

Christ ✕ Church



4th Sunday In Lent
March 11, 2018

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The Rev. Judith Buck-Glenn, Associate Rector
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Welcome to Christ Church! We are delighted that you are worshipping with us. All baptized persons of every denomination are welcome to receive communion at our altar. Please introduce yourself to one of our greeters. You are invited to put on a nametag as you come into church. You are also welcome to fill out a pew card and place it in the offering plate or give it to an usher. Please let an usher know if you are unable to come to the railing for Communion and the clergy will come to you.

Are you looking for a church home? You are welcome to fill out a pew card and place it in the offering plate. On it you can indicate that you would like the clergy to call on you.

Out of respect for neighbors wishing for quiet time to pray before the liturgy begins, please refrain from LOUD talking in the nave.

Flower Memorials – Flowers are given today in loving memory of Kara L. Barnard, by the Barnard, Coppola and Campisi Families; in loving memory of Lillian Menewisch, by the Webber and Menewisch Families; in loving memory of Henry Ternove, by Mrs. Christina Ternove; in loving memory of Grace Ramsey Galloway, by Mr. Robert Galloway; and in loving memory of Kaye and Carrell Atkinson and their Loved Ones by Ginger Cain.

Meetings this week: Wednesday 5:30 Food for Thought- Lenten Series, Thursday Vestry 7:00 PM, Finance Committee 7:00, Adult Choir 7:30 PM

The Rector is away this weekend visiting family and interviewing a prospective candidate for the youth associate position.

The Youth Group - Today, March 11th, we will meet at a special time, 3:30-6:30 pm, to head down to Broad Street Ministry (across from the Kimmel Center) for worship in the city. Please don't forget to bring money to contribute to the offering at worship and for dinner. We'll be back around the usual time, 6:30 pm. We would love to have you there!

Deppich Scholarship Applications - The Deppich scholarship application forms are now available at the church office starting Monday, March 12. Please make sure the form is complete or the application will not be considered for a scholarship. Applications are due back to the church office by Monday, April 30.

Lenten Coin Folders are available at the back of church.

Easter Lily Memorials - The order forms are in the back of the church. The cost of each plant is \$10. Please return the form and payment before 12 Noon on Friday, March 23rd. Please contact Tiffany in the office (610) 521-1626 with any questions.

The Christ Church Directory is available at the back of church on the table near the wall of light switches.

The March Newsletter is available at the back of church.

If you would like a loved one memorialized with Altar flowers, please contact Janice Kordowski at 610-731-5252 for information.

“Food For Thought” is the title of our Wednesday night Lenten series this year. We will hear and respond to different sermons from YouTube clips. The first four weeks feature a meal, followed by the You Tube sermons and discussion. The fifth week will be our annual Seder, which is a wonderful way to connect Communion to Passover, and to explore the Jewish roots of Christianity. It’s also fun to try new foods, as we have a potluck using traditional Passover recipes.

Wednesdays in Lent Schedule for the first four weeks:

**Eucharist begins at 5:30 PM
Dinner at 6:00 PM
Program at 6:45 PM
Stations of the Cross at 7:45 PM**

(*Please note that on the 5th week, the Seder, there will be no Eucharist or Stations of the Cross, and the Seder starts at 5:45 PM)

You are welcome to stay for as much or as little of the program as you like! The fare will be mostly simple, in the spirit of the season.

Below are a list of the remaining dinners:

March 14 Middle Eastern catered Dinner

March 21 5:45 PM Seder

Seamen's Ditty bag collection for March will continue with men's razors and shaving cream. Please leave in the bin under the shelf near the green doors. Thank you!

In this particularly virulent flu season we are asking parishioners to observe reasonable precautions to protect one's self and others who might be at risk: 1) If you are not feeling well with chills and a fever, please do not come to church. Your bed is a perfectly acceptable place to say your prayers while sick. 2) Please find another way to exchange the peace – a wave, a peace sign, elbows or some other creative non-contact alternative gesture that still communicates the peace of Christ. 3) At communion rail it is perfectly acceptable to receive only the consecrated bread. To show the chalice bearer you are only receiving the bread, just fold your hands across your chest. If you DO choose to intinct the host in the chalice, please take care so hands and fingers do not touch the chalice or wine. Thank you for your understanding and consideration of others.

