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The First Sunday in Lent
February 18, 2024 — 9:00 am

Christ Church

(Episcopal / Anglican)

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

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THE GREAT LITANY



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

Organ Prelude “*Lenten Hymns for Organ and Chimes*”

The Great Litany (S-67, BCP p. 148) *all standing*

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

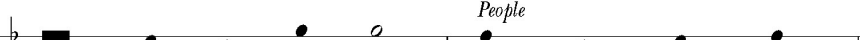
Officiant  *People* 
O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, Have mer - cy up - on us.

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


Officiant  *People* 
O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God, 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.

From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the devil; and from everlasting damnation,

People 
Good Lord, de - liv - er us.

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and commandment,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle, and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and submission to the Law; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the Coming of the Holy Ghost,

Good Lord, deliver us.

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,

Good Lord, deliver us.

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.

That it may please thee to illumine all bishops, priests, and deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living, they may set it forth, and show it accordingly, *We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people, *We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy harvest, and to draw all mankind into thy kingdom,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace to hear and receive thy Word, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants, the President of the United States, and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to make wars to cease in all the world; to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to bestow freedom upon all peoples,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives, the homeless and the hungry, and all who are desolate and oppressed,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the bountiful fruits of the earth, so that in due time all may enjoy them,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That It may please thee to inspire us, in our several callings, to do the work which thou givest us to do with singleness of heart as thy servants, and for the common good,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserve all who are in danger by reason of their labor or their travel,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserve, and provide for, all women in childbirth, young children and orphans, the widowed, and all whose homes are broken or torn by strife,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to visit the lonely; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, and spirit; and to comfort with thy presence those who are failing and infirm,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to support, help, and comfort all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to have mercy upon all mankind,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy holy Word,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; to comfort and help the weak-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed eternal life and peace,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of all the saints, we may attain to thy heavenly kingdom,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.



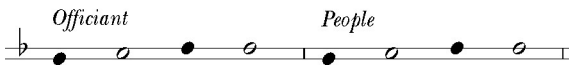
Officiant Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.
People Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.



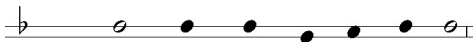
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Have mer-cy up-on us.
 O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Have mer-cy up-on us.



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



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



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

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

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.***

A Reading (Lesson) from Genesis 9:8-17

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every

living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

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

Solo “*Elegie*”

J Massenet

Psalm 25:1-9 *Ad te, Domine, levavi*

1. To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; * let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.
2. ***Let none who look to you be put to shame; * let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.***
3. Show me your ways, O Lord, * and teach me your paths.
4. ***Lead me in your truth and teach me, * for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.***
5. Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, * for they are from everlasting.
6. ***Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; * remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.***
7. Gracious and upright is the Lord; * therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
8. ***He guides the humble in doing right * and teaches his way to the lowly.***
9. All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness * ***to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.***

A Reading (Lesson) from 1 Peter 3:18-22

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

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

The Gospel Hymn LEVAS 170 *“Yield Not to Temptation”*

Then, all standing, the Deacon:

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Mark 1:9-15

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

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.” And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Prayers of the People for the First Sunday in Lent

Intercessor: Let us offer our prayers to the Holy One whose glory we see in the face of Jesus,

For the Church, especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Sally, our Bishop, for Don, our priest and Leslie, our deacon, that tested by suffering and burdened by sin, they and God's people everywhere may see in the transfiguration the pledge of Easter. God of light,

show us your glory and hear us.

For this Parish Family of Christ Church, that we may look forward to the Lenten journey with new zeal to love God more fully, and to love our neighbors as we do ourselves, so that we may live forever Christ's new resurrected life. God of light,

show us your glory and hear us.

For those who live in fear, and for voices of discernment and hope, that peaceful solutions may prosper, and war and violence be averted. God of light,

show us your glory and hear us.

For an ever-deepening conversion of heart, that as we discover our misdirection, and allow the Spirit to lead us along new paths, we may find greater faith, stronger hope, and deeper love. God of light,

show us your glory and hear us.

For all those who fear death, failure, or an unknown future, and for the sick and the suffering, and those who have requested our prayers, remembering especially, *Ruth, Sharon, Austin, Donna, Cheryl, Carol, Jeanette, Susan, Lynn, Tibor, Cynthia, Katie, Kelly, Eileen, Doris, Sean, Arlene, Barry, Joan, Mel, Naomi, Carol, Pat, Paul, David, Stephanie, Natalie, Shannon, Sylvia, Don, Ted*, that they may find courage and healing in the face of Christ. God of light,

show us your glory and hear us.

For those who have died, remembering especially, *Edward Shovlin*, and *Sam*, that they may enjoy the glory of all whose citizenship is in heaven. God of light,

show us your glory and hear us.

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary, the God-bearer, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. ***To you, O Lord our God.***

Celebrant: Blessed are you, God of eternal light. Hear the prayers we offer for all your people, and let your glory shine upon us, that our lives may proclaim your goodness, and our works give you honor, through Jesus Christ our Savior. ***Amen.***

The Peace (*All stand.*)

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

People: ***And also with you.***

Offertory Solo “*Largo*”

A. Vivaldi

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings or says

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 God thanks and praise.***

It is a right, good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. You brought all things into being and called them good. From the dust of the earth you formed us into your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away in denial, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You made us your covenant people, and your ways are just and true.

