

# CHRIST CHURCH

## THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN ASPEN



THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT  
MARCH 5, 2023

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

Hymns and service music are found in the blue Hymnal 1982. Text of prayers and lessons are included here.

Please join us for refreshments following the service, outside the front steps or in the Rowland Davis Hall (weather depending).

10:00 AM

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II  
*The Book of Common Prayer, pp. 355-366*

PRELUDE

*Sarabande, J. S. Bach*

*(Please stand)*

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

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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

**Hymnal 414, *God, my King, thy might confessing*, Verses 1,2,5,6**  
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*Celebrant:* If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8,9*

*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

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.*

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider:* Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF GENESIS 12:1-4A

The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

## PSALM 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills; \*

from where is my help to come?

**My help comes from the LORD, \*  
the maker of heaven and earth.**

He will not let your foot be moved \*

and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

**Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel \*  
shall neither slumber nor sleep;**

The LORD himself watches over you; \*

the LORD is your shade at your right hand,

**So that the sun shall not strike you by day, \*  
nor the moon by night.**

The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; \*

it is he who shall keep you safe.

**The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in,  
\* from this time forth for evermore.**

**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.**

## A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE ROMANS 4:1-5, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say?

“Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

## GOSPEL HYMN

**Hymnal 662, *Abide with me***  
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## THE GOSPEL (*Please stand*)

*Priest:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew John 3:1-17.

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

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart

from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?”

“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

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

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Bill Lupfer

*A period of silence will be kept.*

THE NICENE CREED, p. 358 (*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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM II

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Kym, our Bishop, and Bill, our Priest; 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.***

*Silence*

*Members of the congregation may ask the prayers or the thanksgivings of those present*

I ask your prayers for members of our Christ Church Family, especially for Tracy Murtagh, for John, for Sue, for Jenny Treacy, and for Emma Treacy. We pray for Chip Howe, for Peter Harrigan on the passing of his mother Barbara Harrigan, for Kitty D'Agostino on the passing of her mother Gloria McBride, and for Mary Egan D'Agostino. For Perry Thomas, for Will Goddard, Charlie Flanders, for Lexi, and for Betsy Warren. We pray for Robert, for Mindy, Chris, and Jim, for Philip, Marilyn, and for Jan. We pray for the continued development of little Otto.

I ask your thanksgiving for Family Ski Day.

*Silence*

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.***

*Silence*

*Presider:* 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.*

THE PEACE *All stand.*

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

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

*Then the Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

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## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY MUSIC

*In the Garden/What a Friend We Have in Jesus*, Arr. Brant Adams  
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DOXOLOGY

**Hymnal 380 vs. 4**, *Praise God from whom all blessings flow*  
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**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; / Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; / Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(The people remain standing)*

**Book of Common Prayer, p. 361**

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People:* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*The Presider proceeds:*

**Book of Common Prayer, p. 361**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing...etc. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**SANCTUS**

**Tune: Land of Rest**

**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. Hosanna in the highest.**

*(The people stand or kneel.)*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself...etc. Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

*The Presider continues:* We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father...etc. ...All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** *(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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then the following is said:*

*Presider:* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

**INVITATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*All people who hunger for God are invited to receive communion. Please form a single file line down the center aisle and receive the consecrated bread and wine. The priest will place the bread in your hands and you can dip the bread into the wine and consume them together then.*

**COMMUNION MUSIC**

*Wondrous Love*, Arr. John Purifoy  
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**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**, p. 365 *(Please stand)*

*Presider 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.**

**THE BLESSING**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN**

**Hymnal 686**, *Come, thou fount of every blessing*  
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## DISMISSAL

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

## POSTLUDE

*Vivace from Sonata in F*, by Georg Philipp Telemann

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## PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