Holy Communion Classes While the Episcopal Church encourages all baptized persons, even small children, to take Communion, we still offer a Holy Communion class to younger children who may or may not have been taking the sacrament, but who would like to understand it more deeply. The class this year will be held on Wednesday, April 18 and Wednesday, April 25, from 4-5:30. It is important to attend both classes, as on the second class we instruct the children in how to receive the sacrament, and allow them to taste unconsecrated bread and wine so that they will know what to expect. All children attending the class will be the first to receive the sacrament in church on Mother's Day. There is a sign-up sheet on Judy Buck-Glenn's door.

Episcopal Church Club of Philadelphia Luncheon Dr. John Alston, director of the Chester Children's Chorus, will be the featured speaker when the Episcopal Church Club of Philadelphia meets for luncheon at The Acorn Club on Tuesday, March 20, 2018. He will tell us about this notable musical organization.

Dr. Alston, former associate professor of music at Swarthmore College, founded the Chorus in 1994 to offer Chester children the same opportunity to change their lives through music that he was offered as a boy by the Newark (NJ) Boys Choir. The chorus began with seven boys from one elementary school. Today, the Chester Children's Chorus numbers 130 children, ranging in age from 8 to

18 years, from every school in the city of Chester, Pennsylvania. The mission of the Chester Children's Chorus is to provide an intensive, sophisticated, and joyful choral music experience to young people of the city of Chester and to support their academic achievement and personal development. Their motto is "Strong voice, strong mind, strong spirit."

The luncheon meeting will be at The Acorn Club, 1519 Locust Street, Philadelphia. The program will start with social hour at 12 noon, followed by the luncheon at 12:30 and then the presentation. The price for the luncheon is \$35 per person. There will be a cash bar for those who wish wine or other refreshments, including non-alcoholic beverages. Discounted parking is available at LAZ Self Park, 1500 Locust Street. For further information, speak with parishioner Robert Hand, call the Luncheon Chair, Barbara Alton, at 215-563-1876, or visit the ECCP website at www.episcopalchurchclub.org.

Our Christ Church Savings Cards for 2018 are now for sale! The card gives you discounts at 15 different restaurants and businesses in our area such as The Gaslight, Langguth's Gift Shop, MacDade Bowl, Casey's, Pretzel Factory, Stargate Diner and Double Decker. Several new businesses have been added to this year's card. The cost of the card is \$20.00 and they can be purchased in the church office, through our church website or by seeing Maripat King, Judy Yorke or Joanne Daws. Plan on picking yours up soon to enjoy an entire year of savings at many businesses where you may already shop or dine!

Please check out the Youth Table in the Deppich Room! Thanks to Sharon Mobley for donating so many gorgeous hand-crafted jewelry items to our table, and to Nan Garthwaite, Ruth Pottier, Ruth Raymond, and Carol King for things sewn and/or knitted! We also have copies of *The Toddler's Bible* and *The Children's Bible*, on the table.

We have a gluten-free option for Communion If you require this, please give your name and contact information to the office. We need advance notice of your need.

Cradles To Crayons Please continue to place your new and gently used children's books and clothing- sizes infant to children's 14 in the bin upstairs. As always, thank you for your generosity.

Would you like to establish a fund for Christ Church through your estate planning? Your restricted gift will ensure the continuation of the ministry of Christ Church and will benefit your parish friends and family for generations to come. Please speak to the rector if you would like assistance in establishing such a fund.

If you travel, your unused hotel toiletries (soap, shampoo, creams, deodorant, toothbrush, dental floss, etc...) can be donated to the homeless. There is a bin by the green doors for your donations. We pack them up every year on the MLK Volunteer Day to take to the Salvation Army for distribution to their homeless clients.

