**The Third Sunday in Lent**

**March 23rd, 2025 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: "Come Down, O Love Divine" - *Down Ampney*/arr. Callahan

**OPENING HYMN**: “Praise to the living God!” Hymnal 372

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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

TRISAGION Hymnal S99

**Holy God, Holy and Mighty,**

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

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

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**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.

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, forever and ever. **Amen.**

Dieu tout-puissant, tu sais que nous n’avons aucun pouvoir en nous-mêmes pour nous aider : garde-nous extérieurement dans nos corps et intérieurement dans nos âmes, afin que nous soyons protégés de toute; adversité qui pourrait atteindre notre corps et de toute mauvaise pensée qui pourrait assaillir et blesser notre âme par Jésus Christ, notre Seigneur, qui vit et règne avec toi et le Saint-Esprit, un seul Dieu, pour les siècles des siècles. ***Amen.***

**THE LESSONS**

**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 Lordappeared 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.

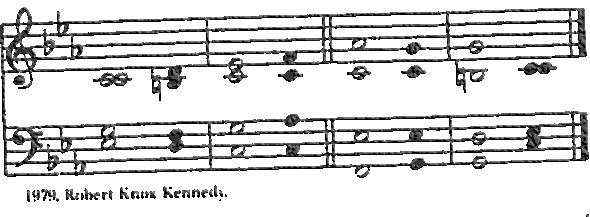
Then the Lord said, “I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing 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.”

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

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



THE RESPONSE PSALM 63:1-8

1 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.**

2 Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy **place, \***  
that I might behold your power and your **glory.**

3 For your loving-kindness is better than life it**self; \***  
my lips shall give you **praise.**

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

5 My soul is content, as with marrow and fat**ness, \***  
and my mouth praises you with joyful **lips,**

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

7 For you have been my **helper, \***  
and under the shadow of your wings I will re**joice.**

8 My soul clings to **you; \***  
your right hand holds me **fast.**

**THE SECOND LESSON 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.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

**SEQUENCE HYMN:** “When Israel was in Egypt’s land”Hymnal 648

**GOSPEL**

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (**Luke 13:1-9**).

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.'"

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.

**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.

**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 Sean, 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 Diocese of Southern Ohio cycle of prayer, we pray for All Saints, New Albany and Commission on Ministry. 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 Traudie Milleck and Lori Swafford and celebrating anniversaries this week, 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 Christina Schelle, Faye Richardson, Beth Harbaugh, Mary Allardyce, Pat Duncan, Marilyn Howat, Jeanie Everingham, Bonnie Bingman, Anita Beardsell, Diana DeVoe, Sandi Eyman, Margaret Mattox, Joy Bartenstein, Dodi Holmes, Alice Kelly, Barb Kelly, and Traudie Milleck, and any others we may now name, silently or aloud.  
***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 CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

**All: God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. *Amen.***

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. ***Amen.***

THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**OFFERTORY:** "Lord of Mercy" - Palestrina

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:** “What wondrous love is this” Hymnal 439

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:** “Lord, who throughout these forty days” Hymnal 142

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE:** "Piano Blue #1" - Copland

**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).

**Adult Forum Today after the service in the Parish Hall:** Join us today as we continue our conversation on the life of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Lutheran pastor, theologian, and anti-Nazi “spy.” Together, we’ll look at his life and his writings, and consider some of the major questions he raised and wrestled with during his time.

**Christ Church Food Pantry**

A big **THANK YOU!**to all the pantry volunteers! At the March Food Pantry we were blessed with beautiful weather allowing us to operate a typical Food Pantry. We served over 333 clients! Clients were offered a variety of items, including chicken, hamburger, hot dogs, sausage, salmon, tuna fish, milk, cereal, and canned goods, as well as extras like toilet paper, pet food, cleaning supplies, and toiletries. The clients are always grateful, and volunteers have a good time! Please contact **Brian Shelburne** [**bshelburne@wittenberg.edu**](mailto:bshelburne@wittenberg.edu)

**Kelly Zeller** [**zellerk0611@gmail.com**](mailto:zellerk0611@gmail.com) or **Anne Randolph** [**annejrand@aol.com**](mailto:annejrand@aol.com) to volunteer.

**Empty Bowls**

The Annual Wittenberg University Empty Bowls is **Thursday, March 27th** from 4:30–6:30 PM (Central Dining Room, Student Center of the Wittenberg Campus). Bowls are $20, which includes a humble meal of soup and bread. The goal is to raise $50,000 this year. All proceeds go to the Second Harvest Food Bank. For more information, contact Scott Dooley (937-327-6327 or sdooley@wittenberg.edu).

**Join us for our Spring Walk!**

Spring is springing. Join the people of Christ Church for an opportunity to wonder at God's creation on Saturday, April 5. We will meet at the Christ Church parking lot on Saturday at 10, and carpool to the Cedar Bog. Afterwards, we will enjoy brunch at a local restaurant, and should return by 2. The Cedar Bog has an extensive boardwalk, making this an ideal nature experience for everyone, including infants in strollers. Hope to see you there!

**2025 Altar Flower Dedication Chart**

If you would like to sponsor the Altar flowers for 2025 in memory of, thanksgiving. or in celebration for someone or something, contact Kelly Zeller at [zellerk0611@gmail.com](mailto:zellerk0611@gmail.com). Please be very specific in what or who you are dedicating the altar flowers, and if you have a particular choice of flower. Suggested donation is $45.

June 29th

July 6th, 20th, and 27th

August 10th, 17th, and 31st

October 5th and 26th

November 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 23rd

**EASTER FLOWERS**

Easter is a wonderful time to remember loved ones with a gift to Christ Church of flowers. Please email Kelly Zeller at [Zellerk0611@gmail.com](mailto: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 Sunday, April 6th.**

Donor(s)

In thanksgiving for

In memory of

**Ministers for March 23rd, 2025**

**Altar Guild:** Joan Hurley

**Chalice:** Beth Deger

**Lector:** Keith Doubt

**Ushers:** Sally Schwartz, Anne Strothman, and Judy Roby

**Coffee Hour Hosts**: Rick Everingham

**Videographer:** Truss, Inc.

**General Information**

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

**Senior Warden**: Joyce Spangler

**Junior Warden**: Dan McGregor

**Treasurer**: Ken Bladh

**Clerk of Vestry:** Kelly Zeller

**Vestry at Large**: Kay Koeninger, Marjory Wentworth, Anne Strothman,

David Bingman, Beth Deger, and Rick Everingham

**Parish Director & Parish Administrator**: Kelly Zeller

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

**Facility Manager**: Paul McAfee

**Bookkeeper:** Tina Knox

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