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CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, NEWTON

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 17, 2024

8:00 & 10:00 am – Holy Eucharist, Rite I

**omitted at 8:00 am*

As we prepare our hearts and minds for worship, please keep conversation to a minimum.

*Prelude

Sonata in A Major, D. 664, Andante

Franz Schubert

A Celtic Set for Lent

Thomas Keeseecker

The Congregation stands as the choir and altar party process in silence.

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant

Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

People

His mercy endureth for ever.

The Decalogue

8 am: spoken; 10 am: chanted

Lord, have mercy upon us, and in -

cline our hearts to keep this law.

God spake these words, and said: I am the Lord thy God who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

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

Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them.

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

Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.
Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.
Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Honor thy father and thy mother.
Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt do no murder.
Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.
Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not steal.
Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.
Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not covet.
Lord have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.



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 is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8,9*

The Confession & Absolution

Celebrant Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

A period of silence is kept. The Congregation is invited to kneel.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

Kyrie

8 am: spoken

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

10 am: (S-91)

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -
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Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray. O Almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men: Grant unto thy people that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 51:1-13

prayed responsively

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; *
 in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- 2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness *
 and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I know my transgressions, *
 and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned *
 and done what is evil in your sight.
- 5 And so you are justified when you speak *
 and upright in your judgment.

- 6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, *
 a sinner from my mother's womb.
- 7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, *
 and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
- 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; *
 wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, *
 that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- 10 Hide your face from my sins *
 and blot out all my iniquities.
- 11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, *
 and renew a right spirit within me.
- 12 Cast me not away from your presence *
 and take not your holy Spirit from me.
- 13 Give me the joy of your saving help again *
 and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

The Second Lesson

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

***Sequence Hymn #441**

In the Cross of Christ I glory

Rathbun

Clergy The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

The Holy Gospel

John 12:20-33

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.

Clergy

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Chris Streeter

The Nicene Creed

Please stand.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Please stand or kneel.

Let us pray for the Church, the world and all people according to their needs.

A brief silence is kept.

God our Creator, we acknowledge that you are the God of all people, the God of all generations. We thank you for our lives, which are in your hands; for our souls, which are in your keeping; and for the signs of your presence we encounter every day.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all people in their daily life and work; for our families, friends, and neighbors; for all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble; for all who endure the consequences of war; for those serving in our Armed Forces; and for those on our prayer list. Comfort and relieve those who suffer, and help us to be agents of your healing and wholeness. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

The season of Lent calls us to a time of self-reflection. Guide us, O God, as we look inward so that we may see the truth of our lives; and give us the courage and strength to make an honest effort to live according to your will. We pray for your pardon, forgiveness, and support. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all whom we love, but see no longer. Grant them light and peace in that place where there is no pain or sorrow, but life eternal. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercies, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And with thy spirit.



Welcome & Announcements

The Rev. Chris Streeter

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*Offertory Anthem

And Can It Be?

Dan Forrest

And can it be that I should gain
An interest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain—
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be,
That Thou, my God,
shouldst die for me?

He left His Father's throne above
So free, so infinite His grace—
Emptied Himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race:
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
For O my God, it found out me!
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
For O my God, it found out me!

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine;
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness
divine,
Bold I approach th'eternal throne,
And claim the crown,
through Christ my own.

-Charles Wesley, 1738

*Presentation Hymn



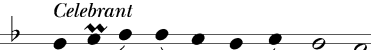
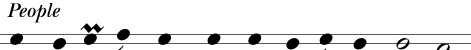


St. Flavian

The musical notation consists of three staves of music in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notes are primarily quarter and eighth notes, with some half notes and rests. The lyrics are written below the notes, aligned with the corresponding syllables.

And through these days of pen - i - tence, and
A - bide with us, that so, this life of
through thy Pas - sion - tide, yea, ev - er - more, in
suf - fering o - ver - past, an Eas - ter of un -
life and death, Je - sus! with us a - bide.
end - ing joy we may at - tain at last!