The children of the Sunday School support two children through ChildFund. Clara, from Guatemala and Mac-Mac, from the Philippines. The money to support these children comes from the weekly Sunday School collection, children's mite boxes, our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, and the Children's Pew envelopes. Their support costs \$1200 a year. Adults who wish to help may make a donation using a CHILDREN'S pew envelope, or write a check to the church and put "ChildFund" in the memo.

Episcopal Community Services (ECS) offers ECS Home Care. This program provides non-medical care to Episcopalians, their family, and friends. This program offers compassionate, reliable caregivers at market rates from a source you can trust – ECS. The proceeds from this program support the charitable mission of ECS. Caregiver services include personal care, companionship and overnight and Live-in Care. Call (855) 631-1112.

Military Service:

U.S. Army	John C., Nick M., Richard W., Eric C., Michael S., Chris W., Mark R., Michael B.
U.S. Navy	Marshal N., Nicole G.
U.S. Air Force	David B., Tony G.
U.S. Marine Corps	Timothy N., Jerome S., William S., Austin
U.S.M.C. Reserve	Neil S.
National Guard	Robert W.

First Responders: Michael D., Marianna, Josh P., Doug C., Art R.,
Lee E., Jesse F., Wayne M., Mitchell H., Katelyn P.

THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR: Virginia Mottola
and the Mottola Family, Steven, Joyce, Michael, Olivia

CONTINUING PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR: Jessica Davenport,
Megan, Cameron, Terri M., Talon, McKenzie, Rita, Shawna, Carol
Burgett, Austin, Steve Haupt, Antonella, Chuck H., Kristen, Violet,
the people of Puerto Rico, Robin Gilmour, Sharon M., Richard H.,
Charlotte, Missy Wilbur, Shirley M., Janet C., Kathy Hawke, Mario,
Barb, Patrick, Connor, Wayne Moore II, Pam, Ann P., Barbara
Ann, Jess, Florence, Marlene, Karen R., The Reed Family, Charlie
Litzelman

*Names will remain on the continuing prayer list for a four week period. If we do
not hear from you, we will assume that prayers have been answered and the
name(s) will be removed from the list.*

Flower Memorials: Kara L. Barnard, Lillian Menewisch, Henry
Ternove, Grace Ramsey Galloway, Kaye and Carrell Atkinson and
their Loved Ones.

Departed: Anthony Mottola

Participants Today

Altar Guild	Ushers	Acolytes	Lay Readers
Team II Eleanor Humes Kay Twesten	8:00 AM Ed Riffert Backup as available 10:00 AM Ollie Rhine Mike Barnard Roy Rasnake general backup	8:00 AM Jason Tustin (C/S) 10:00 AM S: Julia Huppman T: Whit Shumaker T: Archie Cotter C: Jack Kellett Banner: Tom Modesti	8:00 AM Joe Mullany 10:00 AM Carole Buchan Whit Shumaker
Chalice Bearers	Counters	Newcomer Greeters	LEMS
8:00 AM Joe Mullany 10:00 AM Ken Mobley Kay Twesten	Team One Roberta Lunari Captain		RH, KT, GR, B&MW

Holy Eucharist

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 11, 2018

A Note on Today's Readings

The Fourth Sunday in Lent—Year B

The Old Testament contains accounts of God saving the people at various times in their history. We remember those times during Lent as a part of our preparation to celebrate the ultimate salvation of all people in the death and resurrection of Jesus. The story of Israel's wandering in the wilderness continues today. Again the people complain about hunger and thirst and rebel against God. They are set upon by poisonous serpents. Moses intercedes with God and is directed to make a bronze serpent. When the people look at the serpent they are saved.

The Gospel reading is John's account of Jesus' predicting his death. He likens his crucifixion to the event in today's Old Testament reading. He promises that he has come not to condemn the world but to save it. Only those who reject this message and the light of God given by Jesus are in danger of being lost.

The reading today from Ephesians announces that in his resurrection and ascension, Jesus has raised us who know him by faith into the new life of God. It is in Baptism that we have become part of that new life and have received the grace which saves us.

