

Christ Episcopal Church

A Parish of the Anglican Communion

March 19, 2023, 10:00AM

Empowered by Jesus to love, serve, and lead.

(Christ Church's Mission Statement)



4 Lent
Holy Eucharist Rite II

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Guest Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. David Beresford

Organist: Mr. Joel Lenderman

Please bring all conversations to an end and use this time for reflection, meditation, preparation and prayer.

Processional Hymn 143 "The glory of these forty days"



1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we
2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the
3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de -
4 Then grant us, Lord, like them to be full
* 5 O Fa - ther, Son, and Spi - rit blest, to



1 ce - le - brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all
2 lov - ing God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,
3 liv - ered from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride - groom's
4 oft in fast and prayer with thee; our spi - rits strength - en
5 thee be ev - ery prayer ad - dressed, who art in three - fold



1 things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.
2 fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.
3 friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.
4 with thy grace, and give us joy to see thy face.
5 Name a - dored, from age to age, the on - ly Lord.

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People His mercy endures for ever.

Celebrant

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.**

Kyrie S96

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

The first system of the musical score consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics are written below each staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The melody in the top staff features a series of chords and a melodic line that includes a half note followed by a quarter note, and a half note followed by a quarter note. The bass line provides harmonic support with chords and a steady rhythm.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, -

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

The second system of the musical score continues the composition. It features two staves in the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics are: "Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, -" on the top staff and "Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy." on the bottom staff. The melody in the top staff includes a half note followed by a quarter note, and a half note followed by a quarter note. The bass line continues with chords and a steady rhythm.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, -

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

The third system of the musical score concludes the piece. It features two staves in the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics are: "Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, -" on the top staff and "Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy." on the bottom staff. The melody in the top staff includes a half note followed by a quarter note, and a half note followed by a quarter note. The bass line continues with chords and a steady rhythm.



Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray... 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.

People Amen.

The First Reading

1 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.

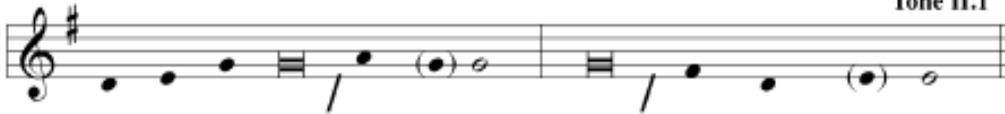
When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the LORD." But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, 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

Ivy Comerford, Cantor
Tone II.1



- 1 The LORD is my / shepherd; *
I shall / not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green / pastures *
and leads me beside / still waters.
- 3 He revives my / soul *
and guides me along right pathways for / his Name's sake.
- 4 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.
- 5 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 run/ning over.
- 6 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.

The Epistle

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.

Gradual Hymn 490 “I want to walk as a child of the light”

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
2 I want to see the bright - ness of God.
3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.

I want to fol - low Je - sus.
I want to look at Je - sus.
I want to be with Je - sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The
Clear sun of right - eous - ness, shine on my path, and
When we have run with pa - tience the race, we

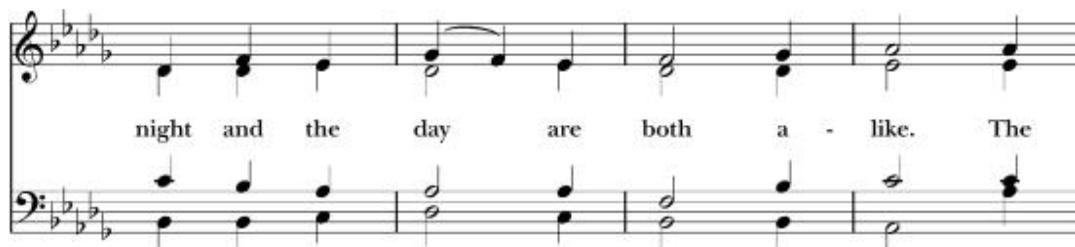


star of my life is Je - sus.
 show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain



