**The Fourth Sunday in Lent**

**March 10th, 2024 at 10 am**

**The Holy Eucharist: Rite II**



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**INFORMATION FOR NEWCOMERS: WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH!**



Our motto is true whether you're here for the very first time

or you've been a member for decades –

**There is a place for you at God's Table!**

The worship service has two main parts: the Liturgy of the Word, which includes Scripture readings and a sermon, and the Liturgy of the Table, which is also called Holy Eucharist or Communion. You will notice moments in the service when people stand, kneel, bow, and make the sign of the cross. There is no one “right” way to worship, so do what is comfortable for you at any given time in worship.

All Baptized Christians are welcome at Christ’s Table for Communion. If you do not wish to receive communion, you may come forward and request a blessing. If you wish to receive communion in your pew, please notify the ushers. And if you need a gluten-free wafer, just let Rev. Michelle know.

If you have not been baptized, or if you have questions about Holy Baptism, please talk to The Rev. Dr. Michelle Boomgaard after the service -- the people of Christ Church would love to walk with you to your baptism and beyond!

When you enter a Christ Episcopal Church worship service/event, you will be entering an area where photography, video and audio recording may occur. Finally, if you are a visitor, please fill-out a *Welcome Card* on the back of the pew, so we can add you to our weekly information email the NewsNote.

**The Holy Eucharist**

PRELUDE: Prelude on "Cross of Jesus” - Stainer/arr. Callahan

**OPENING HYMN**: “Now let us all with one accord” Hymnal 147

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant*: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People:*  **His mercy endures forever. Amen.**

THE DECALOGUE

Hear the commandments of God to his people:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.  
***Amen. Lord have mercy.***

You shall not make for yourself any idol.  
***Amen. Lord have mercy.***

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.   
***Amen. Lord have mercy.***

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.  
***Amen. Lord have mercy.***

Honor your father and your mother.  
***Amen. Lord have mercy.***

You shall not commit murder.  
***Amen. Lord have mercy.***

You shall not commit adultery.  
***Amen. Lord have mercy.***

You shall not steal.  
***Amen. Lord have mercy.***

You shall not be a false witness.  
***Amen. Lord have mercy****.*

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.   
***Amen. Lord have mercy.***

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

**All: 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.**

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.***

TRISAGION Hymnal S99

**Holy God, Holy and Mighty,**

**Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.**

**Holy God, Holy and Mighty,**

**Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.**

**Holy God, Holy and Mighty,**

**Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.**

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 forever.***Amen****.*

Père très bon, toi dont le Fils bien-aimé Jésus Christ est descendu du ciel pour être le Pain véritable qui donne la vie au monde : donne-nous toujours plus de ce Pain, afin qu’il vive en nous et que nous vivions en lui qui vit et règne avec toi et le Saint-Esprit, un seul Dieu, pour les siècles des siècles. ***Amen***

**THE LESSONS**

THE FIRST READING Numbers 21:4-9

From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.” Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, “Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.” So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

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



THE RESPONSE PSALM 107:1-3,17-22

1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is **good, \***  
and his mercy endures for**ever.**

2 Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed pro**claim \***  
that he redeemed them from the hand of the **foe.**

3 He gathered them out of the **lands; \***  
from the east and from the west, from the north and from the **south.**

17 Some were fools and took to rebellious **ways; \***  
they were afflicted because of their **sins**.

18 They abhorred all manner of **food \***  
and drew near to death's **door.**

19 Then they cried to the Lord in their **trouble, \***  
and he delivered them from their dis**tress.**

20 He sent forth his word and healed **them \***  
and saved them from the **grave.**

21 Let them give thanks to the Lord for his **mercy \***  
and the wonders he does for his **children.**

22 Let them offer a sacrifice of thanks**giving \***  
and tell of his acts with shouts of **joy.**

**THE SECOND LESSON**  **Ephesians 2:1-10**

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ-- by grace you have been saved-- and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God-- not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

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

**SEQUENCE HYMN:** “O Love of God, how strong and true” Hymnal 455

**GOSPEL**

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (**John 3:14-21**).

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

Jesus said, “Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who

do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Sermon The Rev. Dr. Michelle Boomgaard*

**THE NICENE CREED SYMBOLE DE NICÉE**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,** Nous croyons en un seul Dieu, le Père tout-puissant,

**maker of heaven and earth, of all that is,** Créateur du ciel et de la terre,

**seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord,** De toutes les choses visibles et invisibles.

**Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,** Nous croyons en un seul Seigneur, Jésus Christ,

**eternally begotten of the Father, God from God,** Le Fils unique de Dieu,

**Light from Light, true God from true God,** Endgendré du Père avant tous les siècles,

**begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.** Dieu né de Dieu, Lumière née de la Lumière,

**Through him all things were made.** Vrai Dieu né du vrai Dieu, Engendré, non pas crée,

**For us and for our salvation he came down** Un seul être avec le Père, Et par lui tout a été fait.

**from heaven, by the power of the Holy Spirit** Pour nous et pour notre salut,

**he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,** Il est descendu des cieux,

**and was made man. For our sake he was** Il s’est incarné par le saint-Esprit en la Vierge Marie,

**crucified under Pontius Pilate;** Et s’est fait homme. Crucifié pour nous sous Ponce Pilate,

**he suffered death and was buried.** Il a souffert la Passion,

**On the third day he rose again in accordance** Il a été mis au tombeau,

**with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven** Il est ressuscité le troisième jour, selon les Écritures ;

