



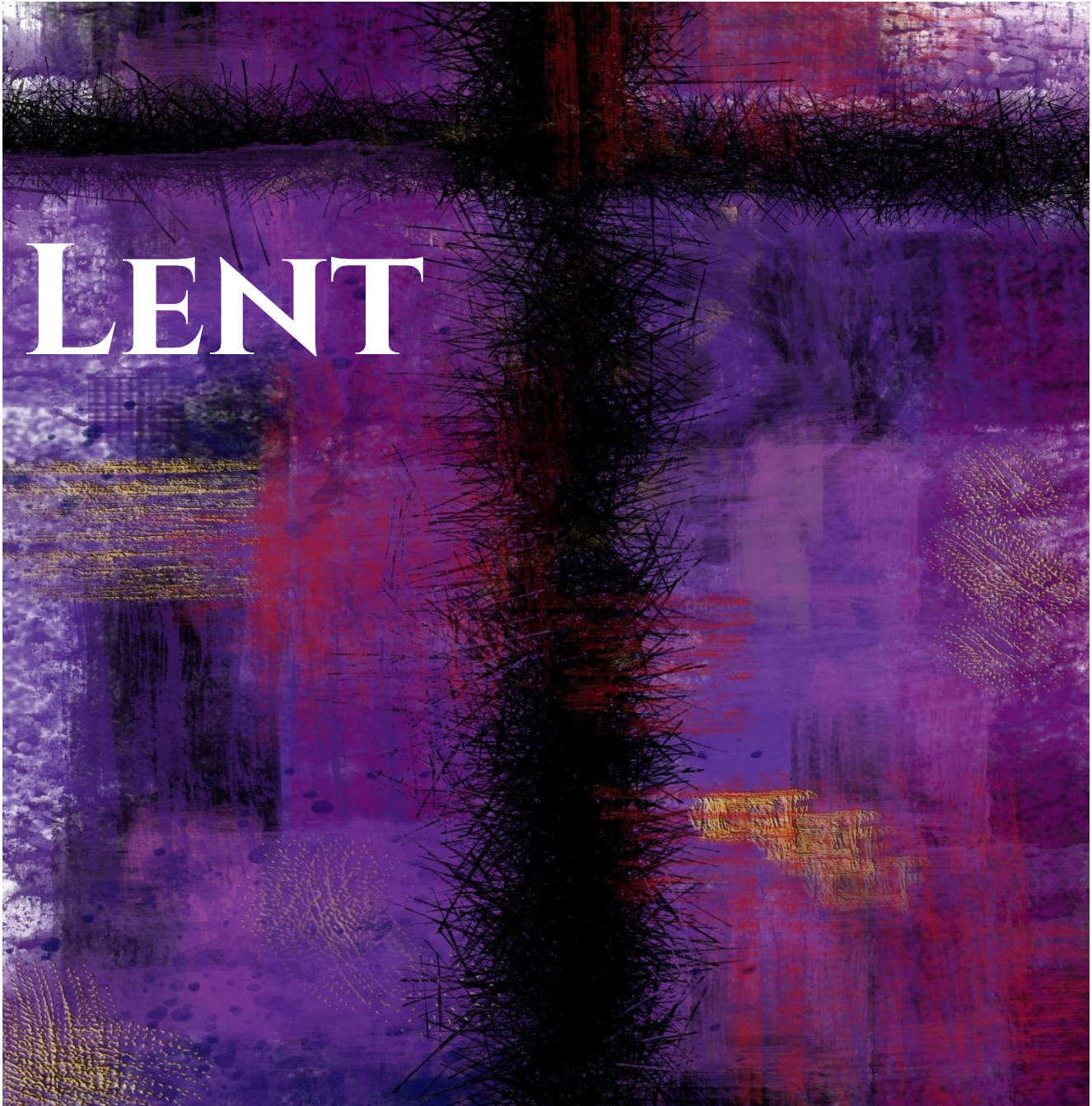
CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

EXTENDING THE LOVE AND EMBRACE OF CHRIST

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

8:00 & 10:30 A.M.

Sunday, March 9, 2025 | First Sunday in Lent



WELCOME HOME!