In him there is no dark - ness at all. The

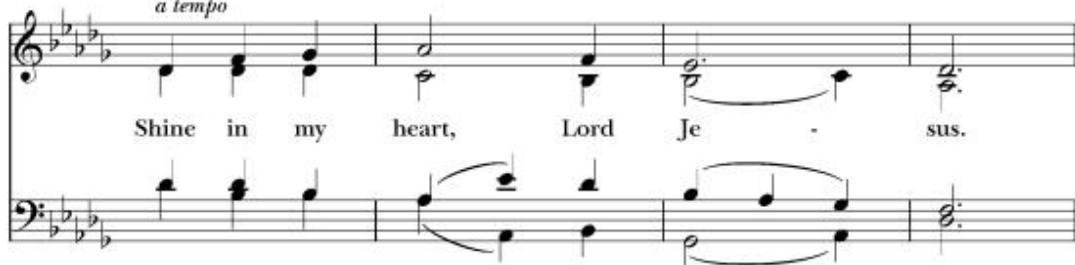


night and the day are both a - like. The



Lamb is the light of the ci - ty of God. *rit.*

a tempo



Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

The Gospel

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to 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."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. David Beresford

Nicene Creed

**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 (truly human).**
**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

Leader: God has consecrated us in baptism's gracious waters to be a holy people. That we may be ever anointed with gladness, let us turn to our God in prayer, saying: God of all gladness, have mercy upon us.

Leader: We pray for the church, for an end to division and indignation, for all the people washed and sent by Christ, and for a renewal of God's fulfilling Spirit: God of all gladness,

People: Have mercy upon us.

Leader: We pray for all who beg for life, for all baptismal candidates awaiting the pool of grace, and for hearts of devout faith: God of all gladness,

People: Have mercy upon us.

Leader: We pray for all who are called to govern in justice and peace, for an end to all works of darkness, for all the peoples created in God's image, and for a Spirit of wisdom and mercy to rule the mighty: God of all gladness,

People: Have mercy upon us.

Leader: We pray for all condemned to die, for all victims of illegal arrest and oppression, for all who are tortured, for their families, and for all who work for liberation: God of all gladness,

People: Have mercy upon us.

Leader: We pray for the forgotten and abandoned, for all who are in anguish, for the guild-ridden, for all in need of the Spirit, for the sick, the grieving, and they dying, that they may be uplifted: God of all gladness,

People: Have mercy upon us.

Leader: For all brothers and sisters, mothers and fathers, spouses and families, friends and companions, that there may be live and mutual reverence: God of all gladness,

People: Have mercy upon us.

The people add their petitions and thanksgiving aloud or silently.

The Celebrant concludes with a Collect

We praise you, God of our hope, for all the children of light who have gone before us and now stand in your radiant countenance. Give us the light of Christ, that we may leap up in our darkness and rise from death at the last, into the life of gladness in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Confession

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 Celebrant says

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 Peace (All Stand)

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Greetings and Announcements

Prayer for Birthdays

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer for travelers

O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Congregation is seated for the Offertory Anthem

Offertory Anthem "Jesus to the Wilderness" M. Bedford

Doxology Hymn 380 (verse 3)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

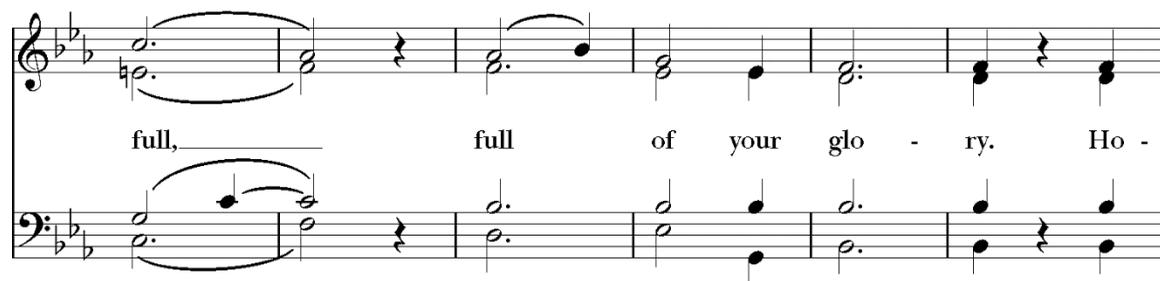
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you loved the world so much that you gave your only begotten Son Jesus Christ. To share our lives fully, he came among us in flesh. He lived as we live, subject to all human frailties and temptations of life. Yet, even in the wilderness of the desert and the enticements of the devil, he resisted sin. Therefore we praise you, and we join with the heavenly chorus of angels and all the great company of saints as we sing this hymn to the honor of your Name:

