

The Third Sunday in Lent

Year B

March 3, 2024



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Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Entrance Rite

Prelude *Variations on a Shape-Note Hymn* Samuel Barber (1910–1981)

Processional Hymnal 446

Praise to the Holiest in the height Newman

Children's Chapel follows the procession. Suggested ages are pre-K through fifth grade; younger children are welcome if accompanied by adults.

Penitential Order BCP 351

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People His mercy endures for ever.

Summary of the Law

Confession and Absolution (*Kneeling*) BCP 352

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.

Kyrie eleison (*Kneeling*)
from *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*
Lord, have mercy upon us (3x)
Christ, have mercy upon us (3x)
Lord, have mercy upon us (3x)

Hymnal S-91
Healey Willan (1880–1968)

Collect of the Day (*Kneeling*)

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.*

The Word of God

First Lesson

Exodus 20:1–17

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you

shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.



Moses mit den Gesetzestafeln (Moses Smashing the Tablets of the Law), Rembrandt. 1659. Gemäldegalerie, Berlin.

Psalm 19: 7–14

Caeli enarrant

BCP 606

Sung by the choir.

chant: Plainsong, Tone VII

7 The law of the Lord is perfect
and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the Lord is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.

8 The statutes of the Lord are just
and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the Lord is clear
and gives light to the eyes.

- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean
and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:18–25

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

Sequence Hymn
In the cross of Christ I glory

Hymnal 441
Rathbun

Holy Gospel

John 2:13–22

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money



changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, “Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father’s house a marketplace!” His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.” The Jews then said to him, “What sign can you show us for doing this?” Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” The Jews then said, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?” But he was speaking of

the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Jesus Casting Out the Money Changers at the Temple, Carl Heinrich Bloch. 1874.

Sermon

The Rev. Patti R. Davis, *Deacon*

Nicene Creed

BCP 358

Prayers of the People, Form I

BCP 383

The Peace

The Holy Communion

Offertory

Sicut cervus

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525–1594)

As the hart longs for water, so my soul yearns for you, O God. (*Psalms* 42:2)

Doxology

Hymnal 380, v. 3

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The Great Thanksgiving, <i>Eucharistic Prayer A</i>	BCP 361
Sanctus and Benedictus	Hymnal S-114
from <i>Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena</i>	H. Willan
Lord's Prayer	BCP 364
The Breaking of the Bread	
Fraction Anthem, <i>Agnus Dei</i>	Hymnal S-158
from <i>Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena</i>	H. Willan
All Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion.	
Holy Communion	Hymnal 439, 685
<i>What wondrous love is this</i>	<i>Wondrous Love</i>
<i>Rock of ages, cleft for me</i>	<i>Toplady</i>
Postcommunion Prayer	BCP 365
Processional	Hymnal 473
<i>Lift high the cross</i>	<i>Crucifer</i>
Postlude "Allegro maestoso" from <i>Sonata No. 1</i> , Op. 65/1	
	Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)



Prayers of the People*

For the people of Ukraine, Israel and Gaza and places of conflict around the world: for strength, hope, perseverance, and protection; for liberation from violence and oppression; for the end of war and the laying down of weapons.

Also for Ludwig & Carla Gustafson, Paul & Tamara McIvor, Patrick, Ted, Mike and family

For the Birthdays of Lisa Chappell, Jay Jones, Kai Ott, Betty Pember, Virginia Cann, Bobby Davenport, Mason Howington, Laura Kirkpatrick, Ruthie Whitlow, Margaret Bohnstedt, Gary Radke, Peter Larvan, Thomas Wallace, Kristin Ott, Traci Sikes, Hamp Threlkeld, Owen Eberle, Chris Hallman, Madeleine Ham, Stephen Rilee, Bill Lynch, Ernie Montford Sr., Sarah Southerland, EB Threlkeld, Peter Trussell, David Seyle, Mary Douglass Hallman, Maddie Mar-

tinez, Alyson Moher, Lynda Roades, Jane Espy, Frank Brevik, Marianne Fleming, Sterling Claiborne, David Evans, Lora Reese, Nevin Patton III, Patton Dugas, Tommy Gennuso, Jim Waterman, Ellen Evans, Thomas Hill, Kathryn Trussell

