

Christ ✠ Church



In your compassion,
bring grace and
forgiveness,
for the beauty of
heaven,
may your love
prepare us.

Anslem of Canterbury

The First Sunday of Lent
Sunday, February 21, 2021 9:00 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.

When praying #togetherapart we recommend that you: sing the songs and say the responses out loud. We invite you to move your body to set your intention at different parts, and we include the directions for sitting and standing which are 'as you are able' and willing, because we welcome you just as you are. Use the white space of the bulletin to make doodles. Circle words that leap out at you. We also suggest that you make a home altar space somewhere near the screen you watch on, or near your telephone.

We are currently sharing the classic practice of Morning Prayer as the heart of our life together. The video of this service is available as soon as Friday on our YouTube channel (CCRP Learning and Info). All are invited to share the experience together on Facebook live on Sunday mornings. We have a service of Holy Communion streaming on our YouTube channel on Sundays at 10am; this is also available for phone call in. The Sacrament is distributed at the rear Red doors from 11-11.30 am. Please mask and distance.

Regardless of how we continue in our mission, the church and its ministry continue while we are #togetherapart. 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 contact us.

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., Mark
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., Rob H., Frank D., 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: GG, The Stirling and Stretch families, Meg H., Susanna, Elsie W, Doug C., Bill T., John L. Jeanne, DePalma Family, Richard G., Sue D., Katharyn H., Feilke family, Donna P., Anna, Jane B., Jessica, Little Vincent, Beth, Tom

Names will remain on the continuing prayer list for a four-week period.

PRELUDE

Forty Days and Forty Nights

Michael McCabe

OPENING SENTENCE

The Presider says

Rend your hearts and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil. *Joel 2:13*

GREAT LITANY (*italics below sung by congregation*)

Led by Terrance Hart

I.

Holy God, Creator of heaven and earth.

Have mercy on us.

Holy and Mighty, Redeemer of the world,

Have mercy on us.

Holy Immortal One, Sanctifier of the faithful,

Have mercy on us.

Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, One God,

Have mercy on us.

II.

From all evil and mischief; from pride, vanity and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred and malice; and from all evil intent. *Savior deliver us.*

From sloth, worldliness and love of money; from hardness of heart and contempt for your word and your laws, *Savior deliver us.*

From sins of body and mind; from deceits of the world, flesh and the devil, *Savior deliver us.*

From famine and disaster; from violence, murder, and dying unprepared, *Savior deliver us.*

In all times of sorrow; in all times of joy; in the hour of our death and at the day of judgment, *Savior deliver us.*

By the mystery of your holy incarnation; by your birth, childhood and obedience; by your baptism, fasting and temptation, *Savior deliver us.*

By your ministry in word and work; by your mighty acts of power; by the preaching of your reign, *Savior deliver us.*

By your agony and trial; by your cross and passion; by your precious death and burial, *Savior deliver us.*

By your mighty resurrection; by your glorious ascension; and by your sending of the Holy Spirit, *Savior deliver us.*

III.

Hear our prayers, O Christ our God.

Hear us, O Christ.

Govern and direct your holy Church; fill it with love and truth; and grant it that unity which is your will. *Hear us, O Christ.*

Give us boldness to preach the gospel in all the world, and to make disciples of all the nations.

Hear us, O Christ.

Enlighten your bishops, priests and deacons with knowledge and understanding, that by their teaching and their lives they may proclaim your word. *Hear us, O Christ.*

Give your people grace to witness to your word and bring forth the fruit of your Spirit.

Hear us, O Christ.

Bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived. *Hear us, O Christ.*

Strengthen those who stand; comfort and help the fainthearted; raise up the fallen; and finally beat down Satan under our feet. *Hear us, O Christ.*

IV.

Guide the leaders of the nations into the ways of peace and justice.

Hear us, O Christ.

Give your wisdom and strength to Joseph, the President of the United States, Thomas, the Governor of this state, that in all things they may do your will, for your glory and the common good. *Hear us, O Christ.*

Give to the Congress of the United States, the members of the President's Cabinet, those who serve in our state legislature, and all others in authority the grace to walk always in the ways of truth. *Hear us, O Christ.*

Bless the justices of the Supreme Court and all those who administer the law, that they may act with integrity and do justice for all your people. *Hear us, O Christ.*

Give us the will to use the resources of the earth to your glory and for the good of all.

Hear us, O Christ.

Bless and keep all your people, *Hear us, O Christ.*

V.

