



*The Second Sunday in Lent*  
*March 5, 2023 — 9:00 am*

## *Christ Church*

*(Episcopal / Anglican)*

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**Christ Church**  
Riverton, New Jersey  
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**THE HOLY EUCHARIST, Rite I**  
March 5, 2023 — 9:00 A.M.

Prelude “*Lenten Hymns for Organ and Chimes*”

Processional Hymn 401 “*The God Of Abraham Praise*”

**Penitential Order: Rite One**

*In Lent and on other penitential occasions*

*Celebrant:* Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

*People:* ***His mercy endureth for ever.***

*Celebrant:* Hear what our Lord Jesus saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

*Matthew 22:37-40*

*The Celebrant then says*

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*Silence may be kept*

***Almighty and most merciful father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.***

*The Priest, stands and says*

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*The Celebrant says*

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

**Kyrie** S- 91 “*Lord, have mercy upon us*”

### **The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* ***And with thy Spirit.***

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **A Reading (Lesson) from Genesis 12:1-4a**

The Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Solo** “*Largo*”

G. F. Handel

**Psalm 12**    *Levavi oculos*

1. I lift up my eyes to the hills; \*  
*from where is my help to come?*
2. My help comes from the Lord, \*  
*the maker of heaven and earth.*
3. He will not let your foot be moved \*  
*and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.*
4. Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel \*  
*shall neither slumber nor sleep;*
5. The Lord himself watches over you; \*  
*the Lord is your shade at your right hand,*
6. So that the sun shall not strike you by day, \*  
*nor the moon by night.*
7. The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; \*  
*it is he who shall keep you safe.*
8. The Lord shall watch over your going out  
and your coming in, \*  
*from this time forth for evermore.*

**A Reading (Lesson) from Romans 4:1-5, 13-17**

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as

it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

**The Gospel Hymn** LEVAS 35 “*O How He Loves You and Me*”

*Then, all standing, the Deacon:*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to

**John 3:1-17**

*People:* ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And 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.”

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

**The Sermon** The Rev. Don Caron, *Priest*

**The Nicene Creed** (*All Standing*)

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **The Prayers of the People**

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 Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our Presiding Bishop, William, our Bishop, Sally, our Bishop elect, Donald our Priest, Leslie our Deacon. From The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, Ministry of College Chaplains, The Rev. T. James Hargrove, The Rev. Lois Schembs, Ministry of the Church Attorney, The Rev. Dr. Georgia S. Cohen, Members and Ministry of the Adaptive Leadership Small Groups, Ministry of Interim Clergy and all bishops, priests and deacons and those who serve the People of God, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

*Hear our prayers, O God.*

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.

*Hear our prayers, O God.*

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

*Hear our prayers, O God.*

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty. ***Hear our prayers, O God.***

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor and all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially *Ruth, Ed, Sharon, Annamarie, Susan, Donna, Cheryl, Carol, Jeanette, Susan, Austin, Lynn, Tibor, Cynthia, Katie, Kelly, Eileen, Doris, Don, Sean, Arlene, Barry, Joan*, and all those affected by the Corona Virus. ***Hear our prayers, O God.***

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear especially *Alice and Francis Cole*, 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. ***Hear our prayers, O God.***

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

**The Peace** (*All stand.*)

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

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

**Offertory Solo** “*Arioso*”

J. S. Bach

**The Doxology** 380 vs. 3 “*Praise God*”

*All:* ***Praise God of whom all blessings flow***

***Praise God all creatures here below***

***Praise God above the heavenly hosts***

***Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost Amen***

**The Holy Communion**

**The Great Thanksgiving Rite I, Prayer I** *pg. 333 BCP*

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says*



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

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.

Creator of the light and source of life, who hast made us in thine image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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,

**Sanctus** S-115 *“Holy, holy, holy”*

*All:* ***Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.  
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.***

*The people kneel or stand. Then the Celebrant continues*

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 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink 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."

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, our selves, 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. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say : *(spoken)*

***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, for ever and ever. Amen.***

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

***Therefore let us keep the feast.***

*Celebrant:* O Lamb of God,  
that takest away the sins of the world,

*All:* ***have mercy upon us.***

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*Celebrant:* O Lamb of God,  
that takest away the sins of the world,

*All:*       ***grant us thy peace.***

*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 be in us. Amen.***

### **Celebrant the Invitation**

*Celebrant:* 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 Solo**

*“O Sacred Head Now Wounded”*   arr. H. Hassler

### **Post Communion**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. ***Amen.***

## **Birthday Blessings**

## **Anniversary Blessings**

## **Announcements**

## **Final Blessing**

Let us bow our heads and pray for God's blessing

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

## **Recessional** 149 *“Eternal Lord Of Love”*

*The Deacon, dismisses them with these words*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord and one another..

