

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Extending the Love and Embrace of Christ

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I

March 13, 2022: The Second Sunday in Lent

8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

You may stream the 10:30 a.m. service from Christ Church's [website](#), [YouTube](#), or [Facebook](#) pages

PRELUDE – The God of Abraham Praise

arr. Richard Proulx

CHORAL INTROIT – Crux Fidelis (Faithful Cross)

Steven Warner

Crux fidelis; cross of gladness, tree on which our hope is hung;

Let my arms be as your branches! Yours, the song that must be sung.

OPENING HYMN 401 – The God of Abraham Praise

Leoni

1 The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove;
2 He by him - self hath sworn: we on his oath de - pend;
3 There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Right - eous - ness,
4 The God who reigns on high the great arch - an - gels sing,
5 The whole tri - um - phant host give thanks to God on high;

1 An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love;
2 we shall, on ea - gle - wings up - borne, to heaven a - scend:
3 tri - um - phant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;
4 and "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," cry, "Al - might - y King!
5 "Hail, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!" they ev - er cry;

1 the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con - fessed:
2 we shall be - hold his face, we shall his power a - dore,
3 on Zi - on's sa - cred height his king - dom he main - tains,
4 Who was, and is, the same, and ev - er - more shall be:
5 hail, A - braham's Lord di - vine! With heaven our songs we raise;

we bow and bless the sa - cred Name for ev - er blest.
and sing the won - ders of his grace for ev - er - more.
and, glo - rious with his saints in light, for ev - er reigns.
e - ter - nal Fa - ther, great I AM, we wor - ship thee."
all might and ma - jes - ty are thine, and end - less praise.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins;
People: **His mercy endureth forever.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant: Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, 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

American Folk Melody, arr. Richard Proulx



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: **And with thy spirit.**
Celebrant: Let us pray.

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, forever and ever. **Amen.**

The people may be seated.

THE FIRST READING

Genesis 15:1-12,17-18

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

Reader: The word of the Lord.

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

PSALM 27

Dominus illuminatio

At 8:00 a.m., the Psalm is read responsively by half-verse

At 10:30 a.m., the Psalm is sung, one measure per half verse, changing notes on the underlined syllable.



The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? *

the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, *

they stumbled and fell.

Though an host of men were laid against me, yet shall not my heart be afraid; *

and though there rose up war against me, yet will I put my trust in him.

One thing have I desired of the LORD, which I will require; *

even that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;

to behold the fair beauty of the LORD, and to visit his temple.

For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his tabernacle; *

yea, in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me,

and set me up upon a rock of stone.

And now shall he lift up mine head *

above mine enemies round about me.

Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation, with great gladness: *

I will sing and speak praises unto the LORD.

Hearken unto my voice, O LORD, when I cry unto thee; *

have mercy upon me, and hear me.

My heart hath talked of thee, Seek ye my face: *

Thy face, LORD, will I seek.

O hide not thou thy face from me, *

nor cast thy servant away in displeasure.

Thou hast been my succour; *

leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

When my father and my mother forsake me, *

the LORD taketh me up.

Teach me thy way, O LORD, *

and lead me in the right way, because of mine enemies.

Deliver me not over into the will of mine adversaries: *

for there are false witnesses risen up against me, and such as speak wrong.

I should utterly have fainted, *

but that I believe verily to see

the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

O tarry thou the LORD's leisure; *

be strong, and he shall comfort thine heart;

and put thou thy trust in the LORD.

