CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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MISSION STATEMENT

We place our faith in the promises of God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ, that He is the way, the truth, and the Life. As members of a Christian Family, we dedicate ourselves to a life of worship, prayer, study, and services. We further dedicate ourselves to bringing His teaching to the community through the broader use of our facilities and resources.

9:00 AM MARCH 10, 2024



"For God So Loved the World" Paul Oman

The Rev. Creamilda Shirley Wulck-Nortey Yoda, Priest-in-Charge Gail Russell, Senior Warden

We welcome you as we worship this morning. So we can all worship in unison, please try to speak just a little slower than the leader each time you are invited to participate in prayer. We now have technology that picks up all sounds in the sanctuary and over Zoom, so please remember to mute your microphone unless invited to participate in prayer. If you would like more information about the Christ Church family, speak with Gail Russell or Jim Carr, our Senior and Junior Wardens or an usher.

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The Prelude is the beginning of our service, so please enter quietly and listen respectfully as you prepare for worship.

PRELUDE "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" [A. TOPLADY/T. HASTINGS] All stand, if able.

PROCESSIONAL "Spread, O Spread Thou Mighty Word" (Hymn to Joy)

The Hymnal 1982, # 530, (LEM 1)

The hymn begins on the next page.



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OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

KYRIE "Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us"

The Hymnal 1982, # S91

[SETTING FROM MISSA DE SANCTA MARIA MAGDELENA] (LEM 1)

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you. *People*: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

THE DECALOGUE

Celebrant: Hear the commandments of God to his people: I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.

You shall have no other gods but me.

People: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant: You shall not make for yourself any idol.

People: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant: You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

People: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant: Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

People: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant: Honor your father and your mother.

People: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant: You shall not commit murder.

People: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant: You shall not commit adultery.

People: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant: You shall not steal.

People: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant: You shall not be a false witness.

People: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant: You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

People: Amen. Lord have mercy.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

THE LESSONS The people sit.

A reading from The Book of Exodus 20: 1 - 17

(LECTOR)

From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 107: 1-3, 17-22 Confitemini Domino Read responsively at the asterisk

(LEM2)

1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, * and his mercy endures for ever.

2 Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed proclaim * that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.

3 He gathered them out of the lands; * from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

17 Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; * they were afflicted because of their sins.

18 They abhorred all manner of food * and drew near to death's door.

19 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, * and he delivered them from their distress.

20 He sent forth his word and healed them *
and saved them from the grave.
21 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy *
and the wonders he does for his children.
22 Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

A reading from The Letter of Paul to the Ephesians 2: 1 – 10 (LEM 1)

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ-- by grace you have been saved-- and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God-- not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

All stand, if able

SEQUENCE HYMN "O Love, How Deep" (Deus tuorum militum)

The Hymnal 1940, # 344, stz. 1 & 2 (LEM 1)

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Please note that from now on everyone, except the Celebrant, will be automatically muted before the Gospel through the end of the sermon. There are instructions for unmuting both laptops and phones following the sermon.

The Gospel begins on the next page

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

according to John 3: 14-21

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "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. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

After the gospel

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

HYMN "O Love, How Deep" (Deus tuorum militum)

The Hymnal 1940, # 344, stz. 3 (LEM 1) The hymn begins on page 8.

SERMON Art Taylor

Brief Silence for Reflection

After the sermon you can unmute your laptop, by clicking on the unmute button and to unmute from a phone, you need to press *6.

THE NICENE CREED Celebrant and People together say

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.

INTERCESSION (LEM 2)

Let us pray for the following:

For the Anglican Communion:

Pray for The Episcopal Church

For the Diocese:

We pray in thanksgiving for committees in our churches and the people who volunteer to be involved and do the work.

St. Patrick's Church, DC

St. Patrick's Episcopal Day School, DC.

