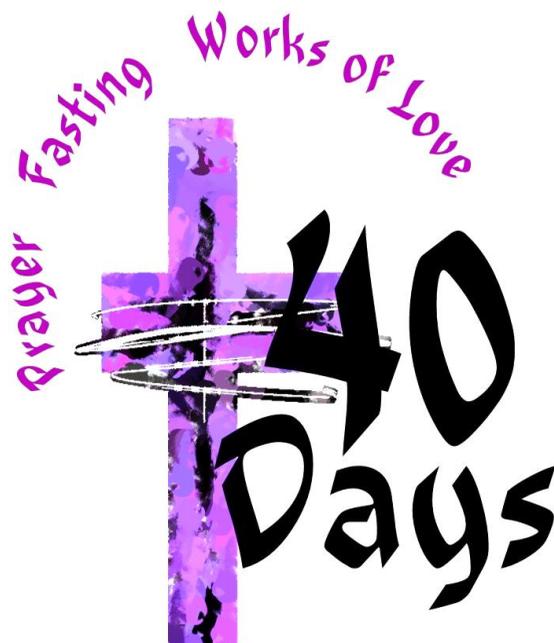


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### The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray. Almighty God, who seest that we have no power of 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 liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### The First Lesson

**Exodus 17:1-7**

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us

out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 95

*prayed responsively*

- 1      Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*  
          **let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.**
- 2      Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
          **and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**
- 3      For the Lord is a great God, \*  
          **and a great King above all gods.**
- 4      In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
          **and the heights of the hills are his also.**
- 5      The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
          **and his hands have molded the dry land.**
- 6      Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
          **and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**
- 7      For he is our God,  
          and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*  
          **Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**
- 8      Harden not your hearts, as your forebears did in the wilderness, \*  
          **at Meribah, and on that day at Massah, when they tempted me.**
- 9      They put me to the test, \*  
          **though they had seen my works.**
- 10     Forty years long I detested that generation and said, \*  
          **"This people are wayward in their hearts; they do not know my ways."**
- 11     So I swore in my wrath, \*  
          **"They shall not enter into my rest."**

## The Second Lesson

Romans 5:1-11

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person – though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

\***Sequence Hymn #685**

Rock of ages, cleft for me

*Toplady*

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

*People*      **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

## The Holy Gospel

John 4:5-42

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in

them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.” The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.” Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back.” The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!” The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.” Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.” Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.” Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

*Clergy*  
*People*

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

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 everyday.

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, including 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.**

We lift our prayers in this time of uncertainty for all enduring the consequences of war. Protect those serving in our Armed Forces. Equip our leaders to help accomplish a cessation of violence and establish lasting peace. 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.**

*The Celebrant may add a concluding collect.*

### **The Peace**

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



### **Welcome & Announcements**

The Rev. Chris Streater

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### **\*Offertory Anthem**

Like as the hart desireth the water brooks

*Giovanni Luigi  
da Palestrina*

*Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks: so longeth my soul after thee, O God.*

*- Psalm 42:1*

And through these days of that pen - i - tence, and of  
 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

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.  
*People*            **And with thy spirit**  
*Celebrant*      Lift up your hearts.  
*People*            **We lift them up unto the Lord.**  
*Celebrant*      Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.  
*People*            **It is meet and right so to do.**

*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

8 am: spoken; 10 am: S-114

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 has 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.*

8 am:            *Celebrant*        Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
                     *People*                **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

10 am:

\*Agnus Dei (S158)

Men

Healey Willan

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



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 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

Depth of Mercy/Search me, O God

arr. Cindy Berry

**\*Communion Anthem**

God's Promise

Mark Patterson

Take this bread, take this cup,  
Take this time and remember,  
Remember God's love for each of us.  
Hope is shared, peace is poured;  
At this table  
Christ is made known to us;  
Mercy is shown to us;  
He gave his live that we might live.