Sanctus S130 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

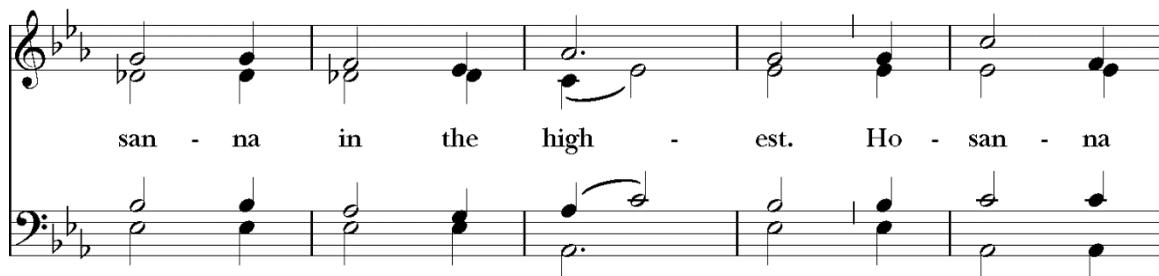
The image shows a musical score for the Sanctus S130 "Holy, Holy, Holy". It is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The score consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,". The first system covers the first two lines of lyrics, and the second system covers the last two lines. The music features a simple, hymn-like melody with a steady bass line. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.



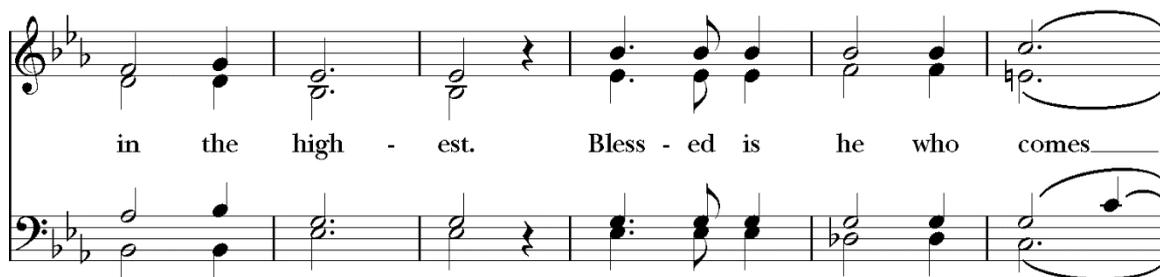
God of power and might, hea-ven and earth are



full, full of your glo-ry. Ho-



san-na in the high-est. Ho-san-na



in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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.*

And now, 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.

Fraction Anthem S164

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp). The treble staff contains the vocal line with lyrics: "Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us." The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

The second system of musical notation continues the piece with the same key signature and structure. The treble staff contains the vocal line with lyrics: "Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us." The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:
 give us your peace, give us your peace.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system covers the first two lines of the hymn, and the second system covers the last two lines. The music is written in a simple, accessible style, likely for a children's or school choir.

The Invitation

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are we who are called to share in the supper of the Lamb.

Prayer of St. Alphonsus Liguori for use by those who are unable to receive communion

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,

And I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,

Come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there

And unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Communion Hymns 645 "The King of love my shepherd is"



1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good-ness
 2 Where streams of liv-ing wa-ter flow, my ran-somed
 * 3 Per-verse and fool-ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 * 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear
 5 Thou spread'st a ta-ble in my sight; thy unc-tion
 6 And so through all the length of days thy good-ness



1 fail-eth nev-er; I noth-ing lack if
 2 soul he lead-eth, and where the ver-dant
 3 love he sought me, and on his shoul-der
 4 Lord, be-side me; thy rod and staff my
 5 grace be-stow-eth; and oh, what trans-port
 6 fail-eth nev-er: Good Shep-herd, may I



1 I am his, and he is mine for ev-er.
 2 pas-tures grow, with food ce-less-tial feed-eth.
 3 gent-ly laid, and home, re-joic-ing, brought me.
 4 com-fort still, thy cross be-fore to guide me.
 5 of de-light from thy pure chal-ice flow-eth!
 6 sing thy praise with-in thy house for ev-er.

Hymn LEV 145 "Have thine own way, Lord!"

1. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! _____
 2. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! _____
 3. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! _____
 4. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! _____

1. Thou art the pot - ter, I am the clay! _____
 2. Search me and try me, Mas - ter, to - day! _____
 3. Wound - ed and wea - ry, Help me, I pray! _____
 4. Hold o'er my be - ing Ab - so - lute sway! _____

1. Mold me and make me Aft - er thy will, _____
 2. Pur - er than snow, Lord, Wash me just now, _____
 3. Pow - er all pow - er Sure - ly is thine! _____
 4. Fill with thy Spir - it 'Til all shall see _____

1. While I am wait - ing, Yield - ed and still. _____
 2. As in thy pres - ence Hum - bly I bow. _____
 3. Touch me and heal me, Sav - ior di - vine! _____
 4. Christ on - ly, al - ways, Liv - ing in me! _____

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

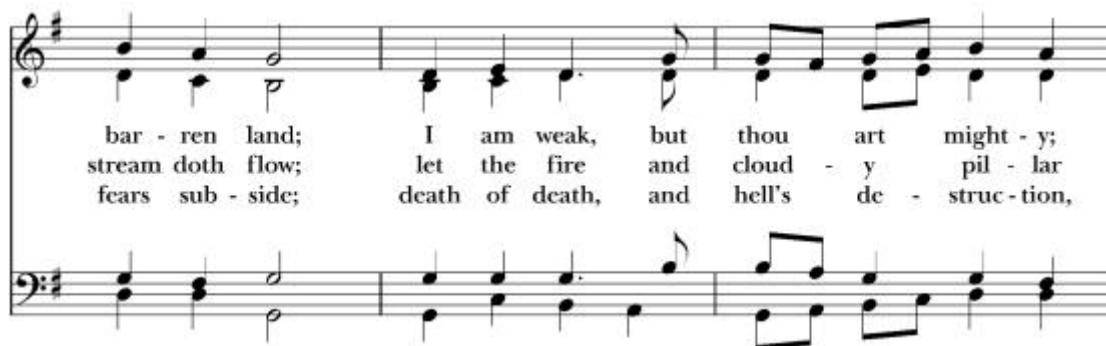
Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn 690 "Guide me, O thou great Jehovah"



1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain, whence the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y;
stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar
fears sub - side; death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,



hold me with thy power - ful hand; bread of hea - ven,
lead me all my jour - ney through; strong de - liv - erer,
land me safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es,

bread of hea - ven, feed me now and ev - er -
 strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and
 songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to

more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
 shield, be thou still my strength and shield.
 thee, I will ev - er give to thee.

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

We welcome and thank The Rev. David Beresford as our Guest Celebrant and Preacher today while Father Ernie is on a pilgrimage in the Holy Land.

The Altar Wine, Bread, and Candles are given to the Glory of God by Diana Buckley Motley in loving memory of Vince Duck.

The Spring Pansies planted in the church gardens are given by a church member in memory of John Nee and all his contributions to our community and our church.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER LIST – (friends, family and acquaintances of parishioners)

Michael, Teresa, Helen, Mark, Al, Tracy, Lynn, Lee, Diana, Jackie, Bruce, Barbara, Peter, Patrick, Lucille, Bryan, Rosemarie, Rick, Robert, Meredith, Cindy, Willa, Thomas, Joan, Elizabeth, John, Adrian, Guy, Mike, Bette, Carol, Sherry, Linda, Peggy, Mary, Ed, Taylor, Robin, Joy, Alex, Paul, Judi, Jayne, Rebecca, Andrea, Terry, Sandy, Carolyn, Daniella, Rachel, Morgan, Karen, Anthony, Jean, Kurt, Marco, Abigail, Pat, Barbara, Bridget, Doug, Debbie, Jimmie, Judith, Taylor, Sandy

WE CELEBRATE THIS WEEK

BIRTHDAYS: Eric Bilbrough, Suki Seeney

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE 8am Holy Eucharist Rite I and 10am Holy Eucharist Rite II, the 10am service is live-streamed.

NURSERY CARE Nursery care is available today from 9:30am—12:30pm for infants to 3 years of age in the Acorn Classroom located on the lower level. Ashley Steinhauer and De Anna Hickson, Nursery care givers.

WEEKDAY SERVICES IN LENT

- Morning Prayer - Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:30am via [Zoom](#). *This is different than the usual link. Check the eblast or email from Fr. Ernie for the new link.*
- Evening Prayer - Tuesdays, 6:30pm in the Church, and via [Zoom](#).
- Healing Eucharist - Wednesdays, 12:15pm in the Chapel

WEDNESDAY PRAYER, BIBLE STUDY, and SERVICE Every Wednesday, all are invited to join in a spiritually uplifting morning. **Intercessory Prayer at 10am; Bible Study at 11am** in the Rector's Study. Following Bible Study, the **midday service** is offered in the Chapel. All are welcome!