THE EPISTLE

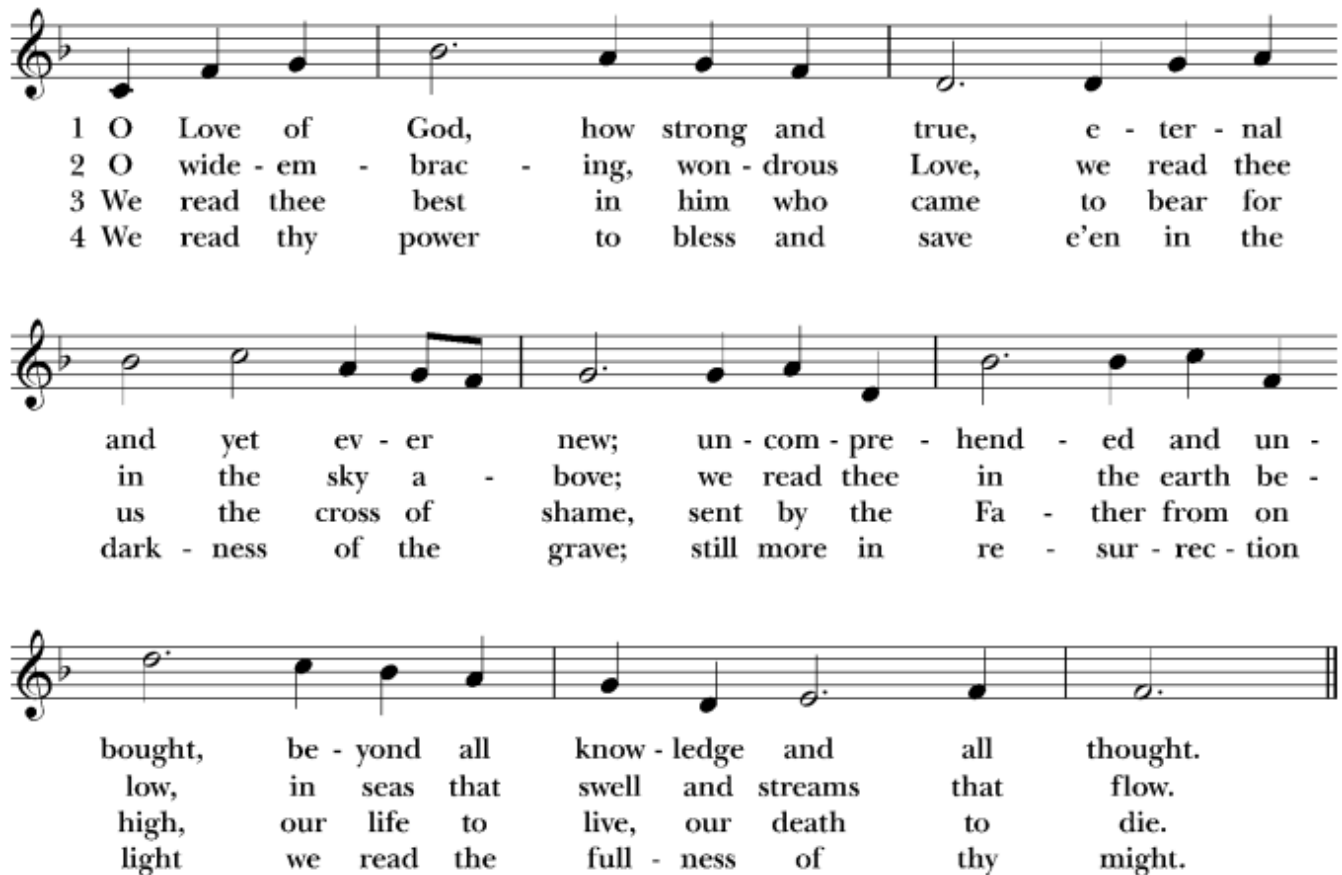
Philippians 3:17-4:1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

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

The people stand as able for the singing of the hymn and the reading of the Gospel.



1 O Love of God, how strong and true, e - ter - nal
 2 O wide - em - brac - ing, won - drous Love, we read thee
 3 We read thee best in him who came to bear for
 4 We read thy power to bless and save e'en in the

and yet ev - er new; un - com - pre - hend - ed and un -
 in the sky a - bove; we read thee in the earth be -
 us the cross of shame, sent by the Fa - ther from on
 dark - ness of the grave; still more in re - sur - rec - tion

bought, be - yond all know - ledge and all thought.
 low, in seas that swell and streams that flow.
 high, our life to live, our death to die.
 light we read the full - ness of thy might.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 13:31-35

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The people may be seated at the invitation of the preacher.