***Presider:*** The Rev. Dr. Bill Lupfer

***Director of Music:*** Molly Noel

***Piano and Organ:*** Molly Noel

***Soloist:*** Shelley Warren, flute

<b><i>Acolyte</i></b>	8:00 a.m.	Joel Shannon
	10:00 a.m.	Eric Pelander
<b><i>Reader</i></b>	8:00 a.m.	Lynn Russell
	10:00 a.m.	Margaret Shannon
<b><i>Altar Guild</i></b>	8:00 a.m.	Katrina Gallant
	10:00 a.m.	Donna Rowlands
<b><i>Greeter/Usher</i></b>	8:00 a.m.	Stoney Davis
	10:00 a.m.	Jay Webster

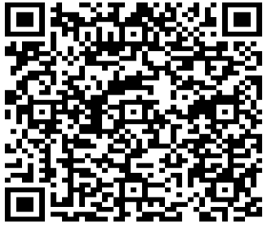
## VESTRY

Lindsay Gorman (Sr. Warden), Joel Shannon (Jr. Warden), Eric Pelander (Treasurer),  
Diana Rumsey (Clerk), Peter Grenney, Jay Webster, Tracy Murtagh, Janice James, Peter Harrigan





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## THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPPING WITH US!

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In-Person Service at 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Broadcasting Live at 10:00 a.m. at [ChristChurchAspen.org](http://ChristChurchAspen.org)

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# **The Sunday News Page**

March 5, 2023, The Second Sunday in Lent

## **WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH**

We are glad you are here. If you are a newcomer, or a visitor, please sign in at the front table.  
We would love to get to know you better.

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

3/5 Emzy Veazy III, 3/6 Alexis Diaz, 3/9 Violet Voss

## **LENT BEYOND SUNDAYS A Lenten Study, February 28 through March 28 at Christ Church**

Set aside 4 - 5:30 p.m. on Tuesdays beginning February 28th and continuing through March for our Lenten Study. The sessions, which will be held at Christ Church, will be led by Fr. Bill based on the book *Wondrous Encounters* by Richard Rohr, one of our era's most prominent theologians. His book is devoted to Lenten meditations that offer a thoughtful impetus for discussion. Books or Ebooks can be ordered from Amazon. We will have a limited supply on hand for those attending the sessions. For information call Jan at 970-925-7545.

## **FAMILY SKI DAY Save the Date!**

We will gather at Bumps after church on Sunday, March 12 at 11:30 a.m. Wear your ski clothing to church! Food is available for purchase at Bumps. Skiers and non-skiers are welcome to enjoy this day of fellowship. For more information, contact Joy Stryker at 970-379-2042.

## **HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SUNDAY Save the Dates!**

Sunday, April 2	Palm Sunday at 8 and 10 a.m. Also, First Sunday Breakfast!
Thursday, April 6	Maundy Thursday, with dinner at 5 p.m. and the service at 6 p.m.
Friday, April 7	Good Friday at 7 p.m.
Sunday, April 9	Easter Sunday at 8 and 10 a.m. Easter egg hunt at 11 a.m.

## **EASTER FLOWERS AND MUSIC FUND**

Easter is a special time for adorning the church with seasonal plants and flowers and for praising God with special music and song. You are invited to make a contribution to the Easter Flowers or Music Fund in thanksgiving or in memory of loved ones. Donors' names and memorials will be listed in the Easter service bulletins. Suggested donations are \$50 for the flower fund and \$50 for the music fund. Forms can be found in the Narthex, or contact [marisa@christchurchaspen.org](mailto:marisa@christchurchaspen.org).

## **2023 STEWARDSHIP**

Stewardship gives us the opportunity to pledge to give back to God a portion of our financial resources through the mission and ministry of Christ Church. For more information, please contact Kathy at [kathyklug@gmail.com](mailto:kathyklug@gmail.com) or Eric Pelander at [epelander@yahoo.com](mailto:epelander@yahoo.com).

## **WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP**

The Women's Study Group, on hiatus in lieu of the special Lenten Study Group, will resume after Easter.

## **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY Wednesdays at 8 a.m. at the Mountain Chalet**

Every Wednesday morning at 8 a.m. for breakfast and men's Bible Study. Email Warren Klug, [warrenklug1@gmail.com](mailto:warrenklug1@gmail.com), for details.