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 during this season. Please maintain quiet for prayer. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here.

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT MARCH 23, 2025 10:30 AM HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

Voluntary Fantasy in C minor

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 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we

confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all

unrighteousness. 1 John 1:8-9

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: Tomás Luis da Victoria (1548-1611)

Kyrie eleison.Christe eleison.Kyrie eleison.Lord, 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, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

Please be seated for

The First Reading Exodus 3:1-15

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you." God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations."

Chant: Plainsong

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

Psalm 63:1-8 Deus, Deus meus

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



Refrain

O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.

Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place,

that I might behold your power and your glory. Refrain

For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; my lips shall give you praise.

So will I bless you as long as I live and lift up my hands in your Name. Refrain

My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

When I remember you upon my bed, and meditate on you in the night watches. Refrain

For you have been my helper, and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice. My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast. *Refrain*

The Second Reading 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

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 Be-hold, now is the acceptable time; //

behold, now is the day of / sal-va-tion. - 2 Corinthians 6:2

Tract As the deer longs for the waterbrooks, so longs my soul for you, O God.

My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the living God;

when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?

My tears have been my food day and night,

while all day long they say to me, "Where now is your God?"

Put your trust in God; for I will yet give thanks to him,

who is the help of my countenance, and my God. - from Psalm 42

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 13:1-9

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did." Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down."

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 Michael Kurth

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

Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities; and in all our dangers and necessities, stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please stand and sing

Presentation Hymn 144, vs. 1-3 Lord Jesus, Sun of Righteousness

(blue) Hymnal 1982

The Great Thanksgiving

(red) Book of Common Prayer 361

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift 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:





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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.



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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

George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

Mind of Jesus, think of me. Eyes of Jesus, look on me.

Face of Jesus, comfort me. Voice of Jesus, call me.

Iesus, make me thine own to be.

Arms of Jesus, hold me. Hands of Jesus, bless me.

Heart of Jesus, love me. Feet of Jesus, guide me.

Jesus, make me thine own to be, both now and in eternity.

Communion Hymn 150 Forty Days and Forty Nights

Hymnal 1982

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.

Sending Eucharistic Visitors

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts; that those to whom

you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People We who are many are one body because we all share one bread, one cup.

The Blessing

The Celebrant blesses the People.

People Amen.

Announcements

All sing

Hymn in Procession 344 Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

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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MARCH 23, 2025

IN THE SEASON OF LENT

THIS WEEK WE LIFT UP...

OUR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY. At Christ Church, we invite children to enter into the presence of God through story, worship, discovery, play, and wonder. From nursery through elementary school, our community cherishes and honors the spiritual formation of children. Our two 9 AM services each Sunday provide an opportunity to form our children in the way of Christian discipleship as families worship together. In addition, PreK through 5th grade classes meet at 9:30 AM on Sundays for fellowship and learning, while nursery care is offered for infants and toddlers from 9:30 AM to 12 PM. We want each child to have the opportunity to experience the love of God and to grow and flourish in their faith. For more information, visit our website or contact Mason Cruz, our Minister for Children & Youth.

EASTER BASKETS FOR OUTREACH - SIGN UP TODAY

The Outreach Committee is collecting Easter baskets for children and teens living at the YWCA's Home Life Management Center. Sign up after services today to prepare a basket for a specific child that contains \$20-\$25 worth of treats and toys. You will receive complete instructions along with a tag to attach to the basket once you sign up. Please return your basket to Christ Church by Sunday, April 6.

ALL EXCELLENT AND ESTEEMED BY PIFFARO, THE RENAISSANCE BAND - TODAY

This afternoon at 3 PM in the Church, Piffaro, The Renaissance Band brings 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 online.

BOOK SIGNING BY THE REV. DAVID BERESFORD - TODAY

Fr. David will sign copies of his new book, *Blessed by God*, and give a reading from the book today at the Christ Church Rectory. Come celebrate with us anytime from 2 to 4 PM.