SERMON

The Rev'd Denise Schiavone, *Deacon*

THE NICENE CREED

All: 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 worshipped and glorified;
who spake by the Prophets.
And I believe one 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

Intercessor: 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 Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Eugene and Robert, our Diocesan Bishops; Emmanuel, our Rector; Marcia, our Associate Priest; and Denise our Deacon; 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 Joseph, our President: Lawrence, 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 Rena, Linda, Kandi, Bradley, Jim, Kathleen, Chad, Caroline, Jess, Tinny, Catherine, Mary Ann, Chuck, Alta, Alfred, & Ashley, and all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

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 Don Bauer and Tom Scott, 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.

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

People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant: Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

All: **Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against thee
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in thy will,
and walk in thy ways,
to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

THE PEACE

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

People: And with thy spirit.

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

MUSIC DURING THE OFFERING — When Jesus Wept

William Billings, arr. Douglas Wagner

Sara Kirkpatrick and Erin Cassidy-Whong, handbells

*When Jesus wept, the falling tear with mercy flowed beyond all bounds.
When Jesus groaned, a trembling fear seized all the guilty world around.
O come and mourn with me awhile and linger here beside;
O come together, let us mourn; O Jesus, our Lord is crucified.*

PRESENTATION HYMN 321, V. 1

Rockingham



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.

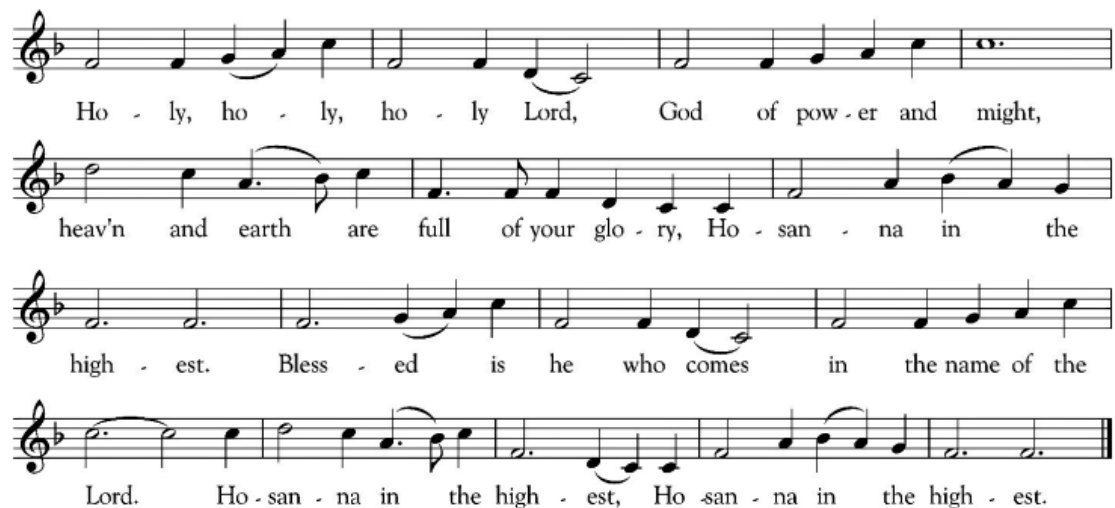
Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord our God.

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, 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.

People: **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Spoken at the 8:00 a.m. service:

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.**

Sung at the 10:30 a.m. service:

Our Fa - ther in heaven, hal - lowed be your Name. Your king - dom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.
Save us from the time of trial, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.
For the king - dom the power, and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

AGNUS DEI

Celebrant: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
All: **have mercy upon us.**
Celebrant: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
All: **have mercy upon us.**
Celebrant: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
All: **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 474 – When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Rockingham

1. When I sur - - vey the wond - - rous cross On which the
2. For - - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, Save in the
3. See from His head, His hands, His feet, Sor - - row and
4. His dy - - ing crim - son, like a robe, Spreads o'er His
5. Were the whole realm of na - - ture mine, That were His a

