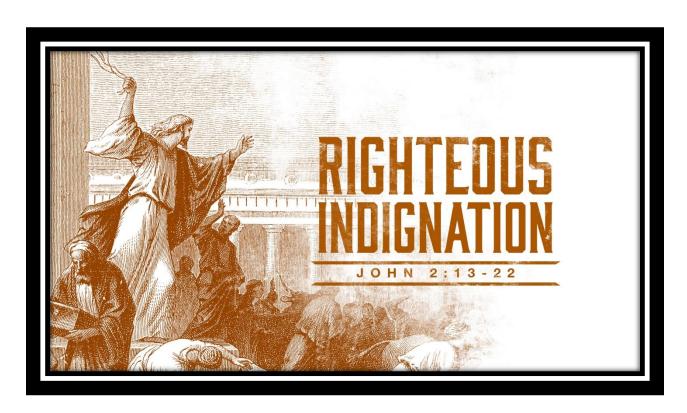
CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

CLINTON PARISH Diocese of Washington ESTABLISHED 1875

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.

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT 9:00 AM MARCH 3, 2024



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 "Be Exalted, O God" [B. CHAMBERS] All stand, if able.

PROCESSIONAL "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" (Hymn to Joy)

The Hymnal 1982, # 376 (LEM 1)

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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

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in 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 lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

THE LESSONS The people sit.

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

(LECTOR)

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

(LEM2)

1 The heavens declare the glory of God, * and the firmament shows his handiwork.

2 One day tells its tale to another, * and one night imparts knowledge to another.

3 Although they have no words or language, * and their voices are not heard,

4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, * and their message to the ends of the world.

5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; * it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; * nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

7 The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; * the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

8 The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; * the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.

9 The fear of the LORD is clean and endures for ever; * the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, * sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

11 By them also is your servant enlightened, * and in keeping them there is great reward.

12 Who can tell how often he offends? * cleanse me from my secret faults.

The psalm continues on the next page.

13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; * then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, *

O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

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 First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians 1: 18 – 25 (LEM 1)

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

All stand, if able

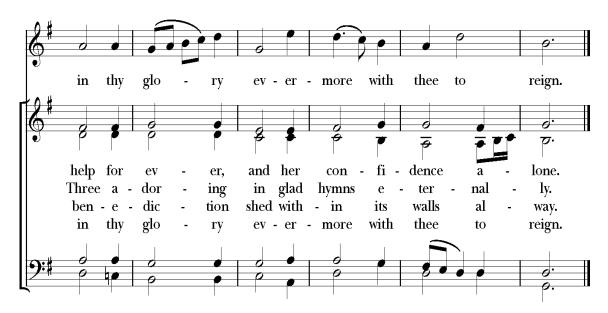
SEQUENCE HYMN "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" (Westminster Abbey)

The Hymnal 1982, # 518, 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.

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Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

according to John 2: 13-22

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables.

He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

After the gospel

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

HYMN "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" (Westminster Abbey)

The Hymnal 1982, # 518, stz. 3 (LEM 1)

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SERMON Quentin Banks

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.

A LITANY OF HEALING

The Rev. Creamilda Shirley Wulck-Nortey Yoda

The Celebrant introduces the Litany with this bidding.

Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers. The People audibly name those for whom they are interceding.

The Celebrant and People pray responsively

God the Father, your will for all people is health and salvation; **We praise you and thank you, O Lord.**

God the Son, you came that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly;

We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence; **We praise you and thank you, O Lord.**

Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being; **We praise you and thank you, O Lord.**

Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or disabled, that they may be made whole;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Grant to all who seek your guidance, and to all who are lonely, anxious, or despondent, a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence; **Hear us, O Lord of life**.

Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Bless physicians, nurses, and all others who minister to the suffering, granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives, in our nation, and in the world;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

You are the Lord who does wonders:

You have declared your power among the peoples.

With you, O Lord, is the well of life:

And in your light we see light.

Hear us, O Lord of life:

Heal us, and make us whole.

Let us pray.

A period of silence follows.

Almighty God, giver of life and health the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen**.

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

CONFESSION OF SIN Celebrant and People

God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you
We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves,
and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
The evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. 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**.

The Celebrant now invites those who wish to receive the laying on of hands (and anointing) to come forward.

The ministry of Jesus invites us to new life in God and with each other. In the laying on of hands and anointing we proclaim the Good News that God desires us to be healthy and one in the body of Christ. You are invited to offer yourself, whatever your sickness of spirit, mind, or body, and ask for healing and wholeness in the Name of the holy and undivided Trinity.

BLESSING OF THE OIL.

O Lord, holy Father, giver of health and salvation: Send your Holy Spirit to sanctify this oil; that, as your holy apostles anointed many that were sick and healed them, so may those who in faith and repentance receive this holy unction be made whole; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant: Savior of the world, by your cross and precious blood

you have redeemed us;

People: Save us, and help us, we humbly beseech you, O Lord.

LAYING ON OF HANDS AND ANOINTING FOR HEALING

The Celebrant says the following blessing over those who have come forward

The Almighty Lord, who is a strong tower to all who put their trust in him, to whom all things in heaven, on earth, and under the earth bow and obey: Be now and evermore your defense, and make you know and feel that the only Name under heaven given for health and salvation is the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen**.

