

Welcome to

CHRIST CHURCH!

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

LAETARE SUNDAY

MARCH 14, 2021 AT 8:00 & 10:00 A.M.



+ --Appropriate place to make the "Sign of the cross"

BCP—The "Black" Book of Common Prayer

Hymnal—The "Red" Hymnal 1982

LEVAS—Music from Lift Every Voice and Sing Hymnal (Episcopal)

WLP—Music from Wonder, Love, and Praise Hymnal (Episcopal)

Notes On This Sunday's Readings

Welcome to Christ Church. The Old Testament contains accounts of God saving the people at various times in their history. We remember those times during Lent as a part of our preparation to celebrate the ultimate salvation of all people in the death and resurrection of Jesus. The story of Israel's wandering in the wilderness continues today. Again the people complain about hunger and thirst and rebel against God. They are set upon by poisonous serpents. Moses intercedes with God and is directed to make a bronze serpent. When the people look at the serpent they are saved.

The Gospel reading is John's account of Jesus' predicting his death. He likens his crucifixion to the event in today's Old Testament reading. He promises that he has come not to condemn the world but to save it. Only those who reject this message and the light of God given by Jesus are in danger of being lost.

The reading today from Ephesians announces that in his resurrection and ascension, Jesus has raised us who know him by faith into the new life of God. It is in Baptism that we have become part of that new life and have received the grace which saves us.

The most consistent message in Holy Scripture is God's love and repeated interventions in history to bring about redemption. As we move nearer to Easter we are led by means of Word and Sacraments to a deepening realization that God is still redeeming us. Let us remember today those who will be baptized at Easter, who are joining us in the journey of the redeemed to God.

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God's People Gather Together

The Penitential Order

Celebrant + Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People ***His mercy endures for ever.***

The Decalogue:

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.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

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

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Honor your father and your mother.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit murder.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not steal.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

The Celebrant may read one of the following sentences

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

The Confession

The Celebrant then says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Absolution

The Priest says

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.**

Kyrie

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The Collect for the Fourth Sunday in Lent

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Together, let us pray.

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

The people sit.

The Word of God

First Reading

A reading from the book of Numbers. (21:4-9).

⁴From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. ⁵The people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.” ⁶Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. ⁷The people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.” ⁹So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, *

and his mercy endures for ever.

²Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed proclaim *

that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.

³He gathered them out of the lands; *

from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

¹⁷Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; *

they were afflicted because of their sins.

¹⁸They abhorred all manner of food *

and drew near to death's door.

¹⁹Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, *

and he delivered them from their distress.

²⁰He sent forth his word and healed them *

and saved them from the grave.

²¹Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy *

and the wonders he does for his children.

²²Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving *

and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

The Epistle

A Reading from Paul's letter to the church in Ephesus. (2:1-10)

¹You were dead through the trespasses and sins ²in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. ³All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. ⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—⁹not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

The people stand as they are able.

The Gospel

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. (3: 14-21)

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

[Jesus said,] ¹⁴“Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶“***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.***

¹⁷“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. ¹⁸Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

+ May the words of my mouth and the meditations of all our hearts be always acceptable in your sight, O Lord, our strength and our Redeemer. Amen.

The people sit.

After the Sermon, the people stand as they are able.

The Nicene Creed

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.

Prayers of the People

Celebrant

God lifted up Christ in the wilderness of the world. As we prepare for the Paschal feast, let us lift up our prayers to God for all people everywhere, saying, Hear us, O God, ***for your mercy is great.***

Lay Eucharistic Minister

For the Church: especially Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael our Presiding Bishop; Marian and Chilton, our bishops, and for Chris our Priest, that we may grow in our awareness of the length, breadth, and depth of God's love for us. Hear us, O God, ***for your mercy is great.***

For this parish family, that God will lead us from the comfort of darkness and selfishness, and enable us to live in freedom as children of the light. Hear us, O God, ***for your mercy is great.***

For all who fear drawing close to God, that the Spirit will lead them to experience God's unconditional love. Hear us, O God, ***for your mercy is great.***

For healing of the wounds of racism, that God will raise up all who have been wounded by racism and prejudice, and inspire us with new ways to build a community of justice, compassion, and cooperation. Hear us, O God, ***for your mercy is great.***

For all who are suffering, that God's unending love will bring health to the sick, food to the hungry, shelter to the homeless, and jobs to the unemployed. Hear us, O God, ***for your mercy is great.***

For all who ache for healing but cannot find it, remembering especially those on our Prayer List. *(Please add your petitions for any need or concern.)* May they find in Christ crucified, new life and strength. Hear us, O God, ***for your mercy is great.***

For all those who have died. *(Please add petitions for those you wish to have remembered at this time.)* May they be raised up to the heavenly places. Hear us O God, **for your mercy is great.**

For all the blessings we have received. *(You are invited to name your thanksgivings.)* We give thanks this week for Caroline Baldwin, Dawn Tierney, and Jim Westerfield who are celebrating their Birthdays. Hear us O God, **for your mercy is great.**

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

All: Blessed are you, God of Moses, who sent your Son into the world not to condemn it but to save it. Hear our prayers and open our eyes to behold Jesus lifted high on the cross and to see in those outstretched arms your abundant compassion. Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Presentation of Gifts

All things come of the, O Lord; and of thine own, have we given thee. Amen.

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving—Eucharistic Prayer C

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.**

Celebrant

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus

***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.

The Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers: God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, Jacob, Leah, and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

People and Celebrant

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--Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The Priest invites the people to Communion

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world.

Communion Norms--We welcome our guests this morning. All are welcome at the Lord's table. You may stand or kneel (whichever you prefer). You are invited to eat the wafer and then drink from the cup or you may dip the wafer into the cup. The people respond after receiving the bread or the wine by saying "amen." If you prefer not to receive the cup, please cross your arms over your chest. If you do not want to receive communion, you are still welcome to come forward, cross your arms over your chest, and receive a blessing from the priest.

The Post Communion Prayer for Lent

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

O God, you made us from the dust of the earth.

Now raise us up and help us turn toward you with open hearts, beholding your glory, that by your grace, we may receive everlasting life. Amen

The Blessing for Lent (Church of England)

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and to follow him; and the blessing of God Almighty: + the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen**

The Announcements/Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

For a Birthday

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

For the Anniversary of a Marriage

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send your blessing upon (name) and (name), that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their lives together may be a witness to your love and forgiveness, and that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

March Birthdays

2 Betty Fuqua
3 Alyssa Bolton
5 Brad Reeves Jr.
9 Carol Jubinski
9 Linda Deatrick
11 Bill Bennett
11 Jason Dean
13 John Deatrick
15 Caroline Baldwin
19 Dawn Tierney
20 James Westerfield

March Anniversaries

25 Suzanne & Marvin Smith
30 Coletta & Tom Oliver



The Dismissal

LEM Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People *Thanks be to God.*



Easter Flowers Memorials & Thanksgivings

*Flowers and greens for the Easter vigil
and Sunday services at Christ Church
are made possible by your generous donations
in Memory of or in Thanksgiving of a loved one.*

*The amount is purely voluntary,
but the suggested contribution is \$35.*

*Envelopes are available in the back of the church.
Donations need to be in hand by Sunday, March 28th
so that the names of your loved ones may be published
in the bulletins for the Easter services.*



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8:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist

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Thursdays

6:30 p.m.—Way of the Cross (During Lent)

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