Prince of glo - - ry died, My rich - - est gain I
death of Christ my God! All the vain things that
love flow min - - gled down! Did the e'er such love and
bo - - dy on the tree; Then I am dead to
pre - - sent far too small; Love so a - - maz - - ing,

count but loss, And pour con - - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - - ri - - fice them to His blood.
sor - - row meet, Or thorns com - - pose so rich a crown?
all the globe, And all the globe is dead to me.
so di - - vine, De - - mands my soul, my life, my all.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: 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.

EUCCHARISTIC VISITORS' PRAYER

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

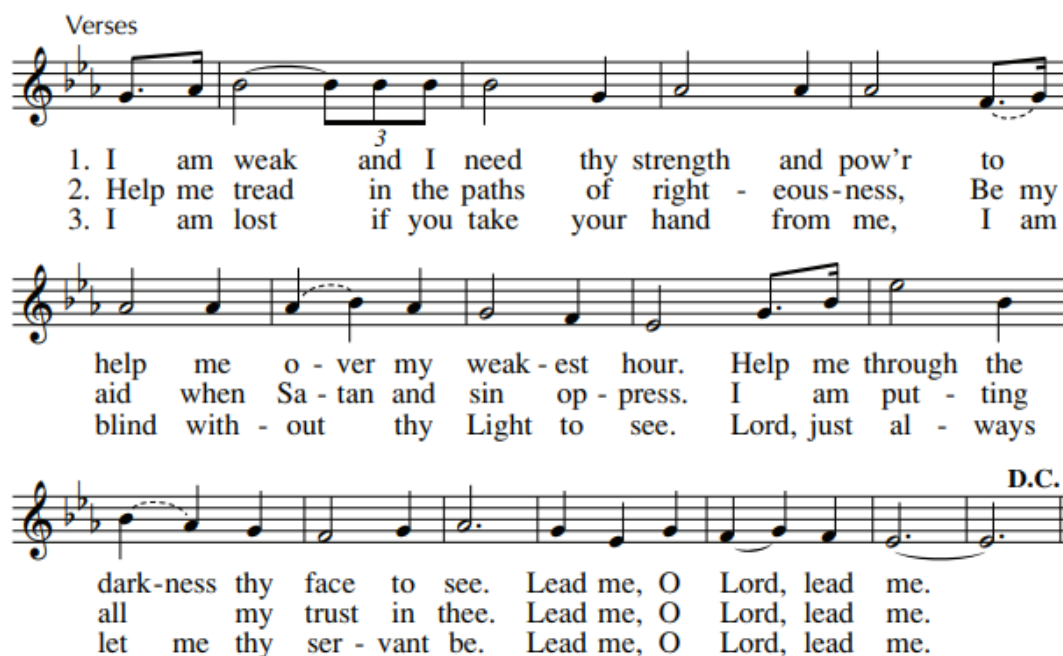
*The Celebrant blesses the People, who respond **Amen.***

Refrain



Lead me, guide me, a-long the way, For if you
lead me, I can-not stray. Lord, let me walk each
day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Verses



1. I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r to
2. Help me tread in the paths of right-eous-ness, Be my
3. I am lost if you take your hand from me, I am
help me o-ver my weak-est hour. Help me through the
aid when Sa-tan and sin op-press. I am put-ting
blind with-out thy Light to see. Lord, just al-ways
dark-ness thy face to see. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.
all my trust in thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.
let me thy ser-vant be. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon dismisses the People, who respond:

Thanks be to God!

(The Alleluias are omitted in Lent)

POSTLUDE – Poco Vivace

Herman Schroeder

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Our Lenten Schedule is Online | As we begin to gather for Lent, there are many new and traditional services and gatherings being presented at Christ Church. You can view the entire Lenten schedule and read service and event details on our website's *Lent at Christ Church* page. Be sure to check back regularly or bookmark the page on your browser as we'll regularly update details as needed.