For the healing of body, mind, and spirit:

Mark Amole Ellen Grimm Raymond Severin
Tom and Leslynn Harding Renate Schlett
Nancy Andracsek Desirae Hurley Diana Terry

Barbara Birckner Joan Hyde and Family The Thompson Family

Paul Birckner Elson Johnson Marge Travis

Mary Ann Bivens and Eric Johnson and Family Joseph Gabriel Travis

Family Lynne Lau John Travis

Chet Boden George Lemm Scott, Mary, and

Christine Buchanan Rosemarie Malatesta Cindy Vining.

Rev. Cassandra Burton Susan Meyer Margaret Walls

Malachi Burton Grace Miedzinski Dale Walden

The Davis Family The Morgan Family Burmita Weaver

Diana M. Diana Kenneth Myers Carl White
Teri Edwards Gail Nairn Shirley White

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Anne Emerson Kelley Randolph Jim Williams

Procks Emerson Lames Pankin Judy Williams

Brooke Emerson James Rankin Judy Williams

James and Raine Gabriel Jim Rouse Linda Wilson

Aidil Diaz-Garcia David Russell.

Sylvia Green Latonia Saunders

<u>For those who are homebound</u>: Laura Mack, Hilda Norwood, Charles Ramsey, and Janet Sullivan

For those serving in the US Armed Services:

Alex and Taylor Carr – Grandsons of Jim and Ruth Carr

Christopher Conti – Son of Cynthia Allen

Guy R. Gabriel, Jr. – Grandson of James and Raine Gabriel

Paul A. Harding – Son of Paul and Holly Harding

Tregenza Henry – Husband of Jean Henry

Phil Lance – Grandson of Janet Sullivan

Joseph (JD) Lau- Grandson of Bob and Lynne Lau

Chris Orrison – Husband of Kim Orrison

Demarais Roach – Godson of Ernest Norwood

Sylvan Evald Smith – Granddaughter of Christina Evald

Andrew and Luke Travis – Grandsons of Marge Travis

Don LaVoe Wright, Jr. – Son of Billie Jean Wright

Silence.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM VI

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, Mariann our Bishop; and for all bishops, Creamilda, our Priest-in-Charge, and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

Prayers of the People continue on next page

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, especially Everton Henry and Wilhelm Hesse, Sr, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins. Silence may be kept.

Celebrant and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

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 FOR STRENGTH AND CONFIDENCE *BCP, P. 459*

Heavenly Father, giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve your sick servants, and give your power of healing to those who minister to their needs, that they may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in your loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR PEACE AMONG NATIONS *BCP*, p. 816, # 5

Almighty God our heavenly Father, guide the nations of the world into the way of justice and truth, and establish among them that peace which is the fruit of righteousness, that they may become the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen**.

PRAYER FOR BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS BCP, p. 830, # 50

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

PRAYER FOR ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS *BCP*, p. 828, # 45

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who settest the solitary in families: We commend to thy continual care the homes in which thy people dwell. Put far from them, we beseech thee, every root of bitterness, the desire of vain glory, and the pride of life. Fill them with faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness.

Knit together in constant affection those who, in holy wedlock, have been made one flesh. Turn the hearts of the parents to the children, and the hearts of the children to the parents; and so enkindle fervent charity among us all, that we may evermore be kindly affectioned one to another; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE TRAVELING *The Book of Common Prayer*, p. 831, # 53

O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WELCOME GUESTS AND 1ST TIME VISITORS PRAYER The Rev. Creamilda Shirley Wulck-Nortey Yoda

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Lord, help us to welcome every guest as if we were welcoming you, delighting in their presence and ready to learn what good news they bring to us. **Amen**.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

All stand, if able.

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCES The Rev. Creamilda Shirley Wulck-Nortey Yoda

Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his Name.

The ushers come to the chancel steps to receive the offering plates. The congregation place their offerings on the plates being passed along the pews.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "God So Loved the World" [J. STAINER]

The Choir

The ushers bring the offerings to the chancel steps to be blessed

THE DOXOLOGY "Praise God" (Old 100th)

The Hymnal 1982, # 380, v. 3

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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The crucifer places the blessed offering on the table near the altar.