ADULT FORUM Sunday Adult Forum immediately follows the 10am worship service in St. Joseph's Hall. Please join us on Sundays March 19 & March 26 for Coffee Hour and fellowship.

If you'd like to present a topic at an upcoming Adult Forum, or if you have an idea for a topic, please contact Mary Fran Moeller at 610-299-5574 or maryfranmoeller@gmail.com

Adult Forum Hosting/Snack Donations Sean Seeney, our faithful Sunday sexton will continue to set up and make the coffee. We are asking for volunteers to help provide both half/half and a snack on a designated Sunday and clean up after. Sign-up is posted on the bulletin board, sign up today!

CHURCH SCHOOL Church School is held immediately following the 10am Sunday worship service. All children 4 years of age through 5th grade meet in the Butterfly Classroom located on the lower level. If you are new to our church and wish to have your child/children participate, please don't hesitate to ask one of our ushers or parishioners for assistance before or after 10am service. Church School ends promptly at 12:15pm. Please come join us.

We are looking for volunteer teachers and helpers for our church school and youth ministries. If interested in helping, please contact Sue Welfley susanwelfley100@gmail.com

YOUTH GROUP All youth Middle and Senior High are invited to join us immediately following the 10am Sunday worship service. This Group meet in the new Meeting Room (formerly Toddler room) located on the lower level adjacent to the Butterfly class, from 11:30-12:15pm. For more information please contact Frank Mathews at kanefrank86@yahoo.com.

CHRIST CHURCH LENTEN DEVOTIONAL This year our Lenten Devotional will focus on a specific Lenten theme each week. Reflections and prompts written by parishioners will be published each week in the eblast and on Facebook. Booklets are available at both entrances to the church.

THURSDAY EMPOWERED GROUP The Empowered Group **meets the first and third Thursdays of the month** to deepen our faith through study, action, and contemplative practice. We begin at **7pm** for contemplative prayer and discussion. We also engage in various outreach activities in our community.

CHRIST CHURCH GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP The Christ Church Grief Support Group meets every month on the third Saturday at 10 AM. This meeting is offered both in-person at the church and via Zoom. All are welcome, whether your loss is recent or long ago.

NOTE CHANGE OF DATE: Next meeting, fourth Saturday, March 25^h!

Vestry Highlights - January 2023

- We are posting a position for a part time person to support maintenance Monday - Friday of the Church property and preschool.
- Fr. Ernie has secured a grant to start the "Messy Church" program. One of the preschool teachers will be supporting the effort. The goal is to engage the whole church in family friendly activities.
- Planning is beginning for the 2023 Harvest Festival and 2024 celebration of Christ Church's 170th Anniversary.
- Vestry will have an offsite retreat - the first in several years - on April 14th and 15th.

LADIES SPRING TEA Ladies are invited to attend a Spring Tea, **Saturday, April 22, 12 noon-2:00 pm in St. Joseph's Hall.** We look forward to gathering with ladies of all generations for fellowship and a lovely afternoon Tea. There will be room for 40 attendees. Watch for sign-up sheets on the bulletin board with more details. Should you have questions, contact Marylee Bunting, Pat Haussmann, Jane Kriebel or Barbara Wilson. We hope you will join us!

ALTAR FLOWERS AND ALTAR ELEMENTS You can donate the altar flowers or the altar elements to commemorate an anniversary, birthday, other special occasion, or in memory of a loved one. Just sign the sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway and write your dedication in the space provided. The donation requested for flowers is \$50 and for altar elements it is \$25. You can give your donation to Rita in the church office or drop it in the collection plate on any Sunday. Make checks payable to Christ Church memo: flower fund or altar elements. This makes a beautiful and thoughtful gift! Charts for 2023 are now posted.

ARE YOU DE-CLUTTERING YOUR CLOSETS? Save your items for the 2023 Church Yard Sale. A collection bin has been placed on the stage in St. Joseph's Hall to accept your donations for the September Yard Sale. If you have any questions, contact Ginny Davis.

IMPLEMENTATION OF COVID 19 SAFETY MEASURES

In consideration of our older, younger, and medically vulnerable members and guests, **we strongly recommend that everyone wear masks during the services and at all indoor gatherings.**

We have implemented several Covid-19 safety measures to improve our indoor air quality and ventilation as we return to "normal," in-person Church services. These measures are based on engineering, science, and the advice of air quality engineers. While nothing can make us 100% Covid safe, these initiatives improve our community's safety and are within our financial means.