Youth Formation: Sunday School | All children are always welcome to join us virtually for Sunday School, with both sessions beginning at 9:15 a.m. If this is your first time, the registration form is located [here](#) and you can send completed ones to ministry@christchurchcolumbia.org to enroll. You can receive the elementary-age Zoom link by emailing Jennifer Atkins at dandjatkins@verizon.net. The older youth session is run by our Youth Minister, Todd Domer, and you can reach him by emailing youthministry@christchurchcolumbia.org for those Zoom details.

Adult Forum: Sunday Circle | Our Sunday morning Adult Forum series continues through Lent with a new cycle of topics based on the History of Women in the Church. This Sunday, we will explore *Medieval Women of Note in the Church* at 9:30 a.m. in the Great Hall (lower level) of New Brick.

Confirmation Class - Sunday Afternoons | Christ Church is offering Confirmation classes for all high school students and adults who may be interested. At the moment, we'll hold these classes online via Zoom but may make adjustments as we go along. It is our hope that our candidates will be confirmed by one of the Bishops of Maryland later this year; we'll share that date when it becomes available. If you are interested in learning more about Confirmation and/or registering for the class, please reach out to Fr. Manny at revmanny@christchurchcolumbia.org.

Parish Survey | Christ Church invites your kind participation in a survey about our common life. You may complete the survey by using this link. You can also scan the QR code at the bottom of this email to reach it. Our survey has four main sections: Christian education (subdivided into Christian education for ages 3-5th grade, youth, and adults), fellowship, worship, and general. If a particular section doesn't apply to you, you can scroll to the bottom of the page and click Next to continue to the next section. Christ Church relies on all of us to volunteer for the many ministries that enrich our common life. Please share your interests in volunteering in the General section of the survey. The survey will close on Wednesday, March 30th. If you have any problems accessing the survey, please contact the Church Office. Thank you for your faithfulness and input.

Centering Prayer – Mondays | Centering Prayer takes place Mondays at 7 p.m. and is a form of contemplation, a method of prayer that helps us be present and open to God. We invite you to log in, see what Centering Prayer is all about, and how it can find a unique and valuable space in your own life. The Zoom link is [here](#), Meeting ID is 859 2522 4340 and Password is Centering!

Adult and Children's Choir - Tuesdays and Thursdays | Children's Choir meets on Tuesdays from 5:00-6:00 p.m. and Adult Choir meets Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. If you've ever been interested in joining our choir, now's that time... and this invitation is open to every parishioner. No experience is necessary. Please email Len Langrick, our Director of Music, at music@christchurchcolumbia.org to learn more.

Lectionary Bible Study – Wednesdays | Bible Study takes place on Zoom each Wednesday at 10:30 a.m., discussing and reflecting on the readings for the coming Sunday. Our next gathering's readings are located [here](#). You do not have to know much about the Bible; just join in and we'll all study and learn together. The Zoom link is here, Meeting ID is 885 9287 2661 and the Password is CECBible.

Christ Church's Wednesday Evenings in Lent Supper Series | The Spiritual Life Commission invites everyone to take part in the return of our annual Wednesday Evening Lenten Supper Series, meeting in the Great Hall of New Brick at 6:30 p.m. We had a great turnout last night - nearly 50 in all between in-person and virtual - and we thank you for joining us. There is no cost for this evening, but if you would like to donate to help cover the catered dinner expenses, you can choose "Spiritual Life Commission" from the *Fund* dropdown menu [on our online giving form](#), or bring a donation to the event. This popular series will center on our 2022 theme, *Be One Body in Christ, Belonging to Each Other*, and every week we'll host a different presenter who gives their perspective on this theme. For our next evening, March 16th, we are very blessed to have Rev. Richard Ginnever, Rector Emeritus of Christ Church, lead us. This series is a hybrid event so for those who prefer to join us virtually, you are welcome to do so via YouTube; those details will be in Monday's email. [If you want to join us in person, please RSVP here](#) or notify the Church Office by [email](#) or phone.

