



Welcome to Christ Church! We're glad you're worshipping 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.

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10:00 AM

THE ANTE-COMMUNION, RITE II

The Book of Common Prayer, pp. 355-360

Break, Thou the Bread of Life, Arr. Cindy Berry

Prelude

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Welcome

Warren Klug

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

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.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

A Reading from the Book of Numbers (Numbers 21:4-9)

From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

A Reading from the Book of Psalms 107:1-3, 17-22

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, *
and his mercy endures for ever.

**Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed proclaim *
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.**

He gathered them out of the lands; *
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.

**Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; *
they were afflicted because of their sins.**

They abhorred all manner of food *
and drew near to death's door.

**Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, *
and he delivered them from their distress.**

He sent forth his word and healed them *
and saved them from the grave.

**Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy *
and the wonders he does for his children.**

Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.



For by grace you have been saved through
faith, and this is not your own doing; it is
the gift of God— 9 not the result of works,
so that no one may boast.

Ephesians 2:8-9

**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 letter of Paul to the Ephesians (Ephesians 2:1-10)

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ-- by grace you have been saved-- and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God-- not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Reader: The Word of the Lord
People: ***Thanks be to God.***

The Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (John 2:13-22)

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus said, "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. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

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.

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Jesus Saves! Arr. Heather Sorenson

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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 our friends, Marsha, Diana, Peter and Julia Munson, Don, Jessica & Philip, George Baker, Margo & Keith Gardner, and Bobbi Ann. We pray for Jamie Lawrence, Roger, Joann all, Heta & Hubert, 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.

We pray for the repose of the soul of Margo Gardner, who died on Friday morning, March 12. We give thanks for the life of Margo, for her faithfulness, and for all of her contributions to Christ Church. Comfort Keith and all of Margo's family during their time of grief and loss, Lord Christ. Amen.

We ask for your continued prayers for Julia Munson as she is recovering from surgery. We pray Julia makes a full recovery after the surgery and we give thanks for Your healing hand through this process.

In Times of Conflict

O God, you have bound us together in a common life. Help us, in the midst of our struggles for justice and truth, to confront one another without hatred or bitterness, and to work together with mutual forbearance and respect; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Unemployed

Heavenly Father, we remember before you those who suffer want and anxiety from lack of work. Guide the people of this land so to use our public and private wealth that all may find suitable and fulfilling employment, and receive just payment for their labor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

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

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah, Arr. Cindy Berry

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