Zoom participants are invited to participate in communion by placing before you a small amount of bread or crackers and wine or juice. Place your hands on them as the Celebrant recites the words of consecration. Please, eat and drink reverently as you would do in church and don't keep any leftovers.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer A

The people remain standing, if able.

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 him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

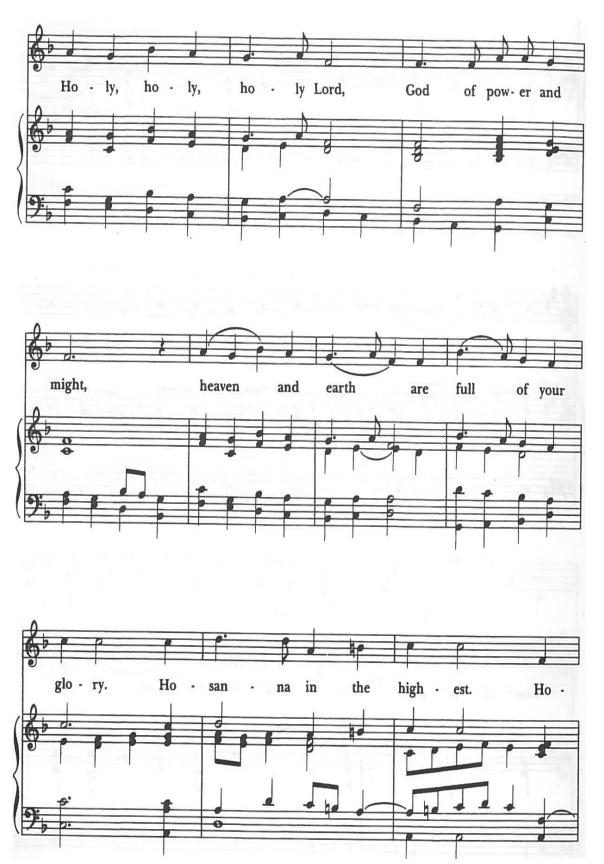


Bell is rung

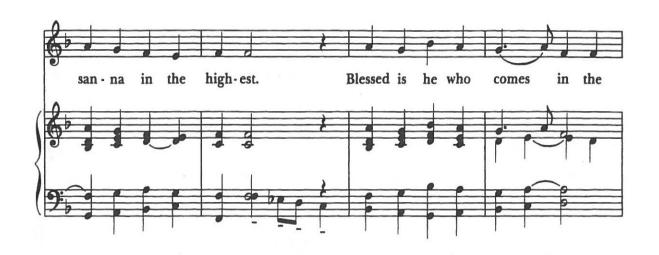
Celebrant and People sing

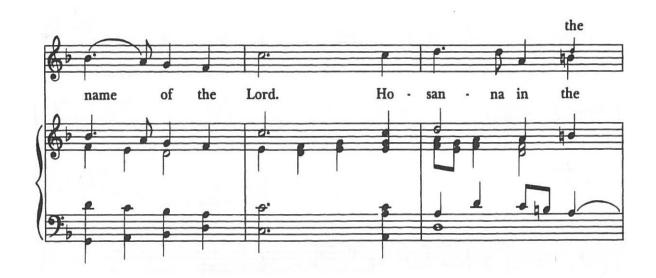
THE SANCTUS "Holy, Holy" [ARR. RICHARD PROULX] The Hymnal 1982, # S125

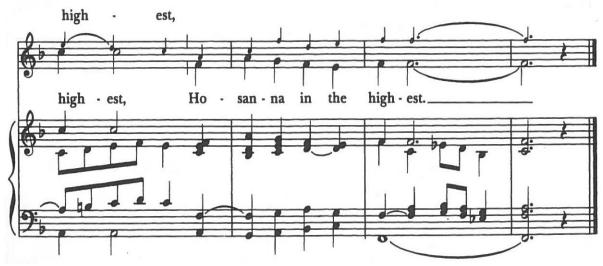
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The people stand or kneel, if able.

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." (Zoom participants touch the bread)



Bell is rung

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."



