

CHRIST CHURCH

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN ASPEN



THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 19, 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

The Roadside Fire, by R. Vaughan Williams

THE PENITENTIAL ORDER

(Please stand)

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Hymnal 7, Christ, whose glory fills the skies
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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.*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

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

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

A READING FROM THE FIRST BOOK OF SAMUEL 16:1-13

The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me."

And the LORD said, “Take a heifer with you, and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’

Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, “Do you come peaceably?” He said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the Lord’s anointed is now before the LORD.” But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.” Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen any of these.” Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 23

The LORD is my shepherd; *

I shall not be in want.

**He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.**

He revives my soul *

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; * for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

**Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.**

**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 EPHESIANS 5:8-14

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Sleeper, awake!
Rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL (*Please stand*)

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew John 9:1-41.

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

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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 Special Music.

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.

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS / BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS / TRAVEL PRAYERS

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

THE OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Whither must I Wander, by R. Vaughan Williams
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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

Feast of Glory, Arr. Ruth Elaine Schram

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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 636, *How firm a foundation*, Verses 1,2,4,5

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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

I Feel the Spirit Moving, Arr. Mark Hayes

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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: Scott MacCracken

Acolyte	8:00 a.m.	Diana Rumsey
	10:00 a.m.	Donna Rowlands
Reader	8:00 a.m.	Alison Ford
	10:00 a.m.	Warren Klug
Altar Guild	8:00 a.m.	Diana Rumsey
	10:00 a.m.	Donna Rowlands
Greeter/Usher	8:00 a.m.	Lindsay Gorman
	10:00 a.m.	Jay Webster
Fellowship Host		Diana Rumsey

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THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPPING WITH US!

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 19, 2023, The Fourth 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!

3/19 Lucia Brandt, 3/21 Kurt Adam, 3/23 Thomas Schwerin, 3/23 Jack Diaz, 3.25 Richard Lamping

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SUNDAY

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@christchurchaspens.org.

SPRING WORSHIP CHANGE Sundays - One Service - 9 A.M. - April 16 through May 28

Christ Episcopal Church of Aspen announces a Springtime Worship change!
Please join us for Rite II Liturgy and Holy Eucharist at 9 :00 a.m. on Sundays this spring!
Fellowship will follow. Live Broadcast at 9:00 a.m. at www.christchurchaspens.org.
For more information contact marisa@christchurchaspens.org.

FEED MY SHEEP

A Message from Leone:

On Thursday, I picked up the contents of the "Feed My Sheep" box in the foyer of Christ Church & delivered them to Karen Peppers at Feed My Sheep in Glenwood. She was especially delighted with Doug's jacket (thank you Doug), a second jacket & the soaps. I dropped off one of the older phone cords asking if she had any interest. Interest! She replied, that's golden here because our guests mostly have old phones. *So, I am putting out a request for those old phone cords that have plain almost square metal ends to them that you want to unload. With plugs if possible please.* Drop them into the Feed My Sheep box under the coat rack and I will deliver them to her.
Thank you for your help. ~Leone

ON-GOING AT CHRIST CHURCH

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School and the Nursery are 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.

FIRST SUNDAY BREAKFAST 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.



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.