

Christ ☩ Church



HE BRINGS MY WANDERING SPIRIT BACK
WHEN I FORSAKE HIS WAYS,
AND LEADS ME FOR HIS MERCY'S SAKE IN
PATHS OF TRUTH AND GRACE.

I S S A C W A T T S

The Fourth Sunday in Lent
Sunday, March 22, 2020 8 AM and 10 AM
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We welcome you today, and always, just as you are: content or wiggly, confused or confident. In this bulletin the whole congregation says the texts in bold. Page numbers refer to the Book of Common Prayer, which is the smaller black book, however everything you would need for this service is in this bulletin. Hymns listed with just a number are found in the RED hymnal. All directions for sitting and standing are ‘as you are able’, because we welcome you just as you are.

If you need assistance of any kind, ask a neighbor or an usher.

We share Holy Communion every Sunday that we can, and we invite all Christians to share in this mystery given by Jesus to all his people across time and planet. If you would like to know more about Christ Church and how we practice the Christian faith in this time and place, we invite you to fill out a pew card and place it in the offering plate.

Military Service:

U.S. Army Richard W., Eric C., Michael S., Chris W., Mark R., Michael B.
U.S. Navy Marshal N., Nicole G., Joshua R.
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., Rob
National Guard Evan H., James R., Robert W.

First Responders: Jim N., Marc H., Michael H., Tom H., Joan H., David III, Michael D., Marianna, Aaron K., Josh P., Doug C., Art R., Lee E., Jesse F., Mitchell H., Wayne M.

This Week’s Prayers Requested For: Ollie, public health workers, cities facing wide-spread quarantine

Continuing Prayers Requested For: Nancy, Tiffani, James Longacre, Jane B., Nancy A., Cameron, Megan, Cheryl, Stephen, Chase Smith, Barbara W., Katharyn H., Doris Cornish, Lea, Irene & Dan, The Feilke family, Dave S., Jessica, Scott Hogan, Austin C., Cheryl D., Frank B., Baby Vincent.

Flower Memorials: The altar flowers are given today in loving memory of Gloria McHenry by the Huber family.

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.

PRELUDE

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Dale Wood

OPENING HYMN *O for a thousand tongues to sing (Azmon)*

H 493

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem - er's praise,
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim
3 Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease;
4 He speaks; and, lis - tening to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive,
5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voice - less ones, your loos - ened tongues em - ploy;

1 the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!
2 and spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name.
3 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
4 the mourn - ful bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.
5 ye blind, be - hold, your Sa - vior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

6 Glory to God and praise and love
be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above,
the Church in earth and heayen.

OPENING SENTENCE

The Officiant says

To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, because we have rebelled against him and have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God by following his laws which he set before us. *Daniel 9:9, 10*

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Officiant says to the people

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together, all kneeling

**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 alone 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.**

The Invitatory and Psalter

VERSICLE

All stand

Officiant Lord, open our lips.
People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Officiant and People

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.**

ANTIPHON

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: Come let us adore him.

VENITE S 35 Venite (White) (S 35)



1. Come, let us sing to the



Lord; let us shout for joy to the Rock of our sal -

va - tion. — 2. Let us come be - fore his pres - ence with thanks - giv - ing —

— and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. — 3. For the

Lord is a great God, — and a great King a - bove all

gods. — 4. In his hand are the cav - erns of the earth, —

— and the heights of the hills are his al - so. — 5. The

sea is his, for he made it, — and his hands have

mold - ed the dry land. — 6. Come, let us bow down, and bend the

knee, — and kneel be - fore the Lord our Ma - ker. — 7. For

he is our God, — and we are the peo - ple of his

pas - ture — and the sheep of his hand. —

— Oh, that to - day you would heark - en to his voice! —

PSALM: Psalm 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd; *

I shall not be in want.

²He makes me lie down in green pastures *

and leads me beside still waters.

³He revives my soul *

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

⁴Though 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.

⁵You 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.

⁶Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

At the end of the Psalm is sung or said

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.

The Lessons

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

The people sit.

A Reading from the First book of Samuel.

¹The 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." ²Samuel 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.'" ³Invite 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." ⁴Samuel 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?" ⁵He 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.

⁶When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is now before the LORD." ⁷But 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." ⁸Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." ⁹Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." ¹⁰Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen

any of these.” ¹¹Samuel 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.” ¹²He 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.” ¹³Then 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.**

Silence may follow.