For the Wedding Anniversaries of Chris Hendricks and Brian Martine, Jess and Sam Mikell, Suzanne Phillips and Russell Smith, Sandra and Jay Eberle, Liz and Simon Macfadyen

For Those Who Have Died and for the Comfort of Their Families: Louise Huntington Shipps, Beatrice Douglas

*The full prayer list may be found on our website and in our weekly email.

Announcements

Altar Greens

The greens on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Betty Jane Webster, W. Beaumont Whitney III, and Peyton Randolph Gray by the Webster family.

This Week at Christ Church

Sunday, March 3 - The Third Sunday in Lent

9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

9:30 a.m. Adult Forum & Children's Sunday School (Parish House)

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

6:00 p.m. *Embracing the Dark*, followed by Choral Compline

Monday through Friday, March 4–March 8

10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Docent Tours

Wednesday, March 6

12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist and Prayers for Healing

12:30 p.m. Mid-day Music. *If Music Be the Food of Love*

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Next Sunday at Christ Church

Sunday, March 10 - The Fourth Sunday in Lent

9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

9:30 a.m. Adult Forum & Children's Sunday School (Parish House)

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

6:00 p.m. *Embracing the Dark*, followed by Choral Compline

Altar Arrangement Donations

If you would like to donate the altar arrangement in thanksgiving, in celebration, or in memory of a loved one, please contact Catherine Gussler, cmgussler@gmail.com or 912-222-0888. The suggested donation is \$100. Throughout the season of Lent, the altar will be arranged with greens. Following Lent, flowers will be used.

Mid-day Music: *If Music Be the Food of Love*

Wednesday, March 6, 12:30 p.m.

Join us for *If Music Be the Food of Love* following the noon service on Wednesday, March 6. Director of Music George Fergus will play a half-hour program of organ music inspired by the Psalms.

Listening for God's Call: The Spiritual Practice of Discernment

Sunday, March 10 Adult Forum, 2nd Floor of the Parish House, 9:30 a.m.

"Landing a Dream: Coming to Ground,"

The Rev. Lauren Byrd, Priest Associate, St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Discernment often begins with big and lofty questions: questions that find us dreaming in new directions, seemingly caught in mid-air. The trouble is we can't stay there for long. Eventually, we come to ground, with bruises to show for it. This Sunday, we'll talk about the creative role limitations and losses can play in the work of discerning how to offer ourselves to the glory of God on the actual ground where we live.

Christ Church Shoe Drive

Sundays, March 3, 10, and 17

Mark this Lenten season by donating **new** or **gently used** athletic shoes at church this Sunday. These shoes will be collected by Steps for World, a youth-led nonprofit that connects youth in East Africa to needed supplies. Because many youth travel by foot, access to shoes can mean access to education, water, and a better quality of life. Any shoe size is greatly appreciated, and youth sizes are especially in demand. Donation bins will be available in the narthex (church entrance) and in the undercroft. Providing shoes for those who need them is a great way to travel with Christ through the wilderness this Lent. Many thanks to Steps for World for partnering with Christ Church in this project!

LENT AT CHRIST CHURCH

Listening for God's Call: The Spiritual Practice of Discernment

Sunday Adult Forum, 2nd Floor of the Parish House, 9:30 a.m.

Nursery provided for ages 0–4

The spiritual work of discernment is ongoing and part of the Christian experience, no matter your age or stage. We discern our studies, professions, relationships, parenting, financial decisions, retirement and a million decisions in-between. The Church offers many tools and great wisdom on discerning vocation—the call of God—in ways big and small. However, these gifts have primarily been used by those seeking ordination. In this series, we will explore some of the ways you may discern the decisions of your life in the context of Christian Faith.

Let's Build Some Bible Stories

Children's Sunday School, 2nd Floor Parish House, 9:30 a.m.