Bell is rung

(Zoom participants touch the cup)

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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 GREAT AMEN "Amen" [CARL MAULTSBY, The Saint Mary Mass]



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And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing,

Celebrant and People

THE LORD'S PRAYER [ALBERT HAY MALOTTE]

Lift Every Voice Hymnal, #264

(LEM 1)

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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast.

AGNUS DEI "O Lamb of God" [ARR. RICHARD PROULX]

<u>The Hymnal 1982</u>, # \$164 **(LEM 1)**

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THE FRACTION

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

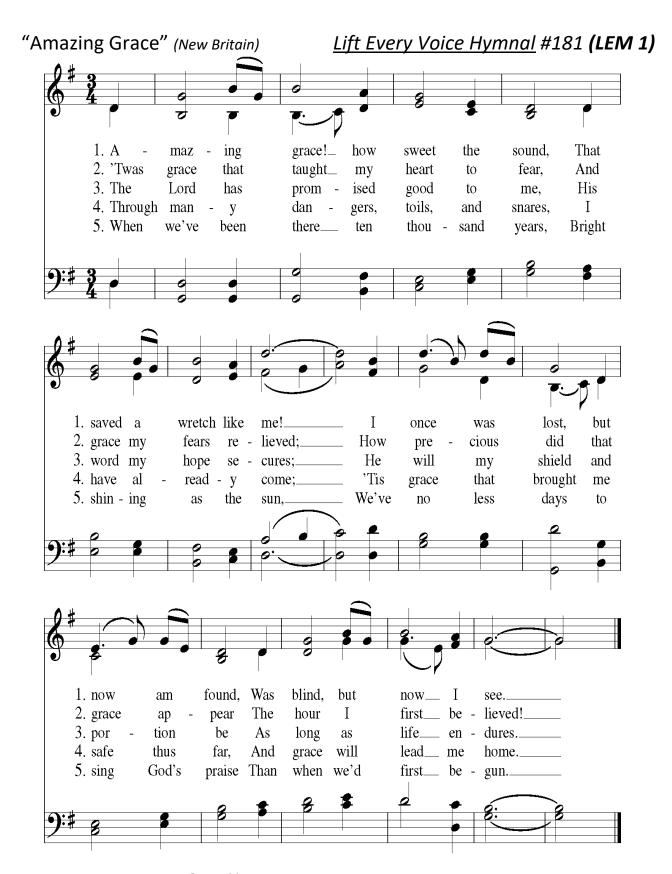
COMMUNION All are invited to the rail at the Table of the Lord. The Celebrant, assisted by LEM 1, will distribute the communion kits. (Zoom participants eat and drink)

COMMUNION HYMNS

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" (Nettleton)



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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN "Lift High the Cross" (Crucifer)

The Hymnal 1982, # 473 (LEM 1)

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SUNDAY SCHOOL PRAYER

O God, give me clean hands, clean words, and clean thoughts. Help me to stand for the hard right against the easy wrong. Save me from habits that harm. Teach me to work as hard, and play as fair in thy sight alone as if the whole world saw. Forgive me when I am unkind, and help me to forgive those who are unkind to me. Keep me ready to help others at some cost to myself. Send me chances to do a little good every day, and so grow more like Christ. Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

The Rev. Creamilda Wulck-Nortey Yoda

People: Thanks be to God.

The Postlude is the end of our service, so please remain seated and listen respectfully to the selected music.

POSTLUDE "Behold the Lamb of God" [G. F. HANDEL]

Assisting in the Service:

Director of Music: Gregory Crowe

Preacher: Art Taylor

LEMS: Quentin Banks (LEM 1) Art Taylor (LEM 2 & POP)

Eda Brawner (Lector)

Live Stream Technician: Tregenza Henry

Lessons for The Fifth Sunday in Lent, March 17, 2024:

Jeremiah 31: 31 – 34; Psalm 51: 1 – 13 or Psalm 119: 9 – 16;

Hebrews 5: 5 – 10; John 3: 14 – 21

LEMS for The Fifth Sunday in Lent, March 17, 2024:

Jean Henry (LEM 1); Luan George (LEM 2 & POP); Teresa Beall (Lector)

