



CHRIST CHURCH CHRISTIANA HUNDRED

WELCOME!

We are glad you are with us today as we worship God and receive Christ's presence given to us in the sacrament of bread and wine. This service is offered by livestream to those who cannot assemble with us. To observe Lent, the announcements and greeting are placed at the conclusion of worship. Please maintain quiet for prayer. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here.

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 9, 2025

10:30 AM HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

Voluntary *O Mensch, beweine deine Sünde groß*
(O Man, Bewail Thy Grievous Sin)

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Please stand, as able, at the entrance of the cross and procession.

The Penitential Order

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People ***His mercy endures for ever.***

Celebrant Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

Please kneel, as able, for

The Confession

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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 Choir sings the Kyrie in either Greek or English.

Kyrie eleison

Setting: Baldassarri Galuppi (1706-1785)

Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christe eleison.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Absolution

Celebrant 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.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant Let us pray. 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.**

Please be seated for

The First Reading

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

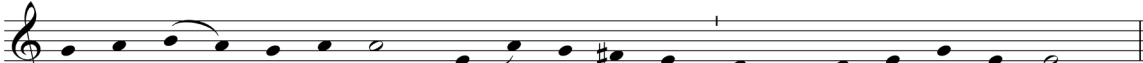
At the conclusion the People respond, "Thanks be to God."

Psalm 91:9-10, 12-15 *Qui habitat*

Chant: Plainsong

The Refrain is sung first by the Choir, repeated by all, then together as appointed.

Refrain



He shall give__ his an - gels charge o - ver you, to keep you in all your ways.

Because you have made the Lord your refuge, and the Most High your habitation,
There shall no evil happen to you, neither shall any plague come near your dwelling. *Refrain*
They shall bear you in their hands, lest you dash your foot against a stone.
You shall tread upon the lion and adder;
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet. *Refrain*
Because he is bound to me in love, therefore will I deliver him;
I will protect him, because he knows my Name.
He shall call upon me, and I will answer him;
I am with him in trouble; I will rescue him and bring him to honor. *Refrain*

The Second Reading

Romans 10:8b-13

"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses

with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

At the conclusion the People respond, "Thanks be to God."

Gradual Verse and Tract

Please stand at the sound of the bells. The Verse is sung first by the Cantor, then repeated by all before and after the Tract.

Verse Man shall not live by bread alone, //
but by every word that proceeds from / the mouth of God. – *Matthew 4:4*

Tract He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, abides under the shadow of the Almighty.
He shall cover you with his pinions, and you shall find refuge under his wings;
his faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler.
For he shall give his angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways.
They shall bear you in their hands, lest you dash your foot against a stone. – *from Psalm 91*

The Gospel is carried to the congregation so that we remember it is our Good News to hear and to share.

The Gospel Reading

Luke 4:1-13

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

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

After his baptism, Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Once the Book of Gospels has returned to its place of honor, the People may be seated at the invitation of the preacher.

The Homily

Ruth Beresford

Please stand for

The Apostles' Creed

Celebrant Let us affirm the creed of baptism, saying

People ***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.*

A member of the parish leads

The Prayers of the People

In you, Gracious and Everlasting God, we find our wholeness and strength. Hear the prayers of your people, offered in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Holy God, we pray for the Church throughout the world; for Christians who are persecuted or tempted to deny God in their life; for this congregation, that we have courage to serve Christ faithfully, inviting others to share our ministry and mission; for Sean, our presiding bishop, Kevin, our bishop, and for all your holy people, that they may triumph over evil and grow in grace; in your mercy, Lord,

hear our prayer.

Sovereign God, we pray for every nation, for peace and for the welfare of all people; we pray for wisdom among the world's leaders in government, health, and commerce, that they may be filled with your truth and serve your whole creation; in your mercy, Lord,

hear our prayer.

Sheltering God, we pray for those affected by disease, disaster, and war; defend the weary, guard the children, give refuge to the homeless, protect the powerless, and teach us your way of compassion; in your mercy, Lord,

hear our prayer.

Merciful God, we pray for those who are sick in body, mind, or spirit, especially N., and those we name now; that they may know your power to heal; in your mercy, Lord,

hear our prayer.

Eternal God, we pray for those who have died, especially N., and for the people who miss them; that your will for them may be fulfilled and that we may trust the power of Christ to save; in your mercy, Lord,

hear our prayer.

Gracious God, you have promised forgiveness and blessing to those who humble themselves and exalt your Son as Lord and Savior. We give you thanks for your loving kindness, given to us and offered for all people in Jesus' name. *Amen.*

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People *And also with you.*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory and Preparation of the Table

Being seated, we begin with a time of offering. Giving money is a sign that our life serves God's purposes and expresses our gratitude for God's many blessings. The ushers will receive the offering and present it on our behalf. Also, you may give online or text a contribution to (302) 244-5368. For those who give electronically, a card is available in the pews to participate in the act of offering. Newcomers and guests may place the welcome card in the offering plate.