This is the feast of grace  
for God's people.  
Let all receive these gifts from above  
And remember this table can teach us  
God's promise that have never fails;  
Love never fails;  
God's promise sustains us.

Remember God's love for each of us.  
Hope is shared, peace is poured;  
At this table  
Christ is made known to us;  
Mercy is shown to us;  
He gave his live that we might live.  
In God's promise we live!

**\*Communion Hymn #315**

Lord, who at thy first Eucharist didst pray

Song 1

**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* Keep this your family, Lord, with your never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of your heavenly grace, they may be upheld by your divine protection; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**\*Closing Hymn #690**

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

Cwm Rhondda

**The Dismissal**

*Clergy* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

*People* Thanks be to God.

*There is no Voluntary during the season of Lent.*

**Serving in God's House Today**

**8 am**

Lector: Walter Thies

L.E.M.: Andy Van Orden

Usher: Mitch Hillard

**10 am**

Crucifer: Josh Szelesta

Lectors: Tim Evans, Randy Kurie,

Mark Hoyer

L.E.M.: Curt Wilson

Ushers: Nick Pachnos & Diana Riker

**Christ Church Prayer List**

**We offer our prayers for those who are ill, including:**

Carl, Chelsee, Daryl, Ed, Georgeann, Gizelle, Irene, Ishi, Jason,  
Joyce, Lorraine, Lynn, Mary, Mary Ellen, Ruth, Steve and Tricia

**We offer our prayers for those serving in the armed forces, including:**

Parker, Dean, Michael, Angel, Jonathan and Nicholas

**We rejoice with those celebrating birthdays this week, including:**

Beth Batastini, Agnes Beatty, Jessica Caruso, Micaela Ciccolella,  
John Jaqueth, AnnMarie Oberstein, and John Pachnos

*Please contact the church office to have names added or removed from our prayer list,  
or to add a birthday or anniversary to our list. We want to be praying with you!*

**Joining us in worship & fellowship on March 1, 2026**

8:00 am: 39

10:00 am: 118

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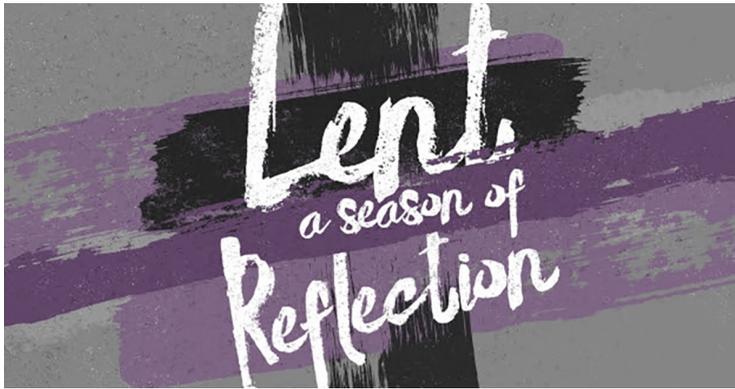
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## Announcements & Events



Lenten Series 2026  
Wednesday Evenings in Lent  
7:00-8:00 pm

### **Spiritual Struggles: Strategies for Strengthening & Sustaining our Faith**

Our prayer book invites us into the season of Lent through “self-examination, repentance, prayer, and by reading and meditating on God’s holy Word” (pg. 265).

You are invited to join in this holy work with others through our five-week Lenten series. **Led by Chris Streeter and Tricia Lyons**, we will spend time identifying some of the spiritual struggles and pitfalls that can challenge and discourage us. Utilizing both large and small group formats, we will look at different strategies and resources that can help strengthen our faith and renew our connections to God, each other and our own, best selves.

We hope you will join us throughout the season of Lent, preparing our ourselves in heart, body, mind and spirit for the coming of Easter and reclaiming the joys given to us through the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

**Our series continues this Wednesday, March 11 from 7:00-8:00 pm in Holley Hall.**



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