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer II

<i>Celebrant</i>	<i>People</i>
	
	
	
	

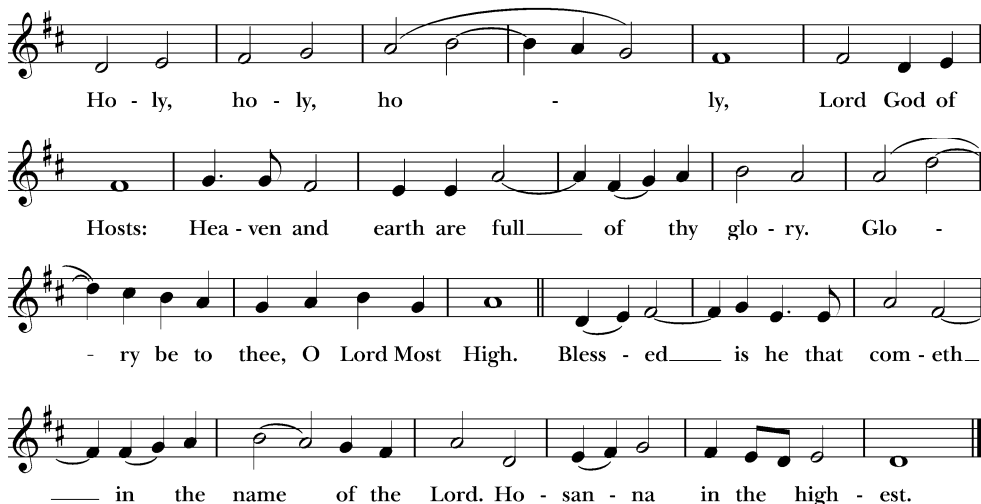
Celebrant

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Who dost bid thy faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by thy Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which thou hast prepared for those who love thee.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Sanctus and Benedictus (S114)

Healey Willan



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of

Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -

- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Celebrant

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,
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, forever
and ever. Amen.

The Fraction

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant 
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;


People 
There - fore let us keep the feast.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.


*Agnus Dei (S158)

Healey Willan

Men




O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -




way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -

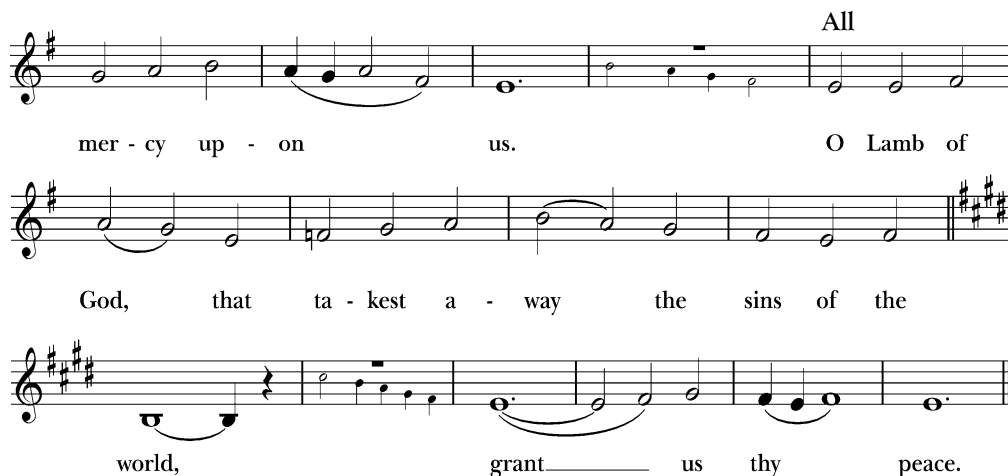
Women



on us. O Lamb of God, that



ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have



All are welcome at God's Table.

Please come forward, at the direction of the ushers. The bread is received in the open palm. Gluten-free wafers are available by asking the priest. The wine, if desired, may be taken from the common cup by drinking (placing your hand gently on the base of the chalice to guide it). If you do not wish to receive communion, you may cross your arms over your chest and receive a blessing from the priest.

*Communion

What Wondrous Love Is This

arr. Thomas Keesecker

*Communion Solo

It Is Enough! (from *Elijah*)

Felix Mendelssohn

Joseph Mello, baritone

It is enough! O Lord, now take away my life for I am not better than my fathers. I desire to live no longer. Now let me die, for my days are but vanity. I have been very jealous for the Lord God of Hosts, for the children of Israel have broken Thy covenant and thrown down Thine altars and slain all Thy prophets - slain them with the sword. And I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life to take it away. It is enough! O Lord, now take away my life for I am not better than my fathers. Now let me die. Lord, take away my life!