Anthem

William Byrd (1540-1623)

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes: and I shall keep it unto the end.
Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law: yea, I shall keep it with my whole heart.
Make me to go in the path of thy commandments: for therein is my desire.
Incline my heart unto thy testimonies: and not to covetousness.
O turn away mine eyes, lest they behold vanity: and quicken thou me in thy way.
O stablish thy word in thy servant: that I may fear thee.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in he beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Please stand and sing

Presentation Hymn 144, v. 1 *Lord Jesus, Sun of Righteousness*

(blue) Hymnal 1982

The Great Thanksgiving

(red) Book of Common Prayer 361

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.***

The Celebrant continues the prayer, inviting our praise in the ancient song of the Sanctus.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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.

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Please stand or kneel as the Celebrant continues the prayer, inviting our acclamation of Christ's sacrificial death and triumphant resurrection,
Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues the prayer, concluding

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 invites the People to say the prayer Jesus taught his first disciples.

The Lord's Prayer

***Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.***

The Breaking of the Bread

We sing the anthem at the breaking of the bread, which is Christ's Body, broken for us. Please be seated after the sacrament is presented.

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.

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All are welcome to receive the sacrament of Christ or a blessing. Come up the center aisle and take your place along the altar rail, kneeling or standing. If you desire a blessing, cross your arms over your chest to indicate your intent. Receive the host in open hands. Gluten-free host is available; let the clergy know your need when they approach you. When you are presented with the cup, drink from it or dip the bread carefully into the cup and consume in both kinds together. If you do not wish to receive the cup, please cross your arms to indicate your intent, but wait for the minister to pass you before you leave the rail. Please use the side aisle to return to your pew. If you are unable to come forward, ask an usher to let the clergy know, and communion will be brought to you.

Communion Anthem

Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

The secret sins that hidden lye within my pensive heart
 procures great heaps of bitter thoughts and fills my soul with smart;
 and yet the more my soul doth seek some sweet relief to find,
 the more doth sin, with vain delights alas, still keep me blind.

Thou see'st, O God, the strifes there are between my soul and sin:
 thy grace doth work, but sin prevails and blinds my soul therein.

Wherefore, sweet Christ, thy grace increase, my faith augment withal.
 and for Thy tender mercy's sake, Lord, hear me when I call. Amen.

Please stand for

The Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant In thanksgiving, let us pray.

People ***Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.***

The Blessing

The Celebrant blesses the People.

People ***Amen.***

Announcements

All sing

Hymn in Procession 559 *Lead Us, Heavenly Father, Lead Us*

Hymnal 1982

Dismissal

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

During this solemn season of Lent, there is no concluding organ voluntary. Please take your bulletin with you or return it to the table in the narthex as you leave.

We are sent forth to be Christ's blessing in the world. Our prayer is that today's worship has encouraged you in love, strengthened you for service, and filled you with grace. We look forward to your presence again in worship, in service to others, in learning and fellowship.

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IN THE SEASON OF LENT

THIS WEEK WE LIFT UP..

OUR PRACTICE OF LENTEN DISCIPLINES. Each year in preparation for Easter, the Church calls us to a season of special intention and discipline—to renew the faithful following of Jesus. Lent is 40 days for a kind of spring training as we exercise our faith. This Lent we encourage you to attend worship each week, participate in our Lenten program, Knowing God, on Wednesdays, March 12-April 9, experience our interactive Lenten prayer stations on March 16, and spend quiet time in our guided Lenten retreat on March 29. If you need guidance in making a Lenten discipline, speak with the Revs. Ruth Beresford, Michael Kurth, or David Beresford.

PROGRESSIVE ORGAN RECITAL – TODAY

Today we welcome concert and recording artist Christa Rakich for an organ recital beginning in the Chapel on C. B. Fisk Opus 164 and then moving to the Church on John Brombaugh's landmark Opus 32. Hear these two glorious instruments in one single program at 4 PM. Ms. Rakich performs widely throughout North America, Europe, and Japan and is an Organ faculty member of the historic Oberlin Conservatory of Music in Ohio. Join us for this free recital this afternoon.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION – MARCH 12

Those of all ages are invited for Coffee and Conversation this Wednesday, March 12, from 10:45 to 11:45 AM in the Commons Room. Gather with friends for meaningful conversation and make new friends over coffee, tea, and snacks. Join us for this time of fun and fellowship and then stay for the 12 PM Eucharist in the Chapel.

WEDNESDAY EVENING LENTEN SERIES: KNOWING GOD – MARCH 12–APRIL 9

As we journey through the season of Lent, join us for our Lenten series on Wednesdays, March 12 through April 9. "Knowing God," led by Fr. David Beresford, explores our relationship with God, using traditional and creative approaches to the questions of faith and religion. This week's topic is God the Creator. We share a simple meal at 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall, followed by the course from 7 to 8 PM. Click [here](#) to RSVP.