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.** Il est monté aux cieux,

**He will come again in glory to judge the living** Il siège à la droite du Père,

**and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.** Il reviendra dans la gloire pour juger

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,** les vivants et les morts,

**the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father,** Et son règne n’aura pas de fin.

**and the Son. With the Father and the Son he** Nous croyons en l’Esprit saint,

**is worshiped and glorified, He has spoken** Qui est Seigneur et qui donne la vie,

**through the Prophets. We believe in one holy** Que procède du Père et du Fils,

**catholic and apostolic Church.** Avec le Père et le Fils, il reçoit même

**We acknowledge one baptism** adoration et même gloire; Il a parlé par les Prophètes.

**for the forgiveness of sins.** Nous croyons en l’Église une, sainte,

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,** catholique et apostolique.

**and the life of the world to come. Amen.** Nous reconnaissons us seul baptême pour

le pardon des péchés. Nous attendons la résurrection des morts

Et la vie du monde à venir. Amen.

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

Congregational responses are in **bold.**

*Silence*

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.  
***Lord, have mercy.***

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.  
***Lord, have mercy.***

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Kristin, our Bishop, and Michelle, our rector, let us pray to the Lord.  
***Lord, have mercy.***

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.  
***Lord, have mercy.***

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them. In the Northwest Region cycle of prayer, we pray for St. Paul’s, Greenville; St. Margaret’s Trotwood; St. Christopher’s Fairborn, and Trinity, London. In our service and our various ministries, especially Clark County Literacy Coalition, Episcopal Community Ministries, Second Harvest Food Bank, Sheltered, Inc. and Springfield Soup Kitchen, let us pray to the Lord.  
***Lord, have mercy.***

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and to those celebrating birthdays, especially Wayne Southward, Deb Southward, Babs Reed and celebrating anniversaries this week, especially Wayne and Deb Southward, let us pray to the Lord.  
***Lord, have mercy.***

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.  
***Lord, have mercy.***

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air, let us pray to the Lord.  
***Lord, have mercy.***

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, especially Mary Allardyce, Marj Vasileff, Pat, Marilyn Howat, Jeanie Everingham, Bonnie Bingman, Jody Gatten, Sharon B, Anita Beardsell, Bill Everingham, Don Rode, Diana DeVoe, Sandi Eyman, Margaret Mattox, Joy Bartenstein, Dodi Holmes, Martha Chaney, Charlene Schreiber, Alice Kelly, Barb Kelly, and Traudie Milleck; and any others we may now name, silently or aloud let us pray to the Lord.  
***Lord, have mercy.***

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who  
remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.  
***Lord, have mercy.***

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.  
***Lord, have mercy.***

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.  
***Lord, have mercy.***

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.  
***Lord, have mercy****.*

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.  
***Lord, have mercy.***

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.  
***Lord, have mercy.***

In the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to  
Christ our God.  
***To thee, O Lord our God.***

*The celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**OFFERTORY:** "O Bone Jesu" - Palestinian/arr. Tolmage

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTSHymnal 380, v. 3

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**

**praise him, all creatures here below;**

**praise him above, ye heavenly host:**

**praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost**

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

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 him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin.  By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,** Hymnal S124

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

### 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 forever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**Our Father, who art in heaven, Notre Père, qui es aux cieux,**

**hallowed be thy name, Que ton nom soit sanctifé;**

**thy kingdom come, thy will be done, Que ton règne vienne ; que ta volonté soit faite**

**on earth as it is in heaven. Sur la terre comme au ciel.**

**Give us this day our daily bread. Donne-nous aujourd’hui notre pain de ce jour.**

**And forgive us our trespasses, Pardonne-nous nos offenses,**

**as we forgive those who trespass against us. Comme nous pardonnons aussi À ceux qui nous ont offensés.**

**And lead us not into temptation, Et nous laisse pas entrer en tentation,**

**but deliver us from evil. Mais délivre-nous du mal.**

**For thine is the kingdom, Car c’est à toi qu’appartiennent le règne,**

**and the power, and the glory, La puissance et la gloire,**

**forever and ever. Amen. Pour les siècles des siècles. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD Hymnal S161

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.**

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

**COMMUNION HYMN:** “Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound” Hymnal 671

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION- Celebrant and people together

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food  in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

Bow down before the Lord. Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice forever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen****.*

**CLOSING HYMN:** “Come thou font of every blessing” Hymnal 686

THE DISMISSAL Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE:** Gymnopedie #2 - Erik Satie

**Announcements from Christ Church**

**Pastoral emergencies**

If you need to reach Rev. Michelle for a pastoral emergency, the number is (937) 505-0141. For

non-emergencies, you can call the office at (937) 323-8651 or email Rev. Michelle at [mboomgaard@christspringfield.org](mailto:mboomgaard@christspringfield.org).