Welcome to worship at Christ Episcopal Church. If this is your first time with us, we invite you to complete a visitor's form. Our website provides up to date information about our vibrant church community: christchurchcolumbia.org. This bulletin contains all you need to join us in worship, everyone is welcome to receive communion at God's table, and the clergy are happy to speak with you at any time.

We are delighted you're here – welcome home!

The Officiant at the Litany may be a lay cantor.

Officiant
 O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth, *People*
 Have mer - cy up - on us.

Officiant
 O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, *People*
 Have mer - cy up - on us.

Officiant
 O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faith - ful, *People*
 Have mer - cy up - on us.

Officiant
 O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God, *People*
 Have mer - cy up - on us.

Officiant
 Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy

People
 preserve us for ev - er. Spare us, good Lord.

Officiant
 From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the

devil; and from everlast - ing dam - na - tion,

People
 Good Lord, de - liv - er us.

(This same response is sung after the petitions that follow)

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church Universal in the right way,



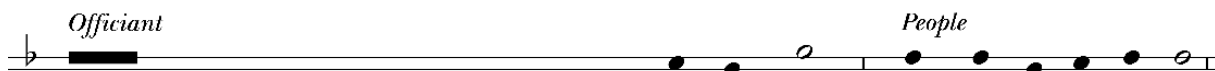
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

(This same response is sung after the petitions that follow)



Officiant Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

People Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.



O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Have mer-cy up-on us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Have mer-cy up-on us.



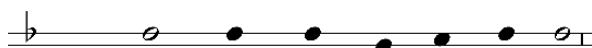
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Grant us thy peace.



O Christ, hear us. O Christ, hear us.

When the litany is sung immediately before the Eucharist, the Litany concludes with the Kyries (which may be sung to any setting), and the Eucharist begins with the Salutation and the Collect of the day.

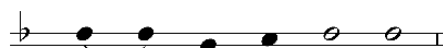
On all other occasions, the Litany continues as follows:



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

People Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.

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



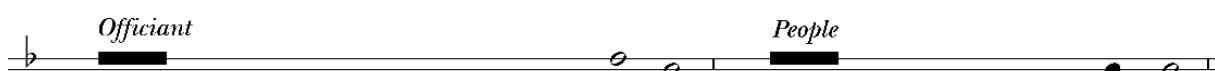
Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

Chri - ste e - lei - son.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.



Our Father, who art in heaven . . . from evil. A - men.



V. O Lord, let thy mercy be showed up-on us; R. As we do put our trust in thee.

The Officiant sings the concluding Collect.

OPENING ACCLAMATION |

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins;

People: His mercy endureth forever.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY |

Celebrant: 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.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY |

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

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

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant: Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people may be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON | Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Reader: *A reading from Deuteronomy.*

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

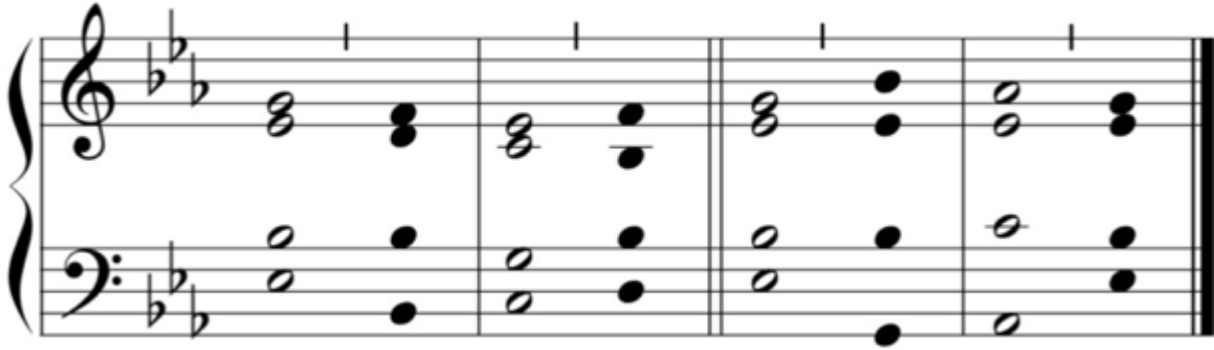
Reader: *The word of the Lord.*

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

The following psalm is read responsively by half-verse.

