

# CHRIST CHURCH

## THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN ASPEN



THE FIRST SUNDAY  
OF LENT  
FEBRUARY 21, 2021

*Welcome to Christ Church! We're glad you're worshiping with us today.*

*Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent; for this is the House of God.*

*Before the service, speak to the Lord; during the service, let the Lord speak to you; after the service, speak to one another.*

We welcome you to this time of worship. We are glad to have you join us online.

The bulletin for our service of Ante-Communion can be found at [christchurchaspen.org](http://christchurchaspen.org) under the worship tab, click "service & handouts". The Bulletin is also linked in the description box below this YouTube video.

The Sunday Newspaper, with the announcements, is distributed electronically in our Sunday Morning enews.

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**10:00 AM**

**THE ANTE-COMMUNION, RITE II**  
***The Book of Common Prayer, pp. 355-360***  
***Revelation Song, Arr. Heather Sorenson***

**Prelude**

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**Welcome**

**Luke Jernagan**

*Presider:* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People:* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

**The Collect for Purity**

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

**Gloria In Excelsis**

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider:* Let us pray.

**The Collect of the Day**

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

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD**

*A Reading from the Book of the Genesis (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.**

***A Reading from the Book of Psalms (25:1-9)***

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.

**Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.**

Show me your ways, O LORD, \*  
and teach me your paths.

**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.**

Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, \*  
for they are from everlasting.

**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.**

Gracious and upright is the LORD; \*  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

**He guides the humble in doing right \*  
and teaches his way to the lowly.**

All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness \*  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.



**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be  
for ever. Amen. (Please be seated.)**

***A Reading from the First Book of Peter (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**

***The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (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.”

*Priest:* The Gospel of the Lord  
*People:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

*A period of silence will be kept.*

***The Nicene Creed, (Please stand)***

**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.**

***Welcome / Announcements / Birthday & Anniversary Prayers / Travel Prayers***

***Offertory Music***

***Day By Day in the style of Chopin, Arr. Craig Courtney***

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***The Prayers of the People (Form II)***

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop Kym Lucas; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died. Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. *Amen.*

In silence or aloud, let us pray for our own needs and the needs of others. (pause)

***Let us pray for our families and friends at Christ Church, Aspen.***

We pray for Marsha, Diana, Peter and Julia Munson, Catherine, Don, Jessica & Philip, George Baker, Margo & Keith Gardner, and Bobbi Ann. We pray for Jamie Lawrence, Roger, Joann all, Heta & Hubert, Maude Jernagan, Tony, Brad Noel, Susan & Mickey, Petra, and little Otto. We pray for all who serve this great nation in uniform in nearby and far-off places. We pray for the young people and students of Aspen.

### **A prayer for healing.**

We pray for all the people around the world, in our country and in our own community, who have been affected by the corona virus pandemic. God, you know what we need as the virus rages. You are the great physician, the great healer; and we ask for your help as we combat this terrible virus. We pray for those who are sick, and we pray for healing. We pray for those who have died, and we pray for families who grieve. We pray for health care workers, and those who minister to people who are afflicted. We pray that vaccines will be available and administered quickly, here in Aspen and around the world. We pray for healing, health, and safe keeping -- to you, Lord Jesus.

### **For the Unity of the Church**

O God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Savior, the Prince of Peace: Give us grace to lay to heart the great dangers we are in by our unhappy divisions; take away all hatred and prejudice, and whatever else may hinder us from godly union and concord; that, as there is but one Body and one Spirit, one hope of our calling, one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism and one God and Father of us all. May we with one mind and one voice glorify you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **We pray for our nation**

We lift up this prayer for our nation, that divisions may be healed and there may be respect for all people. We pray for our President, for Colorado's Governor and for our local elected officials. We pray for right decisions and for those in need everywhere.

### **Let us pray for Christ Church**

Oh Lord, we pray for your continued blessing on Christ Church and all who are part of the ministries of this place. We pray for Peter, our Interim Rector, and for the leadership of Christ Church. We ask for your guidance, Lord, as we pursue our rector search. We know you have a plan for Christ Church, and we ask that you make your will known. Be with us we pray. We lift up our prayers of praise, worship and thanksgiving in Jesus' name. Amen

*Please stand*

*Presider:* As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

**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 grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

*Presider:* Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works, and give glory to God.

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

Thank you for joining with members of Christ Church, Aspen in this time of worship. Have a blessed week.

### **Postlude**

***How Firm a Foundation in the style of Aaron Copeland, Arr. Craig Courtney***

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