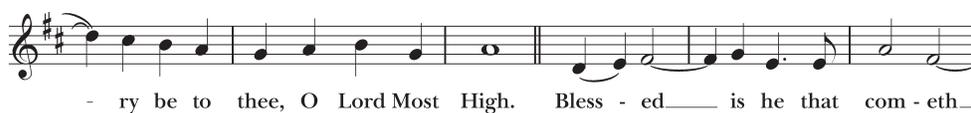
*People* ***We lift them to the Lord.***

*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**

Edward C. Bairstow (1874-1946)

Jesu, the very thought of thee  
with sweetness fills the breast;  
but sweeter far thy face to see,  
and in thy presence rest.

### **Communion Hymn 322** *When Jesus Died to Save Us*

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.***

### **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.***

### **Announcements**

*All sing*

### **Hymn in Procession 665** *All My Hope on God is Founded*

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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