THE PSALM |

Psalm 91: 9-16 | *(Under God's Protection)*



- 9 Because you have said, "The Lord is my ¹ refuge," |
and have made the Most High your ¹ stronghold, ||
- 10 There shall no evil happen to ¹ you, |
neither shall any plague come near your ¹ dwelling. ||
- 11 For he shall give his angels charge over ¹ you, |
to keep you in all your ¹ ways. ||
- 12 They shall bear you in their ¹ hands, |
that you hurt not your foot against a ¹ stone. ||
- 13 You shall tread upon the lion and ¹ adder; |
the young lion and the serpent you shall trample under your ¹ feet. ||
- 14 "Because he has set his love upon me, therefore I will de ¹ liver him; |
I will lift him up, because he has known my ¹ Name. ||
- 15 He shall call upon me, and I will ¹ hear him; |
indeed, I am with him in trouble; ' I will deliver him and bring him ¹ honor. ||
- 16 With long life I will satisfy ¹ him, |
and show him my sal ¹ vation." ||

THE EPISTLE | Romans 10:8b-13

Reader: A reading from Romans.

"The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Reader: The word of the Lord.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

The people stand as able.

1 Lord Je - sus, think on me, and purge a - way my sin;
 2 Lord Je - sus, think on me, with care and woe op - pressed;
 3 Lord Je - sus, think on me, nor let me go a - stray;
 4 Lord Je - sus, think on me, that, when the flood is passed,
 from harm - ful pas - sions set me free, and make me pure with - in.
 let me thy lov - ing ser - vant be, and taste thy prom - ised rest.
 through dark - ness and per - plex - i - ty point thou the heav - en - ly way.
 I may the e - ter - nal bright - ness see, and share thy joy at last.

THE GOSPEL | Luke 4:1-13

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After his baptism, Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,
 and serve only him.'"

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,
 to protect you,'

And

'On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."
Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

HYMN | Lead Me, Lord

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

Lead me, Lord, lead me in Thy right-eous-ness,

5 Make Thy way plain be - fore Thy face.

9 Optional Ending For it is Thou, Lord, Thou, Lord on - ly, that

13 mak - est me dwell in safe - ty.

THE SERMON | Frank Brightwell, *Director, Somos Amigos Medical Missions*

The people stand as able.

THE NICENE CREED |

All: 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 worshipped 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 |

Intervessor: Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.
Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially Sean, our Presiding Bishop, for Carrie, our Diocesan Bishop, for Emmanuel, our Rector, Kiona, our Deacon, Marcia, our Associate Priest, Rebecca, our Candidate for Ordination to the Diaconate, and Mike our Postulant; that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially Donald, our President: Wes, our Governor; and Calvin, our County Executive; that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor Jan, Ed, Chuck, Wha-Ja, Sharon, Joseph, Kaci, Sam, Tori, Trish, Marcy, Darice, Carlos, Victoria, Pat, John, Claudia, Constance, Jim, Wayne, Ronald, Rachan, Kim, Sabrina, Jim, Tim, Cindy, Sherry, Roberta, Samuel, Ashley, Alta, Mildred & Nell, and those who care for them.

The People may add additional petitions and thanksgivings.

Intercessor: And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear especially those you now name, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

People: Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate.
Amen.

The Confession is omitted today due to the chanting of the Great Litany.

THE PEACE |

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

The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord and then be seated.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS |

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM | On Eagle's Wings

Michael Joncas

Please scan to give.



DOXOLOGY HYMN 380 (V.1) |

Old 100th

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER I |

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

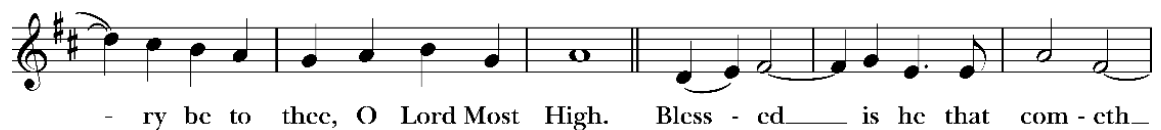
Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord our God.

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.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again.

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



Celebrant: All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of 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, he brake 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 ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, 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."