Nursery provided for ages 0–4

Children and youth are invited to roll up their sleeves and get to work. We are going to create immersive art focused on five great Bible stories.

***Embracing the Dark* followed by Choral Compline**

Sunday Evenings in the Nave, 6:00 p.m.

What happens if we abandon our preconceptions of Lent as primarily a season of doom and gloom and instead seek to find inspiration and even illumination in darkness? Join Christ Church member and professor of art history Gary Radke for a four-part Lenten series on the positive power of darkness in Renaissance art. Discuss how all of us might meaningfully embrace darkness, shadows, and obscurity. Consider “Darkness and Drama in Caravaggio’s Art” (March 3); and “Problems with Light” (March 10). Sessions will be held in the church nave from 6–7 p.m., beginning with a Powerpoint presentation and discussion followed by Choral Compline sung by the staff singers.

In the Spirit: Lenten Discussion Series

Mondays, March 11, & March 26 at the Sandfly 5-Spot, 5:30 p.m.

“In the Spirit” is a discussion group for those who seek to deepen their faith through meaningful conversations. Join us this Lent as we explore questions surrounding change, conflict, and Christ’s mandate to love.

Mid-Day Music

Wednesdays following the noon Eucharist in the church. Contemplative organ music will be offered by area organists each Wednesday in Lent. These programs are free and open to the public, with a free-will offering to benefit Emmaus House’s homeless meals ministry.

Christ Church Book Group

Thursday, March 14 in the Undercroft, 10:30 a.m.

When Bad Things Happen to Good People by Rabbi Harold Kushner.

Often imitated but never superseded, *When Bad Things Happen to Good People* is a classic that offers clear thinking and consolation in times of sorrow.

Lenten Book Study

Wednesday, March 20 in the Undercroft, 6:00 p.m.

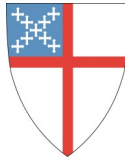
Learning to Walk in the Dark by Barbara Brown Taylor

This book was chosen in tandem with the Sunday evening program, *Embracing the Dark*. In *Learning to Walk in the Dark*, Episcopal priest and New York Times best-selling author, Barbara Brown Taylor, steps away from our “solar spirituality.” She explores the uncomfortable experience of darkness, physically and spiritually, and encourages us to seek God’s presence there, also.

Music & Meditation for Passiontide

Palm Sunday, March 24, 4:00 p.m.

Begin your journey through Holy Week with this contemplative program featuring Marcel Dupré’s *Passion Symphony*. This exquisite work for solo organ will be paired with readings and meditations by the Rev. Canon Todd Smelser.



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The Reverend Michael S. White, *Rector*

The Reverend Samantha K. McKean, *Senior Associate Rector*

The Reverend Helen S. White, *Associate Rector*

The Reverend Patricia Rhoads Davis, *Deacon*

George H. Fergus, *Director of Music*

Suzanne Phillips Smith, *Parish Administrator*

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The Reverend Canon Todd D. Smelser, *Priest Associate*

The Reverend Liam G. Collins, *Priest Associate*

The Reverend Richard "Max" Maxwell, *Priest Associate*

The Reverend David C. Seyle, *United Methodist Pastor-in-Residence*

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Polly C. Webster; Susan H. Wetmore

Sundays

9:15 a.m. Nursery, located on the 2nd floor of the Parish House at 18 Abercorn

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

The Church building is located at 28 Bull Street, Savannah, Georgia 31401

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Christ Church, the "Mother Church of Georgia," was founded on February 12, 1733 and is a member of the Diocese of Georgia which, in turn, is one of 110 Dioceses which composes The Episcopal Church in the United States of America and abroad. The Episcopal Church is a constituent member of the Anglican Communion, a fellowship within the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church of those duly constituted dioceses, provinces, and regional Churches in communion with the See of Canterbury. The fellowship upholds and propagates the historic Faith and Order as set forth in the Book of Common Prayer. The current church building was constructed in 1838 and is the third one on the original site.