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR MARCH 10 – MARCH 16, 2024

Today 9:00 AM Eucharist

9:00 AM Sunday School – Childrens Worship Chapel on 2nd floor

10:30 AM Coffee Hour – Dun Hall AA Meeting 7:30 PM – Dun Hall

Monday

Tuesday 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM Church Office open

10:30 AM – 1:00 PM Thrift Shop Work Session

AA Meeting 1:00 PM - Dun Hall

7:00 PM - 7:30 PM Compline/Bible Study via Zoom (see announcement

Below for Zoom link and dial-in information)

Wednesday 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Church Offices open

AA Meeting 7:30 PM – Dun Hall

Thursday AA Meeting 6:30 PM – Dun Hall **Friday** AA Meeting 1:00 PM – Dun Hall

Saturday 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Food Pantry Dun Hall

9:00 AM Wilhelm Hesse, Sr. Funeral at St. Mark's Church

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Connie's Corner Thrift Shop Dun Hall (lower Level)

11:00 AM Choir Practice – Choir Room

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SANCTUARY IS OPEN. Christ Church is pleased to announce that we are open for indoor services. Worship is in person and via Zoom/Zoom conference call every Sunday at 9:00 am.

Please note that the "Join Zoom Meeting" computer login has changed to the following:

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84987754393?pwd=L3dWcnZiU2YzZmdlaHhhTzlOeFV5Zz09

Amended Zoom phone call instructions:

Telephone Number 13017158592 Meeting ID: 849 8775 4393. Press #

Passcode: 601866. Press #

Please join and invite your relatives, friends and neighbors. Remember to mute your phones unless participating in prayers. The bulletins will be posted on-line: https://christchurchclinton.org/news/

We ask that if you have been exposed to Covid or are experiencing any symptoms, please stay home. In line with new CDC, state and local Covid policies, Christ Church has revised our protocols to the following:

- 1) Masks are now optional
- 2) Seating restrictions have been lifted, but please respect the space of others
- 3) Elbow bumps may be used at peace, but respect other's choices. Sanitizer will be available for use. We will not have a common cup and plate. Individually packaged communion elements will be used. We offer non-alcoholic as well as alcoholic communion packets. Please do not congregate in the vestibule. Everyone is to proceed into the sanctuary. Please respect these protocols for everyone's safety, as we have a vulnerable population at Christ Church.

There will be a coffee hour, with individually packaged goodies, after the service. Please respect these protocols for everyone's safety, as we have a vulnerable population at Christ Church.

FUNERAL PLANNING. Christ Church has a funeral planning document available. It provides information about the various aspects of planning the service. This is an important resource for both Christ Church and the family so that we know the wishes of departed. If you already have one, please take some time and fill it out, then make sure your loved ones know where it is; and give a copy to the church. If you do not have one, there are some on the rear table at the church or just ask and we will see that you get one.

PRAYER LIST. Since we are beginning a new year, a new prayer list is starting. Please email prayer requests to either Betty at christchurchclinton@verizon.net or Gail Russell at grussell6805@gmail.com.

WILHELM HESSE, SR. FUNERAL. The funeral/burial arrangements for Wilhelm Hesse, Sr, son-in-law of Rev. Creamilda Shirley Wulck-Nortey Yoda, are as follows:

Location: St. Mark's Church, 12621 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring, MD 20904 Time: 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM Viewing/Visitation; 10:30 AM Funeral Service; 12:00

Noon Committal/Burial; 12:15 PM – 4:00 PM Repast. All at St. Mark's

Attire: Black

PARISH MILESTONE. Everton Henry, Tregenza Henry's uncle, entered his eternal rest on Sunday March 3rd. Cards, condolences and words of comfort can be sent to Tregenza at home.

EASTER LILIES. Orders for the donation of Lilies on Easter Sunday are now being taken. Forms are at the rear of the church. The cost per lily is \$25. Orders must be submitted to Gail Russell by Sunday, March 24.