The most consistent message in Holy Scripture is God's love and repeated interventions in history to bring about redemption. As we move nearer to Easter we are led by means of Word and Sacraments to a deepening realization that God is still redeeming us. Let us remember today those who will be baptized at Easter, who are joining us in the journey of the redeemed to God.

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Prelude: Kyrie - Girolamo Frescobaldi

Processional Music

Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Rite

Hymn

Sing, my soul, his wondrous love (8AM all vs.) Hymnal 467

1 Sing, my soul, his won-drous love, who, from yon bright throne a - bove,
2 Heaven and earth by him were made; all is by his scep - ter swayed;
3 God, the mer - ci - ful and good, bought us with the Sa - vior's blood,
4 Sing, my soul, a - dore his Name! Let his glo - ry be thy theme:

ev - er watch-ful o'er our race, still to us ex - tends his grace.
what are we that he should show so much love to us be - low?
and, to make sal - va - tion sure, guides us by his Spi - rit pure.
praise him till he calls thee home; trust his love for all to come.

Canticle 14, A Song of Penitence: Kyrie Pantokrator (10 AM) S 237

Antiphon

Your mer - ci - ful prom - ise is be - yond all mea - sure;
it sur - pas - ses all that our minds can fath - om.

1. O Lord and Ruler of the hosts of hea - ven, God of Abraham,
Isaac, and Jacob, and of all their right - eous off - spring:

2. You made the heavens and the earth, with all their vast ar - ray.

3. All things quake with fear at your pres - ence; they tremble be -
cause of your power.

4. But your merciful promise is be -
yond all mea - sure; it surpasses all that our minds can fath - om.

5. O Lord, you are full of com - pas - sion, long - suffering,
and abound - ing in mer - cy.

6. You hold back your hand;
you do not pun - ish as we de - serve.

7. In your great goodness, Lord,

you have promised forgiveness to sin - ners, that they may repent
 of their sin and be saved. 8. And now, O Lord, I bend the knee
 of my heart, and make my appeal, sure of your gra - cious good - ness.
 9. I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned, and I know my wickedness
 on - ly too well. 10. Therefore I make this prayer to you:
 Forgive me, Lord, for - give me. 11. Do not let me per - ish
 in my sin, nor condemn me to the depths of the earth.
 12. For you, O Lord, are the God of those who re - pent,
 and in me you will show forth your good - ness. 13. Unworthy as I am,
 you will save me, in accordance with your great mer - cy,
 and I will praise you without ceasing all the days of my life.
 14. For all the powers of heaven sing your prais - es,
 and yours is the glory to ages of a - ges. A - men. [Ant.]

The Celebrant says

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People

His mercy endures for ever.

The Celebrant says

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.*

The following is said or sung, all standing

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

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

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

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

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

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

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. *Amen.*

First Reading

Numbers 21:4-9

All sit.

A Reading from the book of Numbers.

From Mount Hor they 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.**

Remain seated.

Psalm 107:1-3,17-22

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, *
and his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed proclaim *
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.
- 3 He gathered them out of the lands; *
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.
- 17 Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; *
they were afflicted because of their sins.
- 18 They abhorred all manner of food *
and drew near to death's door.
- 19 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, *
and he delivered them from their distress.
- 20 He sent forth his word and healed them *
and saved them from the grave.
- 21 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy *
and the wonders he does for his children.
- 22 Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

Second Reading

Ephesians 2:1-10

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Ephesus.

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.**

Children's Sermon

Sequence

All stand.

1 Sing, my soul, his won-drous love, who, from yon bright throne a - bove,
 2 Heaven and earth by him were made; all is by his scep - ter sway'd;
 3 God, the mer - ci - ful and good, bought us with the Sa - vior's blood,
 4 Sing, my soul, a - dore his Name! Let his glo - ry be thy theme:

ev - er watch-ful o'er our race, still to us ex - tends his grace.
 what are we that he should show so much love to us be - low?
 and, to make sal - va - tion sure, guides us by his Spi - rit pure.
 praise him till he calls thee home; trust his love for all to come.