WEDNESDAY EVENING LENTEN SERIES: KNOWING GOD - MARCH 26-APRIL 9

As we journey through the season of Lent, join us for our Lenten series on Wednesdays 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 The Psalms. We share a simple meal at 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall, followed by the course from 7 to 8 PM. Please <u>RSVP</u> 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 here.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION - APRIL 2

Those of all ages are invited for Coffee and Conversation on Wednesday, April 2, 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.

BACH: TRIO SONATAS BY TEMPESTA DI MARE - APRIL 4

The chamber players of Tempesta di Mare, Philadelphia Baroque Orchestra offer this live concert performance of Tempesta's 5-star recording of Bach's six organ trio sonatas, re-imagined for chamber ensemble of recorder, flute, violins, lute, harpsichord, viola da gamba, and cello on Friday, April 4, at 7 PM at Christ Church. Tickets are \$35-\$45 and may be purchased online.

A LENTEN SERVICE OF READINGS & MUSIC - APRIL 6

Experience the message of Lent in this contemplative service on Sunday, April 6, at 4 PM as we explore the journey from the wilderness of our separation to our homecoming in the heart of God. Worship will include music offered by the Christ Church Choir and readings selected from scripture and our spiritual ancestors. An organ prelude begins at 3:30 PM.

REMEMBER LOVED ONES THIS EASTER - BY APRIL 7

To remember someone with a contribution for special flowers or music this Easter, please submit your names and contribute <u>online</u> or mail a check made payable to Christ Church along with your memorial names to P. O. Box 3510, Wilmington, DE 19807 by Monday, April 7. All memorials will be listed in the Easter Day bulletins.

SPRING CLEANUP AT CHRIST CHURCH - APRIL 12

Join our Dominican Republic youth missioners, Men's Ministry, and Creations Care Ministry as we spruce up the Christ Church grounds in time for Easter. Bring your work gloves and rakes and help with our spring cleanup on Saturday, April 12, from 9 AM to 12 PM. Children 3-12 years old can join our fun scavenger hunt cleanup from 9 to 10 AM. Refreshments will be provided throughout the morning, and we'll conclude with lunch. Please sign up to help.

CHAPEL MEMORIAL FLOWER DATES AVAILABLE

Memorial flowers for the altars at Christ Church are donated in memory of loved ones each week. With weekly services in the Chapel, there are numerous dates available to donate flowers in 2025. If you wish to offer flowers in memory of a loved one, please contact <u>Jane Rubini</u>.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER AT CHRIST CHURCH

Palm Sunday, April 13

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I in the Church
9:00 AM ARK Worship in the Chapel
9:00 AM SANCTUARY Worship in the Church
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II in the Church
All Ages Interactive Stations of the Cross along the path to the labyrinth available Palm Sunday, April 13, through Holy Saturday, April 19

Wednesday in Holy Week, April 16

10:00 AM to 5:00 PM Rite of Reconciliation (sign up for a 20-minute time slot)

Maundy Thursday, April 17

5:00 PM All Ages Maundy Thursday Worship and Foot Washing in the Chapel
7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Worship and Foot Washing in the Church
followed by the Watch in the Chapel until 12 AM
(sign up for the vigil watch)

Good Friday, April 18

12:00 PM Good Friday Liturgy with Meditations in the Church and livestreamed to our website
5:00 PM All Ages Worship in the Chapel
7:00 PM Tenebrae in the Church

Holy Saturday, April 19

7:30 PM Overnight Vigil at the fire outside the Parish Center (sign up for the vigil watch)

Easter Day, April 20

6:00 AM Easter Vigil in the Chapel
8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I in the Chapel
8:45 AM to 12:15 PM Child care available in the Nursery
9:00 AM All Ages Holy Eucharist in the Chapel
9:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II in the Church
11:00 AM Choral Eucharist, Rite II in the Church and livestreamed to our website

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of John M. Simpson

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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