Taizé Worship - Friday Evenings in Lent | On Friday evenings at 6 p.m. in Old Brick, Mother Marcia offers a series of six Taizé worship services including chants, prayers, Scripture, intercessory prayer, and silence. Mother Marcia is a long-time adherent to the Taizé community and frequent visitor. This form of worship, based on the practice of the Taizé community in France, offers a time of quiet and intentional reflection, worship, and drawing closer to the Presence of God in Christ Jesus. Silence is also an important component and a welcome gift to Taizé worship. The use of lighted candles and icons offers a visual invitation to pray silently in the presence of others and God. Although chants and even prayers are sung, there is no requirement to be musically gifted to participate. For more information, [email Mother Marcia](#) or simply join us in Old Brick any Friday during Lent.

CEC Book Club – Fridays | The CEC Book Club is back this Friday evening at 7:30 p.m., as we begin our discussion of the book *Why I Believe in a Personal God: The Credibility of Faith in a Doubting Culture* by George Carey, former Archbishop of Canterbury. We're always welcoming new members to join our virtual gathering. For about an hour each Friday, we discuss a specified section of the current book and plan future readings and ideas. The Zoom link is [here](#), the Meeting ID is 894 0227 6226, the Password is CECbooks and we hope that you'll find time to join us for this engaging and enlightening group discussion. Email Ellen Hoke at efboudreau1@gmail.com if you're interested or have any questions.

Women of Christ Church News | March 21st is our trip to Maryland Women's Heritage Center to celebrate Women's History Month. Carpooling will be available. [You can RSVP by going here](#), or [email us](#). We've also been invited by St. John's in Ellicott City to their Saturday afternoon guided Lenten Labyrinth walks. Guides will be available between 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. each Saturday in Lent. We visited the site last fall; you can see our report about that experience [here](#). We've also published our 2022 calendar of events, so [please check it out](#) and join us in our activities. We've got lots of opportunities coming up in March, so mark your calendars! Finally, our next monthly WOCC meeting is Monday, April 4th at 1 p.m. on Zoom, so stay tuned for those details in upcoming newsletters.

Altar Flowers and Gifts | If you would like to present Altar gifts in dedication or celebration of a loved one on an upcoming Sunday, you can find the details and 2022 sign-up sheet at <https://tinyurl.com/CECaltargifts>. You can also sign up and reserve a slot by using our [Realm Online Giving Form](#); just choose "Altar Flowers and Gifts" from the *FUND* drop-down menu, and place the dedication name(s) and service date in the *MEMO* line. [Email the Church Office](#) with any questions.

Christ Church's Grief Support Group | If you are grieving a loss and would like to occasionally join a group of others for mutual support and learning, please let us know. Christ Church is planning on creating a Zoom gathering, led by Mother Marcia, for those who might find comfort in sharing &/or listening to experiences of processing loss. This group would meet on a schedule that's most convenient for all participants. Mother Marcia is also happy to meet individually to offer pastoral care and counseling, so if you're interested in taking part in either gathering, [please email](#) or speak to her at any time.

Youth Ministry UPDATE | A couple of weeks ago, the Christ Church youth got together for a night of bowling and fun. You can see a photo of the event on our blog. Our Youth Minister, Todd Domer, is looking for a few volunteers to occasionally help out during youth activities and gatherings. If you're interested, or have a child who would like to join, please email Todd at youthministry@christchurchcolumbia.org

Diocese of Maryland's COVID Update - GREEN PHASE | Christ Church has been approved by the Diocese of Maryland to begin our transition into the Green "Omicron" Phase. You can read more about this here. As part of this transition, beginning this Sunday, March 13th, masks will be optional at Christ Church. We will continue to gradually make adjustments as we move forward. For questions and clarifications, [email us](#).

Volunteer to Make Decorated Treats or Healthy Side Dishes to Brighten the St. Patrick's Day Holiday for Our Homeless Neighbors | If you're eager to celebrate next week as St. Patrick's Day approaches, why not start on Monday, March 14? Consider baking or buying cookies and decorating them. Or get creative with green frosting that you add to a pound cake or cupcakes.