Celebrant: Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, 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; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

People: **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER |

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All: 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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD |

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

FRACTION ANTHEM S 158 | O Lamb of God, *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*

Healey Willan

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -

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

on us. O Lamb of God, that

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

mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of

God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the

world, grant us thy peace.

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS |

All:

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN 693 | Just As I Am Without One Plea

Woodworth

1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy
2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y a
* 3 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; sight, rich - es,
4 Just as I am: thou wilt re - ceive; wilt wel - come,
5 Just as I am, thy love un - known has bro - ken

1 blood was shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me
2 con - flict, man - y a doubt; fight - ings and fears with -
3 heal - ing of the mind, yea, all I need, in
4 par - don, cleanse, re - lieve, be - cause thy prom - ise
5 ev - ery bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea,

1 come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 2 in, with - out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 3 thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 4 I be - lieve, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 5 thine a - lone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6 Just as I am, of thy great love
 the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,
 here for a season, then above:
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER |

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: 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.

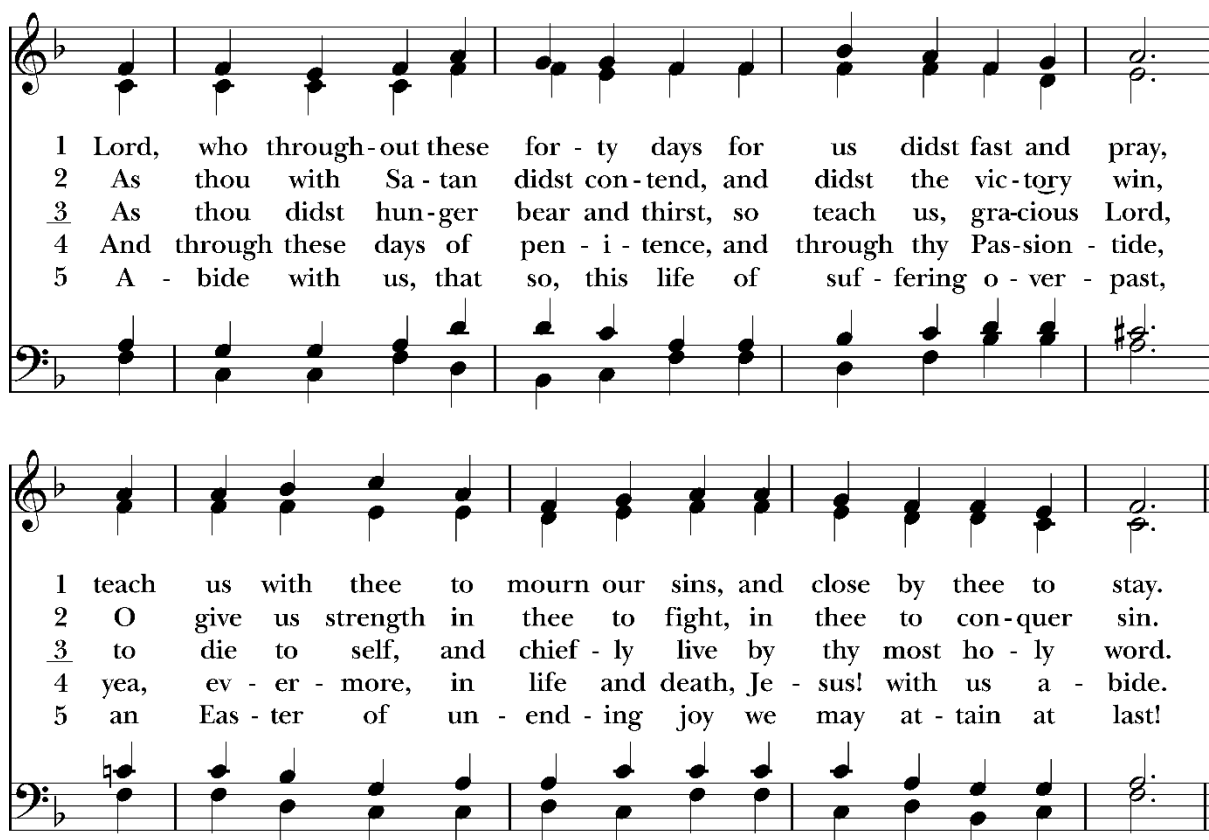
EUCCHARISTIC VISITORS' PRAYER | 8:00 a.m. service

Celebrant: In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

People: We who are many are one body because we all share one bread, one cup.