Thanksgiving after Communion

Please stand or kneel.

Celebrant Let us pray.

People Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of

thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Solemn Prayer

During the season of Lent, in place of a blessing, a solemn Prayer over the People is used:

Celebrant Look with compassion, O Lord, upon this thy people; that, rightly observing this holy season, they may learn to know you more fully, and to serve you with a more perfect will; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Closing Hymn #473

Lift High the Cross

Crucifer

The Dismissal

Clergy Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

During the season of Lent, there is no postlude.

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Serving in God's House Today

8 am

Lector: Cecelia Clayton

L.E.M.: Eric Fohl

Ushers: Mike Ragdale

10 am

Lectors: Patricia Taggart, Geri Livengood,

Alex Zander

L.E.M.: MaryAnn Risley

Ushers: Nick Pachnos & Pauline Josephs

Crucifer: Josh Szelstra

Joining us in worship & fellowship on March 10, 2024

8:00 am: 26

10:00 am: 152

Christ Church Prayer List

For those who are ill: Janet, Beverley, Gizelle,Carolyn, Marie, Mary, Evan, Lauren, Trish, Sue, Alex, Derick, Kim, Born, Glenn, Greg, Elaine, Eric Lori, Lorraine, Linda, Eileen, Janet, Rick Jr, Kevin, Valerie, Kim, Lance, Jeff, Carol, Paul, Jeanne, Daryl, Robert, Tricia, Kim, Jane, Lisa, Paco, Amy, Michele, Yacki, Addis, Ishi, Roger, Debbie, Tom, Tracy, Stevie, DJ, Brenda , Minnie, Wyn, Kay, Elizabeth, James, Lisa, Palo, Mary, Madeline, Cardyne,

Guy and Anthony.

For those with child: Jessica, Meredith

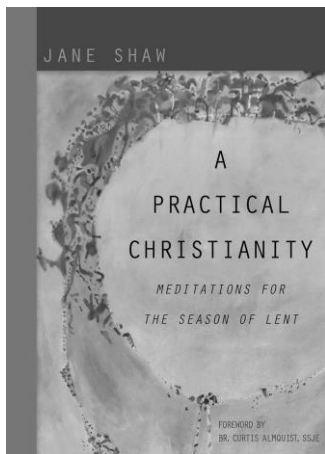
For those serving in the armed forces: Parker, Dean, Michael and Nicholas.

We rejoice with... Rebecca Ralph, Agnes Beatty, John Jaqueth, Jessica Caruso and all who are celebrating their birthdays this week.

Please contact Karrie Miller in the church office to have names added or removed from our prayer list.

Announcements & Events

Christ Church Lenten Series – concludes this week.
Wednesday, March 20 at 7pm



Our Lenten series concludes this week! **March 20: Love**

Join us in Holley Hall for all sessions,
or choose a few that interest you most!

For more information, please speak with Father Chris.

Hope to see you at 7 pm this Wednesday!



**Holy Week 2024
at Christ Church**

Join us throughout this most sacred week as we mark the story of Christ's death and resurrection.

Sunday, March 24

Palm Sunday: The Sunday of the Passion

8 am & 10 am

Holy Eucharist w/ Procession

We will gather at 9:45 am in the Newton Town Square for our opening procession

Monday, March 25

Tuesday, March 26

Wednesday, March 27

7 pm

Evening Prayer

Thursday, March 28

Maundy Thursday

7 pm

Holy Eucharist & The Stripping of the Altar

Preacher: Dr. Lisa Kimball

Our night-long Watch begins immediately following the service.

Friday, March 29
Good Friday

8 am: Mass of the Presanctified
12 noon: Good Friday Liturgy
3 pm: Ringing of Church Bell
7 pm: Good Friday Service of Tenebrae

Saturday, March 30
Holy Saturday

8 am: Holy Saturday Liturgy
7 pm: The Great Vigil of Easter
Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Patricia Lyons
Dinner following in Holley Hall

Sunday, March 31
The Sunday of the Resurrection

8 am & 10 am
Holy Eucharist
Easter Egg Hunt immediately following the 10 am service