FIRST CANTICLE S 241 A Song of Penitence (Canticle 14) (Wesley)

Canticle 14: A Song of Penitence

Kyrie Pantokrator

Prayer of Manasseh 1-2, 4, 6-7, 11-15

O Lord and Ruler of the hosts of heaven, *

**God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob,
and of all their righteous offspring:**

You made the heavens and the earth, *

with all their vast array.

All things quake with fear at your presence; *

they tremble because of your power.

But your merciful promise is beyond all measure; *

it surpasses all that our minds can fathom.

O Lord, you are full of compassion, *

long-suffering, and abounding in mercy.

You hold back your hand; *

you do not punish as we deserve.

In your great goodness, Lord,

you have promised forgiveness to sinners, *

that they may repent of their sin and be saved.

And now, O Lord, I bend the knee of my heart, *

and make my appeal, sure of your gracious goodness.

I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned, *

and I know my wickedness only too well.

Therefore I make this prayer to you: *

Forgive me, Lord, forgive me.

Do not let me perish in my sin, *

nor condemn me to the depths of the earth.

For you, O Lord, are the God of those who repent, *

and in me you will show forth your goodness.

Unworthy as I am, you will save me,

in accordance with your great mercy, *

and I will praise you without ceasing all the days of my life.

For all the powers of heaven sing your praises, *

and yours is the glory to ages of ages. Amen.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:8-14

The people sit.

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

⁸Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—⁹for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. ¹⁰Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; ¹³but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, ¹⁴for 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.**

Silence may follow.

SEQUENCE HYMN *My Shepherd will supply my need (Resignation)* (H 664)



1 My Shep - herd will sup - ply my need, Je - ho - vah
2 When I walk through the shades of death, thy pres - ence
3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me



is his Name; _____ in pas - tures fresh he
is my stay; _____ one word of thy sup -
all my days; _____ oh, may thy house be



makes me feed be - side the liv - ing stream.____
port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.____
mine a - bode and all my work be praise.____



He brings my wan - dering spi - rit back when I for -
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my
There would I find a sett - led rest, while o - thers

sake his ways, _____ and leads me, for his
ta - ble spread; _____ my cup with bless - ings
go and come; _____ no more a stran - ger

mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace. _____
o - ver - flows, thy oil a - noints my head. _____
or a guest, but like a child at home. _____

THIRD READING: John 9:1-41

The people sit.

A Reading from John.

¹As [Jesus] walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. ²His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” ³Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. ⁴We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”

⁶When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, ⁷saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. ⁸The 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?” ⁹Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” ¹⁰But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” ¹¹He 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.” ¹²They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵Then 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.” ¹⁶Some 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. ¹⁷So 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.”

¹⁸The 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 ¹⁹and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” ²⁰His parents answered, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; ²¹but 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.” ²²His 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. ²³Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

²⁴So 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.” ²⁵He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” ²⁶They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” ²⁷He 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?” ²⁸Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he

comes from.”³⁰The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes.”³¹We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will.³²Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind.³³If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.”³⁴They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out.

³⁵Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?”³⁶He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.”³⁷Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.”³⁸He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him.³⁹Jesus 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.”⁴⁰Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?”⁴¹Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

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

Silence may follow.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Officiant and People together, all standing.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**
**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers

SALUTATION

The people stand or kneel

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Officiant Let us pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Officiant and People

**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,
forever and ever. Amen.**

SUFFRAGES

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. And grant us your salvation.
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. Let your people sing with joy.
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. For only in you can we live in safety.
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. Your saving health among all nations.
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

FIRST COLLECT

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.*

SECOND COLLECT

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PRAYER FOR MISSION

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name.

OFFERING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

CONCLUDING VERSICLE

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL HYMN *God, creator, source of healing (Abbot's Leigh)*

VF 93

1 God, cre - a - tor, source of heal - ing here we
2 Je - sus, known to friend and seek - er ex - er -
3 Ho - ly Spi - rit, bring us whole-ness, come with
4 Tri - ni - ty of awe and won - der yours the

pray for whole-ness and health. Guide our work, our
 cis - ing heal - er's art, may the strong sup -
 your trans - form - ing love; give us free - dom,
 glo - ry, yours the praise. Strike our bind - ing

thoughts, and feel - ing, guide the shar - ing of our wealth.
 port the weak - er show - ing love with head and heart;
 hope and bold - ness, raise our eyes to see from a - bove;
 chains a - sun - der, lib - er - ate our cramp - ing ways.