THE BLESSING |

*The Celebrant offers a blessing, and the People respond **Amen.***



1 Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us didst fast and pray,
 2 As thou with Sa - tan didst con - tend, and didst the vic - tory win,
 3 As thou didst hun - ger bear and thirst, so teach us, gra - cious Lord,
 4 And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through thy Pas - sion - tide,
 5 A - bide with us, that so, this life of suf - fering o - ver - past,

1 teach us with thee to mourn our sins, and close by thee to stay.
 2 O give us strength in thee to fight, in thee to con - quer sin.
 3 to die to self, and chief - ly live by thy most ho - ly word.
 4 yea, ev - er - more, in life and death, Je - sus! with us a - bide.
 5 an Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at - tain at last!

THE DISMISSAL |

The Celebrant dismisses the people, who respond:

Thanks be to God!

(The Alleluias are omitted in Lent)

POSTLUDE |

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Assisting in Worship Today

8:00 a.m. in Old Brick

Lector: Diane Phillips-LaGuerre

Ushers: Nancy Winchester, Michon Semon

10:30 a.m. in New Brick

Lector: Cheryl Lucente

Ushers: Isaac Olajide, Yetti Lipede, Cherry Williams, Jane Adams,
 Betty Dagne, Alex Amponsah

Chalicians: Cheryl Lucente & Theo Jones-Quartey
Crucifer & Acolytes: Deepti Jackson, Shreya Chrzanowski, Lucinda Banks
Altar Guild: Sonni Aribiah, Ivy Amponsah, Kathy Simms
Tellers: Andy DeLong, Amanda Kirkpatrick

PARISH CALENDAR

March 9- 15, 2025

Sunday, March 9

8:00 am	Holy Eucharist – Old Brick
8:45 am	Coffee Hour – Old Brick
8:45 am	Blood Pressure & Medication Check – Elevator Room
9:00 am	Family Worship – New Brick
9:30 am	Youth Formation, Adult Forum: Sunday Circle, Sunday School
10:30 am	Holy Eucharist w/music – New Brick, upper level
11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom
12:30 – 5:30 pm	Tabernacle of David – Old Brick
1:30 – 4:00 pm	EfM – Parish Hall, Conference Room & Zoom
6:00 – 7:00 pm	Lenten Taizé – New Brick

Monday, March 10

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
12:45 – 1:00 pm	Dorsey Center Meal Drop-Off
3:15 – 3:30 pm	Grassroots Drop-Off
6:00 – 8:30 pm	Food Addicts Anonymous – New Brick, lower level
7:00 – 8:00 pm	Centering Prayer – Old Brick & Zoom
7:30 – 9:00 pm	Outreach Meeting – Zoom
7:30 – 10:00 pm	Columbia Conjurors – Parish Hall, lower level

Tuesday, March 11

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
7:30 – 9:30 pm	Buildings & Grounds Meeting – Zoom

Wednesday, March 12

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
5:30 – 6:30 pm	Health Ministry Meeting
5:30 – 6:30 pm	Refugee Leadership Meeting – Zoom
6:30 – 8:30 pm	Adult Children of Alcoholics – Parish Hall, lower level
6:30 – 9:00 pm	Wednesday Evenings in Lent Series – New Brick, lower level

Thursday, March 13

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
6:45 – 7:30 pm	Handbell Choir Rehearsal – New Brick, lower level
7:30 – 9:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal – New Brick sanctuary
7:30 – 9:00 pm	Boy Scouts – New Brick, lower level

Friday, March 14

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
3:00 – 10:00 pm	Movie Screening “All Saints” – Parish Hall, lower level
7:00 pm	Evening Prayer Livestream
7:30 – 9:00 pm	CEC Book Club – Zoom
8:00 – 11:59 pm	Tabernacle of David – Old Brick