These safety measures include:

- Improving air circulation in the Sanctuary with three large overhead circulating fans.
- Improving air purification in the Sanctuary with an upgraded air handling system.
- Improving air quality in the Sanctuary with an upgraded air filtration system.
- Upgrading the air handling and filtration systems in St. Mary's Hall.
- Using stand-alone air purifiers throughout our Church campus.
- Providing hand sanitizers throughout the Church and the pews.

Please continue to do your part by following individual precautions such as wearing a mask that covers your mouth and nose, hand washing, and staying home if you feel unwell.

RECTOR OUT OF OFFICE

Father Ernie will be out of the office March 15 – 29 attending the Diocesan Holy Land Pilgrimage in Israel and Palestine.

EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS

Christ Church Flower Committee would appreciate donations toward the purchase of flowers for the EASTER Altar. Contributions can be made as a ‘memorial for a loved one’ or ‘in thanksgiving’. Please fill out the form below and return to the church office or email rita@christchurchmedia.org with your request no later than **March 30th**.

In Loving Memory Of:

In Thanksgiving:

Given by: Name _____

Enclosed is my check payable to “*Christ Church Flower Fund*” in the amount of \$_____

Weekly Calendar

4 Lent, March 19

8am Holy Eucharist Rite I

9:30am Nursery care, Acorn Classroom

10am Holy Eucharist Rite II

11:30am Adult Forum

11:30am Church School & Youth

Monday, March 20

Tuesday, March 21

8:30am Morning Prayer via Zoom

6:30pm Evening Prayer in Church and via Zoom

Wednesday, March 22

10am Intercessory Prayer Group

11am Bible Study

12pm Noonday Prayer

7pm Choir Rehearsal

8pm AA Meeting, SJH

Thursday, March 23

8:30am Morning Prayer via Zoom

7pm Empowered Group, SJH

Friday, March 24

Saturday, March 25

10am Grief Support Group, SJH

9am Altar Guild

5 Lent, March 26

8am Holy Eucharist Rite I

9:30am Nursery care, Acorn Classroom

10am Holy Eucharist Rite II

11:30am Adult Forum

11:30am Church School & Youth

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

4 Lent, March 19

8AM

Altar – Peter Falcone
OT/Psalm/PP – Geoff Kitson
NT/CB – Steve Falcone

10AM

1st Server –Ivy Comerford
2nd Server –Caroline Lenderman
Crucifer -Alexsa McKeown
Gospeler – Robert Miller
OT – Rob Miller
NT – Suzie Laborda
PP - Connie Davies
Paten – Frank Mathews
CB1 – Susan Mayer
CB2 – Mary Ann Klassen

Ushers

8AM

Gregg Smith, Holly Cunningham

10AM

Jim Mayer, Ron Mecklin

Greeter

Susan Mayer

5 Lent, March 26

8AM

Altar – Alexsa McKeown
OT/Psalm/PP – Sandy McKeown
NT/CB – Peter Falcone

10AM

1st Server – Alexsa McKeown
2nd Server – Caroline Lenderman
Crucifer – Hannah Wible
Gospeler- Rob Miller
OT – Mary Ann Klassen
NT – Ann Haslanger
PP – Ron Mecklin
Paten – Dan Mistichelli
CB1 – Frank Mathews
CB2 – Kurt Brunner

Ushers

8AM

The McKeown Family

10AM

Jim Mayer, Faith Elcock

Greeter

Ann Haslanger

ABOUT OUR CHURCH

Rector: The Reverend Ernest Galaz, frernie@christchurchmedia.org

Organist/Choir Director: Mr. Joel Lenderman, joel@christchurchmedia.org

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Parish Administrator: Mrs. Rita Caserta, rita@christchurchmedia.org

Preschool Director: Mrs. Lori Crussard, lori@christchurchmedia.org

Vestry

2026

Kurt Brunner, Rector's Warden

Rob Miller, Outreach

Patti Davis

Stephanie Untz

2025

Heather Comerford, Preschool

Karen Mason, Parish Life

Robert Miller, Liturgical

Kate Zurick, Communications

2024

Steven Falcone, Property

Leslie Bullitt, Stewardship

Jim Ross, Hospitality

Maggie Dunn, Secretary of Vestry

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

8AM Holy Eucharist Rite I

10AM Holy Eucharist Rite II

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