Holy Gospel

John 3:14-21

All stand for the Gospel Procession.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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."

Deacon
People

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

Sermon

The Rev. Judy Buck-Glenn

Nicene Creed

All stand.

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. *Amen.*

Prayers of the People

All remain standing.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Clergy read names of military and first responders

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Clergy read names on prayer list

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Clergy read names of memorials and the departed

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Confession of Sin

All kneel.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence.

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 Priest stands and says

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.*

Peace

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

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

Announcements

Holy Communion

The Celebrant says

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts. *Psalms 96:8*

Offertory Anthem

Can we by searching find out God

Hymnal 476

1 Can we by search - ing find out God or for - mu - late his ways?
2 Al - though his be - ing is too bright for hu - man eyes to scan,
3 Our boast - ful - ness is turned to shame, our prof - it counts as loss,
4 There God breaks in up - on our search, makes birth and death his own;

Can num - bers mea - sure what he is or words con - tain his praise?
his mean - ing lights our sha - dowed world through Christ, the Son of Man.
when earth - ly val - ues stand be - side the man - ger and the cross.
he speaks to us in hu - man terms to make his glo - ry known.

The image shows a musical score for the Offertory Anthem. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system. The first system contains four lines of lyrics, and the second system contains three lines of lyrics. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and moving bass lines.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

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 people stand or kneel.

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.*

The Celebrant then continues

And now, as our Savior
Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

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.

Breaking of the Bread

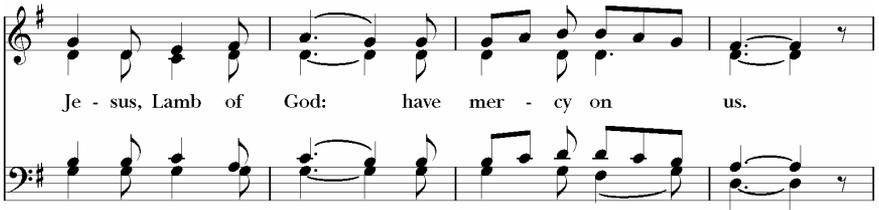
A period of silence is kept.

Christ our passover is sacrificed for us

Therefore let us keep the feast.

The Celebrant says

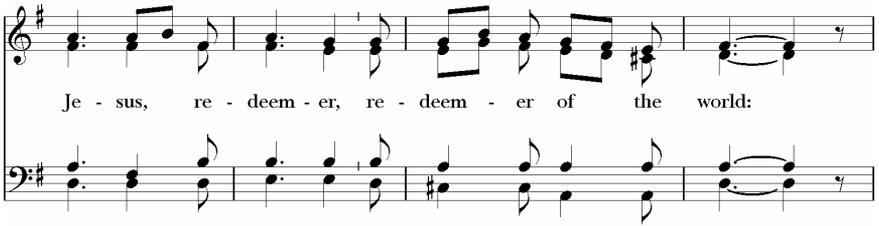
The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that
Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with
thanksgiving.



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



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



Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:



give us your peace, give us your peace.

All baptized persons, whatever your denominational affiliation, are welcome to receive Holy Communion at our altar. You may stand at the altar rail if your knees do not permit kneeling. Please assist the chalice bearer by gently holding the base of the chalice. Please do not hold the top of the chalice. If you wish, you may intinct (dip) the host (consecrated bread) in the chalice. If you do not wish to receive the wine, fold your arms over your chest. Baptized children may receive with parent's permission, otherwise they will receive a blessing.

CommunionAnthem: God So Loved the World - John Stainer

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.

Blessing

The Deacon says

Bow down before the Lord.

The people kneel and the Celebrant says

Look mercifully on this your family, Almighty God, that by your great
goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore; through Christ
our Lord. *Amen.*

Postcommunion Hymn

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah (8AM vs. 1,3)

Hymnal 690

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Guide me, O thou great Jehovah'. It is arranged in four systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

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

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: Canzona post il Communio - G. Frescobaldi

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