The folks at the Dorsey Center's Day Resource Center (DRC) are thrilled when Christ Church volunteers bring holiday-themed treats. And the same goes for the residents of the Live-in Facility operated by [Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center](#).

We can predict the warm welcome because diners at each of the locations, which are both overseen by Grassroots, were certainly pleased with the Valentine-decorated treats that Christ Church delivered on Feb. 14. On that day, the Outreach Commission once again consolidated our approach to feeding the hungry by providing a meal to each group of needy neighbors.

We'll do it again on Monday. As usual, Christ Church will purchase fried chicken at Weis and depend upon your bringing side dishes to make the meals. Keep in mind that we're cooking – and decorating – for two separate groups of diners.

The first group is made up of about 40 homeless friends at the DRC near Rt. 1 in Jessup. After a couple of shutdowns during the pandemic, Grassroots reopened the DRC on a modified basis. A team of four Christ Church volunteers will be serving a midday meal in person on our usual day – the second Monday of the month.

The second group of diners resides at Grassroots' Live-in Facility, where the staff serves the food. We have been providing an evening meal menu – fried chicken and side dishes cooked by parishioners – on a monthly basis since early in the pandemic.

If you're cooking only for the Live-In Facility's evening meal, plan to arrive between 3:15 and 3:30 p.m. at the parking lot outside Old Brick. Bring a side dish, a dessert, or items for the pantry to be enjoyed round-the-clock by the 50 residents. Click on the [Christ Church Grassroots Meal link on SignUpGenius](#) to view a menu. Please sign up by noon on Sunday.

If you're cooking or volunteering for the midday meal at the DRC, plan to arrive between 12:45 and 1 p.m. at the parking lot outside Old Brick. Bring a side dish, a dessert, or items for the DRC pantry. Click on a different link, called the [Christ Church Dorsey/DRC Meal link on SignUpGenius](#) to view requested items and indicate how you'll help.

If you're cooking or bringing pantry items for both meals, plan to arrive between 12:45 and 1 p.m. at the parking lot outside Old Brick. The dish and supplementals for the evening meal can be left in the Parish Hall kitchen. Or, depending on the dish or the supplemental item, such as cookies or fruit, you can do that on a Sunday if your items are clearly marked.

To volunteer in person to serve the midday meal at the DRC, you'll need a flu shot and full vaccination against COVID-19. For questions, email outreach@christchurchcolumbia.org to get in contact with co-coordinator Nancy Winchester.

Both the DRC and the Live-In Facility have wider needs for their pantries and welcome in-kind donations to be dropped off for delivery on the second Mondays. Look for the monthly needs list under the words "Related Files" on each of the sign-up sites.

Inviting One and All to Get Involved in Christ Church Outreach | What better time than the impending arrival of Spring to get more fully involved in helping others! The Outreach Commission invites you to join in during our monthly meeting to learn more about opportunities in 2022. It will be held virtually at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, March 14. Information on how to join the meeting by Zoom or by phone will be provided in our Monday email.

CCC Continues to Call for Community-Wide Help to Establish Its Pantry | The all-volunteer organization Columbia Community Care (CCC) has obtained a site to establish a new pantry and has set dates for a weekend clean-up. It is recruiting volunteers to work various shifts on Saturday, March 19, and Sunday, March 20 at a county-owned building that was once home to the *Columbia Flier*. It is located at 10750 Little Patuxent Parkway.

For information, go to the CCC Facebook Group or check online for two separate signups. The first is a good opportunity for youth looking for school-required service hours. Go to CCC's sign-up form for volunteers. The second asks for people to lend or donate cleaning and painting supplies by using a separate online sign-up form.

At Christ Church, members of R.A.G.E and the Outreach Commission ask parishioners to continue CCC by collecting diapers, baby wipes, sanitary and personal care items, and adult diapers. Please put them in the yellow bin, marked "CCC," inside the Parish Hall.