Saturday, March 15

8:30 – 12:00 pm	Lenten Reflection Day – Old Brick
9:00 am – 3:00 pm	Iglesia Adventista Del Septimo Dia Fidelidad – Old Brick
9:30 – 11:00 am	MOCC Breakfast
2:00 – 4:00 pm	AA Meeting – Parish Hall, lower level
3:30 – 4:30 pm	Altar Guild Prep – Old Brick
5:30 pm – 7:30 pm	Iglesia Adventista Del Septimo Dia Fidelidad – Old Brick
6:00 – 12:00 am	Brenda Edjah Funeral Event – New Brick, lower level

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have an announcement to share with the church,
Please send to communications@christchurchcolumbia.org by Tuesday evening.
SCAN THE QR CODE FOR ALL OF THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS



Lenten Meditation Book - Available Now

The sixty-page, 2025 edition of the Lenten Meditation Book is being printed as you read this, and they will be delivered to church this weekend. That means this Sunday, March 2nd, you'll be able to grab a copy for yourself and a neighbor or loved one. It's a publication that we are proud to create each year - but it would not be possible without the prayerful submissions of your fellow parishioners. Be sure to get yours ASAP, though, as it's a limited print run, and sometimes every copy goes (don't worry - you can always request a digital copy by emailing us).

Sunday Circle: *Faces of Evil*

Lent is a period where we prepare ourselves with prayer, fasting, repentance, spiritual discipline, and self-denial. During the 2025 season of Lent, Sunday Circle will explore a few of the different faces of evil that we have experienced in the world. In doing so, we at Christ Church will reflect and try to learn how we can take inventory and better manage ourselves as we encounter such individuals. We invite everyone to join us for this powerful and insightful series.

LENT at Christ Church

Our website's *Lent at Christ Church* page contains details for our worship, formation, and fellowship gatherings throughout the season. This is also where you can read our Daily Lenten Meditations starting March 6th and listen to an inspirational song posted every weekend, as well. More services, programs, and gatherings will be added throughout the season, so check back often. Bookmark www.christchurchcolumbia.org/lent on your internet browser, and look for the page on the website's main menu bar. We hope that you find it to be a useful daily part of your Lenten journey.

Lenten Taizé - Sunday Evenings

Each Sunday evening during Lent at 6:00 p.m., Christ Church offers a service of contemplative prayer and music in the tradition of the Taizé community of France, promoting peace and justice through prayer and meditation. Our Lenten Taizé Vespers service gives attention to silence, holy words, prayer, and singing, and offers a chance to meditate and reflect on God's love and presence in one's life, to offer prayer for oneself and others, and to share in a supportive community of fellow pilgrims on the way. Gather with us in the New Brick Sanctuary for this very special and restorative service.

Baptism Class - March 22

During Holy Week, Christ Church will have a Baptism! It will take place on Holy Saturday, April 19th. To prepare all children and adults wishing to be baptized, there will be a special class in the New Brick sanctuary on Saturday, March 22 at 10:00 a.m. Lunch will be provided. If you're interested in learning more, please reach out to the Church Office any time, or speak with Fr. Manny at church.

Our Altar Guild Needs Your Help!

