



# 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 FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 30, 2025

10:30 AM HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

**Voluntary** *Plein jeu / Basse de trompette / Tierce en taille*

Jean-Adam Guilain (1680-1739)

*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* Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. *Hebrews 4:14, 16*

*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: Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

*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. 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.*

*Please be seated for*

### **The First Reading**

*Joshua 5:9-12*

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

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

### **Psalm 32:1-8 *Beati quorum***

*Chant: Plainsong*

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



*Refrain* Hap - py — are they to whom the Lord — im - putes no guilt.

Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!

Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile!

While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning all day long. *Refrain*

For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin. *Refrain*

Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble;

when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble;

you surround me with shouts of deliverance. *Refrain*

### **The Second Reading**

*2 Corinthians 5:16-21*

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

*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* I will arise and go to my Father, and will say to him: //

Father, I have sinned against heaven and / be-fore you. – *Luke 15:18*

*Tract* I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."  
Now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.  
Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity with itself.  
To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,  
the assembly of Israel, to praise the Name of the Lord. – *from Psalm 122*

*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 15:1-3, 11b-32*

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

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

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So Jesus told them this parable: "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

*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

Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)

*Verbe égal au Très-Haut, notre unique espérance jour éternel,  
De la paisible nuit, nous rompons le silence Divin sauveur, jette sur nous les yeux.  
Répands sur nous le feu de ta grâce puissante que tout l'enfer  
Que tout l'enfer fuit au son de ta voix, dissipe le sommeil d'une âme languissante.  
Qui la conduit à l'oubli de tes lois. Ô Christ, sois favorable à ce peuple fidèle pour te bénir;  
Reçois les chants, reçois les chants qu'il offre à ta gloire immortelle, et de tes dons qu'il retourne comblé.*

Word equal to God, the Almighty, our only hope, eternal day of the earth and heavens;  
We break the silence of the peaceful night, Divine Savior, look upon us!  
Fan the fire of your powerful grace upon us, so that all Hell may flee at the sound of your voice;  
Shake off the sleep of a languishing soul, who has forgotten your laws!  
O Christ, be kind to these faithful people who have now gathered in thanks.  
Listen to the chants they offer to your immortal glory, and may they come away fulfilled with your gifts!

*Please stand and sing*

**Presentation Hymn 144, vs. 1-4** *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

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

*Tantum ergo sacramentum  
veneremur cernui,  
et antiquum documentum  
novo cedat ritui;  
praestet fides supplementum,  
sensuum defectui.*

*Genitori genitoque  
laus et jubilatio;  
salus, honor, virtus quoque  
sit et benedictio;  
procedenti ab utroque,  
compar sit laudatio. Amen.*

Down in adoration falling,  
Lo! the sacred Host we hail,  
Lo! o'er ancient forms departing  
newer rites of grace prevail;  
faith for all defects supplying,  
where the feeble senses fail.

To the everlasting Father,  
and the Son who reigns on high  
with the Holy Spirit proceeding  
forth from each eternally,  
be salvation, honor, blessing,  
might and endless majesty. Amen.

## Communion Hymn 467 *Sing, My Soul, His Wondrous Love*

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.***

### The Blessing

*The Celebrant blesses the People.*

*People* ***Amen.***

### Announcements

*All sing*

## Hymn in Procession 620 *Jerusalem, My Happy Home*

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.*



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.



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