Join Small Delusions in Helping Provide Support for Ukrainian Refugees | On Sunday, March 20th at 2:00 p.m. join us in New Brick as the wonderful band, Small Delusions, performs a concert to help raise funds for Ukrainian refugee families. The United Nations reports that nearly one million people have already fled the catastrophic situation in their homeland, and that number will likely rise exponentially. For a few hours on the 20th, we will have an opportunity to hear classic sounds while raising funds for a very worthwhile cause.

Small Delusions - Jan DeBoissiere, JB Hanson, and Shannon Pruitt - used to be part of a larger group called Delusions of Grandeur. As they say, "Our delusions are still there; they are just smaller." They have performed together for over six years, and we're thrilled to have them back at Christ Church.

We'll have more info in the coming weeks, but if you wish to donate in the meantime you can use the Refugee Ministry online form. Just select "Ukrainian Refugee Ministry" from the MEMO dropdown menu, and Christ Church will direct those gifts toward relief for the people of Ukraine.

Baltimore Seafarers News | As a reminder, the Women of Christ Church gather donations for Seafarers throughout the year. At this time, they are looking for magazines, cards, notebooks, gloves, hats, and scarves. If you'd like to donate any of these items, the "Seafarers" box is under the table in the Tower Room of New Brick.

African Team Ministries - Thanks! | Thanks to everyone who helped with or bought merchandise from the African Team Ministries booth this year. We raised over \$800 for the artisans in Kenya. To learn more, go to their website. See you next year!

Donate Snacks, Crackers, and Cookies to FISH in Bin on our Breezeway | Organizers for FISH of Howard County are continuing to ask for cookies, crackers, and snacks to fulfill its shopping lists. The yellow bin is between Old Brick and the Parish Hall. Thanks for your contributions to our neighbors in need.



Christ Church invites your kind participation in a survey about our common life. You may complete the survey by using this link or by scanning the QR code below. The survey has four main sections: Christian education (subdivided into Christian education for ages 3-5th grade, youth, and adults), fellowship, worship, and general. If a particular section doesn't apply to you, you can scroll to the bottom of the page and click Next to continue to the next section. Christ Church relies on all of us to volunteer for the many ministries that enrich our common life. Please share your interests in volunteering in the General section of the survey. The survey will close on Wednesday, March 30th. If you have any problems accessing the survey, please contact the Church Office. Thank you for your faithfulness and input.





WE ARE ALL STEWARDS OF OUR BELOVED CHRIST CHURCH

Because of your genuine and overwhelming acts of selflessness, kindness, grace, compassion, and love, you continue to give immensely to support and build our common life at Christ Church. You inject life into Christ Church so that we may be able to serve the world. It is your giving that has made it possible for us to accomplish some of the work that God has given us. The truth is that we have been able to minister and serve countless people because of your faithfulness, and for that, we thank God for each one of you and thank God for what God is doing in your lives.

We also want to thank **YOU**. Your faithfulness is what makes life happen at Christ Church. Your faithfulness makes Christ Church stronger. Your faithfulness enables Christ Church to embrace, with courage, the task that God has for us.

We need to remember that Christ Church is completely dependent on this faithfulness. Your beloved Christ Church counts on you and your faithful giving, and so as we celebrate the season of giving, we want to highly encourage all who have not fully completed their pledge for 2021 to remember their faithfulness. We also want to appeal to all who have not as yet returned their pledge for 2022 to remember their faithfulness.

TEXT GIVING: You can now give securely and conveniently by using your mobile phone! Simply text **CECGIVING** to **73256**, and you'll receive a secure link to our page where you can set up a one-time or recurring gift.

ONLINE GIVING: You can also continue to pledge and give to Christ Church online. It's a safe and secure method of contributing towards your annual pledge or another offering. Whether it's a one-time donation or a recurring gift, you can go to our [overview page](#) for instructions and links. Signing up is fast and easy; if you need assistance doing so, or if you have any Stewardship-related questions, please contact us at info@christchurchcolumbia.org



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