**March Adult Forums**

Join us to explore the season of Lent through poetry. Each week, a parishioner will lead a discussion to unpack a poem’s theme.

**March 10** - Anne Strothman

**March 17** - Fred Bartenstein

**March 24** - Marjory Wentworth

**Lenten Book Study**

Join Christ Church, located at 409 East High Street, Springfield, Ohio 45505, during Lent on **Tuesday evenings from 5:30 to 7:30 pm** for a supper and discussion of the Way of Love. Living the Way of Love is a 40-day devotional with each day’s reading including a reference to a passage of Scripture and a short reflection on one of the seven steps in Bishop Michael Curry’s “Way of Love” path to a Jesus-centered life.

**African Bible Study**

As we approach the Lenten Season, Pat Cary and Keith Doubt would like to invite people at Christ Church to join us for African Bible Study.  We meet **online at 1 PM on Wednesdays**.  If  interested, send Keith an email at [keithdoubt@123mail.org](mailto:kdoubt@123mail.org) and he will tell you how to join.

**Christ Church Food Pantry**

The March Drive-thru Food Pantry will be on **March 20th, 2024.** Volunteers are needed to help unload food, pack food, and help with customer service at approximately 8:15 am. Please contact either Brian Shelburne at [bshelburne@wittenberg.edu](mailto:bshelburne@wittenberg.edu), Kelly Zeller at [zellerk0611@gmail.com](mailto:zellerk0611@gmail.com), or Anne Randolph at [annejrand@aol.com](mailto:annejrand@aol.com) to volunteer.

**Upcoming Food Pantry opportunities:**

**March 13th, 2024** -the second food **pick-up** at approximately**8:00 am**

**March 14th, 2024** - grocery bagging day - start time at **9:00 am**

March 20th, 2024 – Food Pantry Day! start time at **8:15 am**

**Easter Flowers:** Easter can be a wonderful time to remember loved ones with a gift to Christ Church for flowers. Please email Kelly Zeller at Zellerk0611@gmail.com with your dedication, drop it in the offering plate along with your donation, or mail it in with your donation to the office: 409 East High Street, Springfield, Ohio 45505. **The deadline is TODAY!**

Donor(s) In thanksgiving of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES**

**Palm Sunday: March 24th**

Join us at 8 am for a Quiet Rite I service and/or 10 am Festive Rite II service for The Liturgy of the Palms.

**Maundy Thursday: March 28th at 7 PM**

We remember Jesus’s mandate to break the bread and drink the cup together as we remember his life, death, and resurrection.

**Good Friday: March 29th at 7 PM**

On this most somber occasion, we recall the day of our Lord's execution. The Good Friday liturgy includes the full Passion Gospel, the Solemn Collects, and the Veneration of the Cross.

**The Feast of the Resurrection: March 31st  
Join us for 10 am** Festive Rite II service with choir and brass. On this holiest day of the Christian year, we rejoice at Christ's victory over the powers of death. ***There is not a 8:00 service on this Sunday.***

**Christ Church has an option for online giving through the church’s website.**

* Go to christspringfield.org or use the QR code
* Go to the tab in the upper right-hand corner marked “Online Giving”
* Click on the online giving link in blue
* Fill in the amount you would like to give
* Next, use the drop box **Pledged Giving for a Pledge or Miscellaneous Giving for other giving**
* If you choose Miscellaneous Giving, there is another memo drop box for the type of giving-choose one
* Fill out the rest of the form
* Press Continue
* On the next page, press **continue**
* Then enter your billing information
* Thank you!- If you have questions or concerns, please contact Kelly Zeller at [zellerk0611@gmail.com](mailto:zellerk0611@gmail.com).

**Ministers for March 10th, 2024**

**Altar Guild:** Cathy Yeazell and Gretchen Hicks

**Chalice:** Beth Deger

**Lector:** Judy Johnson

**Ushers:** Dan McGregor, Brian Drew, and Angus Randolph

**Videographer:** Kelly Zeller

**Coffee Hour Host:** Rick Everingham

**General Information**

**Rector:** The Rev. Dr. Michelle Boomgaard

**Senior Warden**: Scott Yeazell

**Junior Warden**: Steve Sharp

**Treasurer**: Ken Bladh

**Clerk of Vestry:** Kelly Zeller

**Vestry at Large**: Joy Meyers, Marjory Wentworth, Anne Strothman,

Bill Hicks, Lori Swafford, and Rick Everingham

**Parish Administrator & Program Coordinator**: Kelly Zeller

**Director of Music**: Dr. Christopher Durrenberger

**Facility Manager**: Paul McAfee

**Bookkeeper:** Tina Knox



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