Give dis - cern - ment in our de - ci - sions give com -
 give fresh en - er - gy and pur - pose when un -
 shape our sys - tems, in - sti - tu - tions, clar - i -
 May our lives re - flect your splend - our, in a -

pas - sion in our care; rec - on - cile our
 rea - son - ing blocks your grace, spare us harm, in
 fy our blind - ed sight, as we seek God -
 bun - dance Lord we ask. God, our guide and

strife and di - vi - sions as we search for means to share.
 dan - ger a - lert us, show the ra - diance of your face.
 giv - en so - lu - tions, help us greet the just and right.
 our be - friend - er, give new mean - ing to our task.

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CONCLUDING SENTENCE

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*
Romans 15:13

POSTLUDE

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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CCRP EVENTS & INFORMATION

Whoever you are, for whatever draws you to join Christ Church today, we are glad you are here. If you would like to learn more about how to connect and grow through the ministries of the Episcopal Church in this region, and Christ Church, Ridley Park, please fill out a pew card and give it to an usher or put it in the offering plate. We also invite you to send us an email: office@christchurchridleypark.org.

Weekly E-mail: If you are interested in receiving the Christ Church Weekly Email, please sign up at www.christchurchridleypark.org (under CONNECT) or leave your name and email address with the office.

Easter Lily Memorials- If you would like to place an order for Easter Lily Memorials to beautify the church on Easter Sunday, please complete an order form and return it to the church office before Noon on Friday, April 7. If paying by check, please make check payable to **CHRIST CHURCH** (earmarked "Easter Lily Memorial"). The cost of each plant is \$10. If it is more convenient, you may also mail your completed form directly to the Church Office.

Youth Group Lunch & Learn – POSTPONED

Walking Group - POSTPONED

Christ Church 2020 Discount Cards Only \$10! The discount card provides you with various discounts at local restaurants and businesses such as The Gaslight, Ridley Running, BrickHaus Cafe, MacDade Bowl, Colonial Village, Casey's, Pretzel Factory, Stargate Diner and Double Decker. Cards can be purchased in the church office and used throughout all of 2020.

Baptismal Prep - POSTPONED

Lenten Wednesdays: Living Well Through Lent continues - at your own pace. Rev'd Jane will be posting video's on YouTube that were to have been the weekly LWtL Wednesday Evening series. It isn't the same without in-person conversation, but I encourage you to reach out to someone in the community and have a conversation about our journey through this unusual Lent.

<https://youtu.be/dcvSTWt7T78>

Lenten Wednesdays 6pm Dinner POSTPONED

The Outreach Committee is beginning its collection of 15 items for the ditty bags distributed at Christmas to 25 sailors through the Seaman's Institute. ***Items being collected in February & March are insulated gloves, warm hats and scarves.*** For knitting patterns or questions, please call Nan Garthwaite at 610-532-2801.

CCRP Decals- Show your pride! Decals for sale on the first floor near the water cooler for \$3.

Amazon Smile: If you are an Amazon shopper, please consider using Amazon Smile. A percentage (.5%) of your purchase would be returned to Christ Church. To participate, sign on to www.smile.amazon.com and search for Christ Church Ridley Park. Select Christ Church as your charity and begin your shopping.

Pastoral Care at CCRP includes: LEM's, Casserole Crew, Visitors/ Drivers, Flower and Birthday Card ministry. To join, please contact Amy Lovenguth 610-804-6838.

ChildFund: We have an ongoing commitment to Clara from Guatemala and Mac-Mac, from the Philippines and your help in supporting these two children is greatly appreciated. You may use the Children's pew envelope or write a check to the church and put "ChildFund" in the memo.

Have you moved, changed your email or phone number within the past year? Please call our office to update our records. We need current address, phone number and email in order to keep you informed of all church events. Call (610) 521-1626

MONTHLY MEETINGS: TO BE DECIDED AS WE MOVE FORWARD

HOLY WEEK – THIS MAY CHANGE AS WE MOVE FORWARD

Palm Sunday– April 5th . Eucharist at 8am & 10am

Evening Prayer– April 6th and 7th at 7pm

Shadows: A Tenebrae Service– April 8th, 7pm

Maundy Thursday– April 9th with meatloaf dinner.

Good Friday– April 10th. Veneration of the Cross at Noon. Eucharist from Reserved Sacrament 7pm.

Easter Vigil & Confirmation– April 11th at Philadelphia Cathedral.

Easter Sunday– Service at 7:30am, 9am, & 11am. Children's Egg Hunt at 10:20am