Therefore we praise you Joining our voices... (*spoken*)
***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven
and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.***

Most Holy and Gracious God, as we journey with Jesus toward the Lenten cross, we pray not only for ourselves, but for others—known and unknown, named and unnamed—from whose lives health or happiness has fled. Bring them your comfort and peace that surpasses understanding.

Bless our world, O Lord, and by your Spirit let your harmony and justice prevail. Bless our church, uniting us in the truth of your Word and empowering us in ministry to the world. Bless our family and friends, watching over and providing peace to them. Bless all who are suffering by embracing them in your loving arms. Bless each person here this morning, keeping us all faithful to you.

On the night before he died for us, 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."

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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People: Christ has died. Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.*

Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ, we take from your creation this bread and this cup and joyfully celebrate Christ's dying and rising, as we await the day of his coming. With thanksgiving, we offer our very selves to you to be a

living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

AMEN.

And now, we pray as Jesus taught us: (*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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Invitation

Communion Music “*Sarabande*”

J. S. Bach

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. .

Birthday Blessings

Anniversary Blessings

Announcements

Final Blessing

Recessional 150 *“Forty Days and Forty Nights”*

The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses them with these words

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Organ Postlude *“The Death Of The Savior”*

W. Billings

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THE CHAPEL SANCTUARY LIGHT is lit in memory of
Edward Shovlin by Gloria Shovlin and Family.

Participating in the 9am. Service

Musicians: Karin McGarrity, Cello

Lector: Mike Kinzler

Acolyte: Shea Gulbin, Christian Gulbin, Mary Shea

Ushers: Larry Bradshaw, Brad Smith

Videographer: Jerry & Susan Satkofsky

Counters: Paul Stevens, Fred Hill

Altar Guild: Terri Bradshaw, Robin Vetter

THANK YOU

to everyone who played a part
in making our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper a success!

FISHES AND LOAVES MINISTRY

February 20, Noon to 2pm Join us for a free Lunch
and Fellowship, all are invited and welcome, Bring a friend,
Chair lift is available, No charge, but donations are welcome

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS - Join us in the Rectory at
6 p.m. on Wednesday, February 21, for a light soup supper
followed by a study of the readings taken from the Easter
Vigil. This study is based upon the book *Words Around the Fire*
by Gail Ramshaw. The soups this week will be Corn Chowder
and French Onion.

2024 WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREAT will be held on **Saturday, March 2 in the Parish Hall**. A donation of \$25 will cover the costs of the retreat. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Our theme is based upon Mary Ellen Ashcroft's book *The Spirited Women*. This is a story of the women followers of Jesus who gather in Bethany following Pentecost where they discuss what's now happening in the new Christian community. You may register by notifying Mel Caron at melanieannecaron@gmail.com or by going to www.christriverton.org and registering online.

THE NEXT INTERGENERATIONAL CLASS

(and actually or final one for this school year) will take place on **Sunday, March 10, from 4-6 in the Parish Hall**. Our theme will be Lent, Holy Week and Easter. This is designed for folks of all ages - so grandparents, grab your grands or come yourself to share your wisdom with our youth. Dinner is provided.

Christ Church Lenten Project

“When you did it to the least of these you did it unto me.”

Non – Perishable Donations Needed:

Canned meats (tuna, chicken, salmon, etc.)

Canned green vegetables • Canned fruits

Canned and boxed meals

(soup, macaroni and cheese, etc.)

Peanut butter and other nut butters

Canned or dried beans and peas

(black, pinto, lentils, etc.)

Pasta, rice, oatmeal and cereal

100% fruit juice (canned, plastic, or boxed)

Cooking oil • Shelf-stable milk

Other healthy, low-fat, low-sodium, low-sugar products

Bring items to church on Sundays during Lent and place in baskets in tower entrance. Items will be donated to the local pantry at Epworth Methodist Church



Holy Week at Christ Church

March 24 Palm Sunday Service

begins outdoors (weather permitting)

Parishioners can bring palm branches from earlier years to be included in the Easter Fire

March 28 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

March 29 Good Friday

Church open for meditation all day

4:00pm Way of the cross with special parts for kids

7:00pm Veneration of the Cross &

Mass of the Pre-sanctified

March 30 Holy Saturday

7:00 Great Vigil of Easter

begins outdoors (weather permitting)

March 31 Easter Service 9:00

Renewal of Baptismal vows

My Offering for Easter Memorial Flowers

In memory of: _____

Given by: _____

Please send your Easter memorials to the Parish Office **no later than Monday, March 19th**. Print the names clearly and exactly as you wish them to appear. Memorials received too late for printing in the Easter leaflets will appear in the next regular Bulletin.

MINISTRY TO RIVERVIEW ESTATES - On the first and third Sunday of each month, at 3:00 pm Christ Church leads a Communion service for the residents. Members of the parish are welcome to help the participants.

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. All men are invited!

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN recognizes those young people who continue to serve their churches and communities with their Student Service Award. High School Seniors who attend churches in the Diocese of New Jersey are eligible to apply, as are those students who will be enrolled in undergraduate studies during the coming academic year. Applications and supporting materials as detailed in the application are due by *April 30*, and may be submitted by mail or email as noted on the application. <https://dioceseofnj.org/ecw-student-service-award>.

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