BAPTISM. There will be a baptism at the 9:00 AM Easter Sunday service on March 31st. If anyone or their loved ones have children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews or friends to be baptized, please contact The Rev. Creamilda Shirley Wulck-Nortey Yoda or Gail Russell.

HEALING SERVICE. We have returned to having a healing service as part of our regular worship on the first Sunday of every month.

ELECTRONIC GIVING UPDATE. We are pleased to announce that in addition to Zelle, you can now give to Christ Church via PayPal, Credit Card, or Debit Card. Go on the church website, scroll down to the bottom, and click on the PayPal link, or click on the DONATE button at the top and then click on the PayPal link at the bottom of the page.

You can use your phone or computer with your bank's online or mobile apps to access Zelle. Use the email treasurer@christchurchclinton.org and the church will receive and acknowledge your donations.

If you wish your donation to be applied to a specific fund, please designate this so we can ensure that your wishes are met. Examples include the following: General Fund, Building Fund, ECW, Pledge, Rector's Discretionary Fund, Air Conditioning Fund, etc.

Need help? Don't be afraid to ask!

RETREAT. LEMs, Lectors, Lay Preachers, Sunday School Teachers/Leaders, Ushers, Altar Guild, Streaming Techs, Choir, Vergers and Acolytes should start thinking about and planning for an upcoming Retreat on a date that will be announced later. Stay tuned...

BIBLE STUDY. Come join our Lent-focused Bible Study and Compline every Tuesday, from 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM via Zoom. Led by Rev. Creamilda Yoda's high energy, shining faith, we guarantee you'll be moved to learn new things about the Bible while enjoying the fellowship of the group. The Zoom link, ID and Passcode are as follows:

 $\frac{https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82824460473?pwd=MAoVr9UWfNG9POcabJbmH5p2zHn3L}{h.1}$

Meeting ID: 828 2446 0473

Passcode: 669248

Dial in +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)

YOUTH DEPARTMENT. Those who are willing and able to be mentors to our Youth Department should give their names to the Priest-in-Charge and Sr. Warden. Also encourage parents to do all they can to bring their children and youth (and their friends, if possible) to church.

NOTICE OF CONGREGATION VOTE. It has been proposed that the time of the Sunday morning worship service be changed to 10:00 AM, to make it easier on older parishioners and families with young children. In the past, we had two services on Sunday Morning – 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM. When the number of parishioners became too small to support two services, we moved to a single service at 9:00 AM; both congregations agreed out of necessity to make the adjustment, and it has been our service time since then. Since this affects the entire congregation, the vestry wishes for all church members to have a voice. Therefore, we will have a vote on Sunday, March 31 (Easter Sunday) at both services to help the vestry make this decision. Please take time to prayerfully consider this proposal and its consequences, such as after-worship activities running later into the day.

CHRIST CHURCH 150TH ANNIVERSARY. Next year, in 2025, Christ Church will celebrate its 150th anniversary. If you would like to be part of the team that will be planning activities and events to be held throughout 2025 in honor of this milestone, please see Gail Russell.

DIOCESAN REPARATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT. The Diocesan Reparations Committee report is now available. To view the report electronically click on the following link" https://christchurchclinton.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/14/2024/01/Report-of-the-Committee-on-Diocesan-Reparations-December-2023.pdf

DIOCESAN CONVENTION. The proceedings of the 129th Convention held on Jan 27th, 2024, are available via the following link: (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qu6xylawqq8)

Schedule for Holy Week and Easter services are on the next page.

Holy Week, Easter Services

Palm Sunday, March 24

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Maundy Thursday, March 28

12:00 noon, in person & Zoom

Good Friday, March 29

12:00 noon, Eucharist,

Stations of the Cross, in person $\mathcal L$ Zoom

9:00 AM, in person & Zoom, wear red

The Great Vigil of Easter, March 31

6:00 AM, Fellowship Grove

Easter Festive Eucharist, March 31

9:00 AM, in person & Zoom

Sunday, April 7

9:00 AM Holy Humor Sunday, in person & Zoom.

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Welcome Visitors, join us for refreshments in Dun Hall.