ALL AGES LENTEN PRAYER STATIONS & FELLOWSHIP – MARCH 16

Our interactive Lenten prayer stations offer those of all ages a new approach to prayer. Come experience God through the senses this Lent during an expanded Coffee & Community next Sunday, March 16, from 9:30 to 10:30 AM. Spend some time in prayerful activities at prayer stations set up in the Parish Halls. Child care is offered in the nursery until noon, but no faith formation classes will take place at this time so that all can participate.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP MEETING – MARCH 16

Christ Church's Grief Support Group meets next Sunday, March 16, at 12 PM. Those who have experienced the loss of a loved one and are moving through the grief process are encouraged to attend either in person in the Commons Room or online. Click [here](#) for the Zoom link.

CELTIC EUCHARIST – MARCH 16

In our hurried and noisy world, Celtic Eucharist offers gracious space and time to enjoy the holiness of God, gently touched by candlelight, music, and prayer. The Celtic tradition holds that we find God in Christ in our hearts, in each other, and in all creation. Through moments of reflection and calm, quiet words, and the sacrament of Holy Communion, we bring this tradition to Christ Church to celebrate the Eve of St. Patrick's Day next Sunday, March 16, at 4 PM in the Chapel as we seek to draw more deeply into God's presence. Music will be offered by Trevor Koenig Sr. (guitar) and Sandra Borrer (flute and penny whistle).

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY AT LUTHERAN COMMUNITY SERVICES – MARCH 21

Following last year's 175th Anniversary Service Project with Lutheran Community Services, our partnership with them continues this year as we offer monthly opportunities to pack grocery bags of healthy foods and distribute them to the cars of program participants. Click [here](#) to sign up for a shift on third Fridays of the month.

ALL EXCELLENT AND ESTEEMED BY PIFFARO, THE RENAISSANCE BAND – MARCH 23

Piffaro, The Renaissance Band delights audiences with highly polished recreations of the rustic music of the peasantry and the elegant sounds of the official wind bands of the late Medieval and Renaissance periods. In this concert on Sunday, March 23, at 3 PM at Christ Church, they bring one of the most potent examples of musical immigration in 16th century Europe to life in the story of the Bassano family—an Italian, and likely Jewish, family of wind players and instrument builders who moved to Henry VIII's court. Tickets are \$20 (using code CCCH) to \$54 and may be purchased [here](#).

A PLACE AT THE LORD'S TABLE – MARCH 29

Spend a quiet morning at Christ Church in a guided Lenten retreat, led by Fr. David Beresford, on Saturday, March 29. We'll gather in the Chapel at 8:45 AM for "A Place at the Lord's Table," where a large icon of *The Hospitality of Abraham* will serve as the focal point of the retreat. The aim is to provide an oasis of quiet prayer and reflection, interspersed with addresses on the day's theme. The morning concludes with Holy Eucharist at 12 PM. Please RSVP for the morning [here](#).

UPCOMING BAPTISMAL SERVICES – APRIL 20 & JUNE 8

The sacrament of Holy Baptism will take place on Easter Day, April 20, at 6 AM and on the Day of Pentecost, June 8, at 10:30 AM. A preparation meeting for parents and godparents will be held prior to both dates. If you are interested in Baptism for yourself or your child, please request an application from [Jane Rubini](#).

BUS TRIP TO THE NATIONAL CATHEDRAL – APRIL 27

The Delaware Chapter of the National Cathedral Association is sponsoring a trip to the National Cathedral in Washington, DC on Sunday, April 27. The bus departs at 8 AM from the Wilmington campus of the University of Delaware, 2700 Pennsylvania Avenue, and returns around 7:30 PM. The group will attend Eucharist with the Kirkin' o' the Tartan Celebration at 11:15 AM and Evensong at 4 PM at the Cathedral. The cost is \$85 per person, which includes lunch, and reservations are required. Contact [Sue Lunger](#) to reserve your spot today.

HOSTS NEEDED FOR COFFEE & COMMUNITY

Provide hospitality and welcome to fellow parishioners by hosting Coffee & Community on Sundays from 9:30 to 10:30 AM in Parish Hall C. Volunteers bring treats and set up beverages, and it's an easy, fun way to nurture relationships and connections with those in our community. Sign up [here](#).

HEARING LOOP SYSTEM

Our nave is equipped with a hearing loop system that provides clean, clear sound without a headset and transmits sound from our microphones directly into hearing aids and cochlear implants with telecoils of those in the pews. If you have hearing loss but no telecoil device, please ask an usher for a loop receiver.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God
in loving memory of
Peter Scoville Wells

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, Christ Church welcomes you into a loving and joyful community that serves others and seeks to grow deeper in relationship with God through Jesus Christ.



NEW HERE? Scan the QR code to let us know or complete the card in the pews and place it in the offering plate.

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