Comfort and liberate the lonely, the bereaved and the oppressed. *Hear us, O Christ.*

Keep in safety those who travel and all who are in peril. *Hear us, O Christ.*

Heal the sick in body, mind or spirit and provide for the homeless, the hungry and the destitute. *Hear us, O Christ.*

Guard and protect all children who are in danger. *Hear us, O Christ.*

Shower your compassion on prisoners, hostages and refugees, and all who are in trouble.

Hear us, O Christ.

Forgive our enemies, persecutors and slanderers, and turn their hearts.

Hear us, O Christ.

Hear us as we remember those who have died and grant us with them a share in your eternal glory. *Hear us, O Christ.*

VI.

Give us true repentance; forgive us our sins of negligence and ignorance and our deliberate sins; and grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your word.

*Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One.
Have mercy on us.*

The Invitatory and Psalter

VERSICLE

All stand

Presider Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Presider 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.

PSALM: Psalm 25:1-9

¹To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *

**let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

²Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

³Show me your ways, O LORD, *
and teach me your paths.

⁴Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
**for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.**

⁵Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.

⁶Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
**remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.**

⁷Gracious and upright is the LORD; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

⁸He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.

⁹All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

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 Peter 3:18-22

The people sit.

A Reading from the First letter of Peter.

¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you — not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL Mark 1:9-15

The people sit.

Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

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

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.

¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God,

¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord

People. **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

Silence may follow.

SERMON

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Presider 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.**

SALUTATION

The people stand or kneel

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider 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.**

FIRST COLLECT

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

SECOND COLLECT

God of a deep and deepening peace, God of a calm that steadies our pace: may we take whatever moment we need to gather ourselves for the journey ahead. May we feel the rock of your presence beneath us; the assurance of shelter you provide in embrace; and the promise of company gathered close by your spirit; so that as we approach the unknown ahead we remember a strength that can never give way: through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

OFFERTORY REMINDER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Let us with gladness present the offerings and gifts of our life to the Lord.

HYMN *O Love, How Deep* (vs. 1-4,6)

Led by Dan Rosen

H 449



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing
2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly
3 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his
4 For us to wick - ed hands be - trayed, scourged, mocked, in
5 For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he
6 All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so



1 thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of
2 fast and hun - gered - sore; for us temp - ta - tions
3 dai - ly works he wrought: by words and signs and
4 pur - ple robe ar - rayed, he bore the shame - ful
5 went on high to reign; for us he sent his
6 deep, so high, so broad; the Trin - i - ty whom



1 God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.
2 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er ov - er - threw.
3 ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.
4 cross and death; for us gave up his dy - ing breath.
5 Spi - rit here to guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.
6 we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

All together

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

HYMN *Forty days and forty nights* (vs. 1,2,5)

(Led by Robert Hand) H 150



1 For - ty days and for - ty nights thou wast fast - ing in the wild;
2 Should not we thy sor - row share and from world - ly joys ab - stain,
3 Then if Sa - tan on us press, Je - sus, Sa - vior, hear our call!
4 So shall we have peace di - vine: ho - lier glad - ness ours shall be;
5 Keep, O keep us, Sa - vior dear, ev - er con - stant by thy side;



1 for - ty days and for - ty nights tempt - ed, and yet un - de - filed.
2 fast - ing with un - ceas - ing prayer, strong with thee to suf - fer pain?
3 Vic - tor in the wil - der - ness, grant we may not faint nor fall!
4 round us, too, shall an - gels shine, such as min - is - tered to thee.
5 that with thee we may ap - pear at the e - ter - nal Eas - ter - tide.

CONCLUDING VERSICLE

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CONCLUDING SENTENCE

In your compassion, bring grace and forgiveness,
for the beauty of heaven, may your love prepare
us.

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POSTLUDE

Hail, Thou Once-Despised Jesus

Wilbur Held

2nd Collect from Corrymeela Community.

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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 send us an email: office@christchurchridleypark.org.

Join our weekly e-newsletter by texting CCRPLOVE to 22828. The parish-wide emails will be in your inbox every Friday evening and have our most updated announcements and access to important links.

Red Door Communion Distribution- We are now be offering in-person communion after the 10am livestreamed Holy Eucharist service. After participating at home, you may come by the church **between 11-11:30pm** to receive communion outdoors at the rear of the nave, red doors. Please remain masked and social distanced from other households outside.

Canned Good Competition- Stock-up our food pantry in a good- natured competition with our local Episcopal neighbors to see who can collect more items to fill the pantries. Collection Day will be February 21st. Contactless Drop-Off and unloading assistance will be provided by Youth Ministry households. More details to come!

Dismantling Racism Youth Workshop with the Diocese of Pennsylvania- Youth 13+ are invited. Reach out to Mackenzie for more information.

3/6- Workshop Session 2 (10am - 4pm)

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