*People: Thanks be to God!*

## **Organ Postlude** *“Postlude In C”*

*L. Vierne*

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**THE CHAPEL SANCTUARY LIGHT** is lit in memory of  
*Alice and Francis Cole*, by The Bradshaw Family

### **Participating in the 9am. Service**

*Musicians include:* Karin McGarry - Cello

*Acolyte:* Mary Shea, Sally Barnes     *Videographer:* Bob Engel

*Lector:* Joanne Grimes     *Ushers:* Ed Worthy, Bill Willson

*Altar Guild:* Joan Atkinson, Martha Caiazzo, Sheryl Telford

*Counters:* Joan Atkinson, Marge Conti

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**April 2 Palm Sunday Service**

begins outdoors (weather permitting)  
Parishioners can bring palm branches from earlier years to be included in the Easter Fire  
Children will be dismissed after the opening prayer to participate in Way of the Cross in the Parish House. They will return for Communion

**April 5 Maundy Thursday 7:00**

Washing of the feet, Stripping of the altar  
Parishioners are encouraged to bring flowers to be placed on the Altar of Repose in the Chapel

**April 6 Good Friday Church open for meditation all day**  
7:00pm Veneration of the Cross &  
Mass of the Pre-sanctified

**April 7 Holy Saturday 7:00 Great Vigil of Easter**  
begins outdoors (weather permitting)

**April 8 Easter Service 9:00** Renewal of Baptismal vows

**WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREAT** - Have you sent in your registration form and check yet? This is going to be a wonderful day and a great opportunity to reach out into the community. Invite your friends, family and neighbors. Let's show the community Christ Church is active and offering great opportunities again. Sign up online either at our website or Facebook page and pick up a form in the back of the church.

**LENTEN DINNER AND STUDY** will again meet this Wednesday, March 8 at 6 p.m. Dinner is at 6 and study is at 7 pm. If you missed week one of our study of "Blessed Is She" - no worries, come on and join us this week! Dinner this week will be Onion Soup and Vegetable Beef. If you'd like you can add bread, some cheese/crackers or vegetables and dip.

**NEXT INTERGENERATIONAL STUDY** We will have our next study on Sunday, March 26, 4-6 p.m. and our focus is on Lent, it's meaning and how we participate in it. There will be a Children's Stations of the Cross, the making of palm crosses and a movie called "The Proud Tree". All families, grandparents and single adults are welcome! Dinner of pizza with cupcakes for dessert is provided. Please register so that we have plenty of supplies, but if you haven't registered, please come and join us anyway. Contact Linda Yansick at [lyansick@aol.com](mailto:lyansick@aol.com).

**Join the St. Thomas' ECW for a Lenten Quiet Day** March 18, 2023 10am - 12pm This year's Lenten Quiet Morning will embrace the theme of Displacement. Join us for a time of Lenten rest and reflection as we consider this theme as spiritual and social reality. Our presenter will be the Rev. Ellen C. Rutherford. Light refreshments provided St. Thomas' Episcopal Church 212 N Main St Glassboro, NJ 08028

**MID-WEEK SERVICE** A celebration of the Eucharist is held every Wednesday at 10:00. It includes special mention of the persons on the parish prayer list and asks for God's healing for the world. The Service lasts about 20 minutes.

**Lenten Outreach  
Items to be collected through  
Lent Household Needs Pantry**

In order to best serve our community, Christ Church is focusing the resources of the community pantry on non-perishable household necessities that are not covered under EBT or SNAP. We hope this shift will help ease some of the financial strain of the families we can serve. We are asking for the following items:

**Toilet Paper, Toothpaste/Toothbrushes,  
Baby wipes, Tissues,  
Household cleaning supplies (dish soap, all-purpose cleaner),  
Laundry Detergent (Tide, Cheer, Gain),  
Shampoo/Conditioner/Body Wash.**

**\*\*\*Please do not donate any opened or used products\*\*\***

## **Greater South Jersey Chorus presents Song Like A River**

This melodious concert will carry you through peaceful choral landscapes to music that lifts your heart upward. From Shearing's Songs and Sonnets, with its jazz rhythms and fresh melodies, to three river-themed songs, our March concert will beckon your soul to a place of renewal and joy.

When: Sunday, March 12 at 3:00 pm

Where: Scottish Rite Auditorium, 315 White Horse Pike,  
Collingwood, NJ 08107

Tickets: \$25

[www.eventbrite.com/e/song-like-a-river-tickets-516897744067](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/song-like-a-river-tickets-516897744067)

**MEN'S GROUP.** We will meet for about an hour every first and third Saturday of each month @ 9:00 am (so you can still have your day), and we will talk about the things that are important for a man's spiritual life. It's an opportunity to deepen relationships with other men of the parish, too.

**CONTEMPLATIVE GROUP** - a group comprised of women from various churches gathers weekly online to med-itate, study and hold a discussion Wednesday at 10-11:30 am on . All are welcome! Info for Zoom Meeting is 895 0808 5891 & password is 702131. For more info contact Mel at 478-234-3698.

