

CHRIST CHURCH

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN ASPEN



THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 12, 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

How Deep the Father's Love, Townsend/Arr. Shackley
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THE PENITENTIAL ORDER

(Please stand)

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Hymnal 142, Lord, who throughout these forty days
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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.*

COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Priest says: Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen. (Please be seated.)*

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF EXODUS 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with

me? Why do you test the LORD?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 95

Come, let us sing to the LORD; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

**Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

For the LORD is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.

**In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.**

The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.

**Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the LORD our Maker.**

For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

**Harden not your hearts,
as your forebears did in the wilderness, *
at Meribah, and on that day at Massah,
when they tempted me.**

They put me to the test, *
though they had seen my works.

**Forty years long I detested that generation and said, *
"This people are wayward in their hearts;
they do not know my ways."**

So I swore in my wrath, *
"They shall not enter into my rest."

**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 5:1-11

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his

love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL HYMN

Hymnal 480, When Jesus left his Father's throne

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THE GOSPEL (*Please stand*)

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew John 4:5-42.

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

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

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

THE 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.

THE 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, and for Perry Thomas, 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. We pray for the family and friends of Mary Price, for Kitty D'Agostino on the passing of her mother Gloria McBride, and for the family and friends of Bruce Scott.

I ask your thanksgiving for our Christ Church Community.

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

THE CONCLUDING COLLECT

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

THE OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY MUSIC

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus, Arr. Heather Sorenson

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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

Prayer, by Mark Kellner
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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 372, Praise to the living God
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THE 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

Prelude in E Major, by J. S. Bach

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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

Cantor: Scott MacCracken

Acolyte	8:00 a.m.	Tom Gorman
	10:00 a.m.	Warren Klug
Reader	8:00 a.m.	Lindsay Gorman
	10:00 a.m.	Warren Klug
Altar Guild	8:00 a.m.	Alison Ford
	10:00 a.m.	Diana Rumsey
Greeter/Usher	8:00 a.m.	Lindsay Gorman
	10:00 a.m.	Diana Rumsey
Fellowship Host		Peter Grenney

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Join us Next Sunday for our
In-Person Service at 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.
Broadcasting Live at 10:00 a.m. at ChristChurchAspen.org

VESTRY

Lindsay Gorman (Sr. Warden), Joel Shannon (Jr. Warden), Eric Pelander (Treasurer),
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The Sunday News Page

March 12, 2023, The Third Sunday in Lent

*Altar Greens are given to the Glory of God
and in remembrance of my mother, Terry Edwards 10/11/27 -3/11/2022.
By Tracy Murtagh*

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!

3/12 Tom Sando, 3/14 Elliot Branson, 3/18 Sarah Roy

CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR MARY PRICE Monday, March 13 at 11 A.M.

Join us at Christ Church on Monday, March 13 at 11:00 a.m. as we celebrate the life of Christ Church friend Mary Price.
All are welcome to attend.

FAMILY SKI DAY Today!

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. A service of Music and Meditation
Sunday, April 9	Easter Sunday at 8 and 10 a.m. Easter egg hunt at 11 a.m.

EASTER FLOWERS AND MUSIC FUND Deadline is March 26

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@christchurchaspn.org.

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.

FIRST SUNDAY BEAKFAST On Palm Sunday, April 2 at 9 A.M.

Join us between services at 9 a.m. on Sunday, April 2. Donations are appreciated and everyone is welcome!
Some say it's the best breakfast in Aspen...come along and decide for yourself.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School and the Nursery are now available on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. Kathy Klug, teacher and mentor, leads the charge, with Kendyl Young assisting. If you would like to volunteer as a helper or teach a class, please contact Kathy Klug at kathyklug@gmail.com.

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, for details.