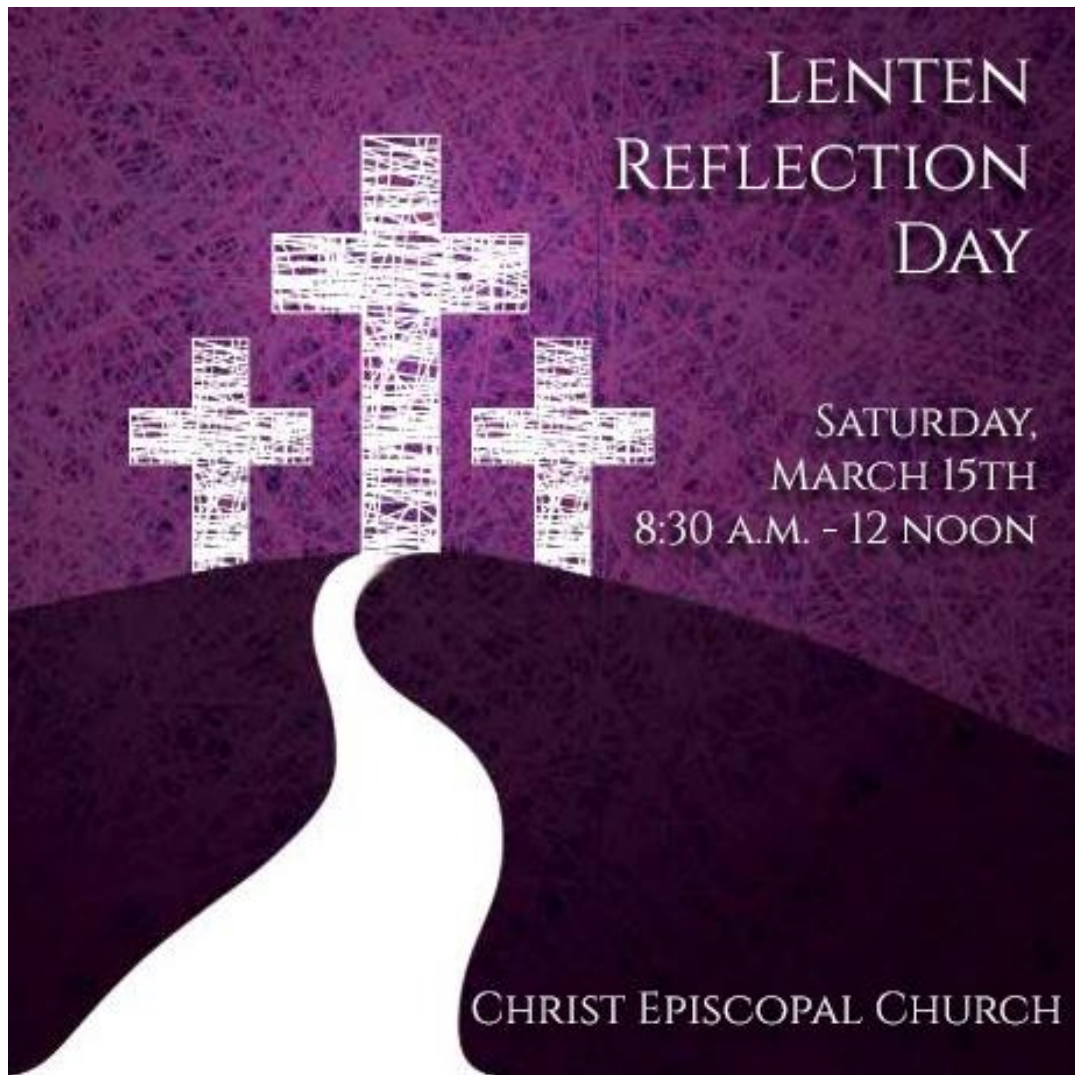
With Lent beginning in less than two weeks, the Christ Church Altar Guild can truly use a few more people to help us in our ministry of providing clean linens and items for every worship service. It is a vital ministry, so if you are interested in signing up or learning more, please visit our website's Altar Guild page - www.christchurchcolumbia.org/altar-guild, or you can speak with Altar Guild Coordinator, Pam Foreman, or any Altar Guild member at church.

Help Us Provide Eucharist to Those Unable to Travel to Church. Become a Lay Eucharistic Visitor.

This year, we have had more people request Communion to You, a service Christ Church provides to bring Eucharist to homebound parishioners. To fulfill this need, we require a few more Lay Eucharistic Visitors, so if you're interested in helping with this vital ministry, please speak with Kathy Lyon at church, or contact the Church Office. And if you, yourself, require this service, please fill out this brief form, or call the Church Office. We will ensure that Communion gets to your home.

Vacation Bible School Needs YOU

VBS is one of Christ Church's feature events every summer, and it requires a lot of assistance to make the week safe, fun, and engaging for everyone. The number of adult volunteers we get impacts the number of children we can accept for the week and the number of lives we can affect. If you can help out the week of June 23rd, please speak with Yetti at church, or call the Church Office. Thank you!



Christ Church's Spiritual Life Commission presents Lenten Reflection Day on Saturday, March 15th. This year, we are very blessed to have Sister Teresa Irene, founding member of Episcopal Carmel of Saint Teresa, lead us in prayer and meditation as we examine our 2025 theme, *Reaching Out in Faith*. Lenten Reflection Day includes a light breakfast at 8:30 a.m., is followed by the day's program, and then wraps up around noon with an informal Eucharist.

We hope that you'll join us for this exceptional and inspirational Lenten gathering.



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