The Celebrant then lays hands on each person (and, having dipped a thumb in the oil of the sick, makes the sign of the cross on their foreheads), and says

I lay my hands upon you [and anoint you with oil] in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**.

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION AND PRAYER

INTERCESSION (LEM 2)

Let us pray for the following:

For the Anglican Communion:

Pray for The Church of the Province of Uganda

For the Diocese:

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

Grace Church, Georgetown

Grace Church, Silver Spring Parish.

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
Anne Emerson Kelley Randolph Jim Williams

Brooke Emerson James Rankin Judy Williams

James and Raine Gabriel Jim Rouse Linda Wilson Aidil Diaz-Garcia David Russell.

Sylvia Green Latonia Saunders

For those who are homebound: 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.

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, especially Gail Russell, . 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 "Lamb of God" [T. PARIS]

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

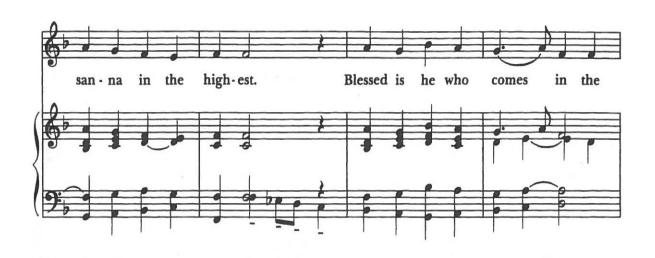
Celebrant and People sing

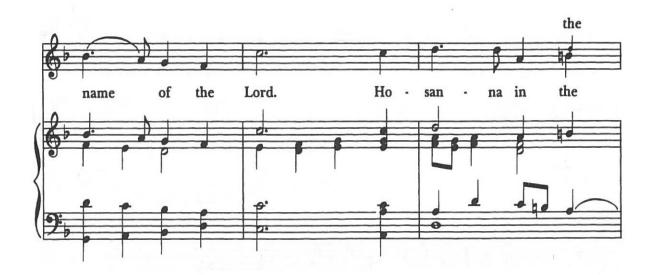
THE SANCTUS "Holy, Holy" [ARR. RICHARD PROULX] <u>The Hymnal 1982</u>, # S125

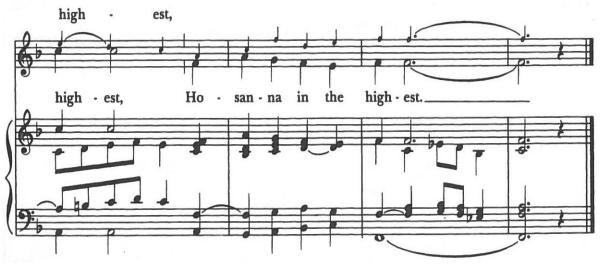
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The people stand or kneel, if able.

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

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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>, # S164 (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

"Lead Me to Calvary" [WILLIAM J. KIRPATRICK/JENNIE EVELYN HUSSEY]



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"My Faith Looks Up to Thee" [LOWELL MASON/RAY PALMER]



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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 Up Your Heads" (*Truro*)

The Hymnal 1982, # 436 (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 "The Spacious Firmament on High" [J. ADDISON/F. J. HADYN]

Assisting in the Service:

The Postlude is the end of our service, so please remain seated and listen respectfully to the selected musicDirector of Music: Gregory Crowe

Preacher: Quentin Banks

LEMS: Art Taylor (LEM 1) Deirdre Lee (LEM 2 & POP)

Lucille Belgrave (Lector)

Live Stream Technician: Tregenza Henry

<u>Lessons for The Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 10, 2024</u>:

Numbers 21: 4 - 9; Psalm 107: 1 - 3, 17 - 22;

Ephesians 2: 1 – 10; John 3: 14 – 21

LEMS for The Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 10, 2024:

Quentin Banks (LEM 1); Art Taylor (LEM 2 & POP); Eda Brawner (Lector)

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR MARCH 3 – MARCH 9, 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 11:00 AM Choir Practice – Choir Room

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Spaghetti Supper - Dun Hall Remember to turn your clocks ahead 1 hour

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.

COMMUNITY SPAGHETTI SUPPER. The next spaghetti supper will be held Saturday, March 9th. It begins at 5:00 PM and ends at 7:00 PM. Come enjoy salad, spaghetti, bread, dessert and beverage. As always, the spaghetti sauce is homemade and delicious! The cost is as follows: adults: \$12, seniors and children 6-12: \$10, and children 5 and under are free.

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.

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

The announcements continue on the next page

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 $7:00 \, \text{PM} - 8:00 \, \text{PM}$ 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:

 $\frac{https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82824460473?pwd=MAoVr9UWfNG9POcabJbmH5p2zHn3Lh.1}{h.1}$

Meeting ID: 828 2446 0473

Passcode: 669248

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

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.

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.

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)



Palm Sunday, March 24 9:00 AM, in person L Zoom, wear red

Maundy Thursday, March 28 12:00 noon, in person & Zoom

Good Friday, March 29 12:00 noon, Eucharist,

Stations of the Cross, in person & Zoom

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.