



CHORAL EVENSONG

The Third Sunday in Lent

March 3, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL

Greenville, South Carolina

WELCOME

In the name of our Risen Lord Jesus Christ, we welcome you to Christ Church Episcopal.

Known as the “Parish in the Heart of the City,” Christ Church is blessed by the beauty of its church, chapel, and setting, which have been preserved and expanded by the energy and vision of faithful stewards, both past and present.

For more than two centuries, we have been gathering to worship God and demonstrate our faith in our daily lives. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we are inspired to be *a joyful community sharing life in Jesus Christ.*

We hope you will experience God’s blessings during this service
as we have been blessed by your presence.

CHRIST CHURCH CLERGY

The Rev. Dr. Harrison McLeod, *Rector*
The Rev. Kellie Wilson, *Senior Associate Rector*
The Rev. Scott Fleischer, *Associate for Pastoral Care*
The Rev. Lindy Bunch, *Associate for Parish Life*
The Rev. Wallace Adams-Riley, *CCES Chaplain*

AN ORDER FOR EVENING PRAYER

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Donald W. Duncan, *Director of Liturgy & Music*

The congregation stands at the sound of the Tower Bell and joins in singing the hymn in procession.

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION, NO. 149 | *Eternal Lord of love, behold your Church*

THE PRECES AND RESPONSES *(Sung by the choir)*

Robert J. Powell

O Lord, open thou our lips.
And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.
O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
Praise ye the Lord.
The Lord's Name be praised.

The congregation is seated.

THE APPOINTED PSALM, 19 *(Sung by the Choir)*

Anglican chant by Samuel Sebastian Wesley

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows his handiwork. One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another. Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard, their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world. In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course. It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat. The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent. The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes. The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb. By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward. Who can tell how often he offends? Cleanse me from my secret faults. 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. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, Lord, my strength and my redeemer. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

THE 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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE MAGNIFICAT (*Sung by the choir*)

Anglican Chant by William Crotch

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is his Name. And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations. He hath showed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen. (*The Song of Mary, Luke 1:46-55*)

THE SECOND LESSON

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word; For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people, To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen. (*The Song of Simeon, Luke 2:29-32*)

Following the Nunc Dimittis, all stand for the Apostles' Creed.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Officiant I believe in God,
All **the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of
God the Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the
quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Following the Apostles' Creed, the Congregation kneels for the prayers.

THE LESSER LITANY, LORD'S PRAYER, AND SUFFRAGES

Robert J. Powell

Sung by the Choir:

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.
Let us pray.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

All join, chanting in monotone:

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.

Sung by the Choir:

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.
And grant us thy salvation.
O Lord, save the state.
And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.
Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.
And make thy chosen people joyful.
O Lord, save thy people.
And bless thine inheritance.
Give peace in our time, O Lord.
Because there is none other that fightest for us, but only thou, O God.
O God, make clean our hearts within us.
And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Almighty God, who seest that we have no power of 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 liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of all enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

O God, who art the life of all who live, the light of the faithful, the strength of those who labor, and the repose of the dead: We thank thee for the timely blessings of the day, and humbly beseech thy merciful protection all the night. Bring us, we pray thee, in safety to the morning hours; through him who died for us and rose again, thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Officiant offers additional intercessions:

O God, the creator and preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that thou wouldest be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for thy holy Church universal; that it may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to thy fatherly goodness all those who are in any ways afflicted or distressed, in mind, body, or estate; especially those for whom our prayers are desired: for the sick of this parish, for those who grieve, for those who minister to the poor and needy within our communities; that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ's sake. **Amen.**

Please be seated following the intercessions.

During the singing of the following two anthems, a special offering will be collected for the support of the Christ Church Music Ministry.

THE ANTHEMS AT THE OFFERTORY

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes;
and I shall keep it unto the end.

Text | Psalm 119:33

Music | Thomas Attwood (1765–1838)

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness; make thy way plain before my face.
For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord only, that makest me dwell in safety.

Text | Psalm 5:8, 4:9

Music | Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810–1876)

Please kneel for the General Thanksgiving.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Officiant Almighty God,
All Father of all mercies,
 we thine unworthy servants
 do give thee most humble and hearty thanks
 for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men.
 We bless thee for our creation, preservation,
 and all the blessings of this life;
 but above all for thine inestimable love
 in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ,
 for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
 And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies,
 that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;
 and that we show forth thy praise,
 not only with our lips, but in our lives,
 by giving up our selves to thy service,
 and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
 be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Officiant Almighty God,
 who hast given us grace at this time with one accord
 to make our common supplication unto thee;
 and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son
 that when two or three are gathered together in his Name
 thou wilt be in the midst of them:
 Fulfill now, O Lord,
 the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us;
 granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth,
 and in the world to come life everlasting.

People Amen.

Please stand.

THE DISMISSAL & GRACE

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Officiant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
 and the love of God,
 and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost,
 be with us all evermore.

People Amen.

All join in singing the Office Hymn.

THE OFFICE HYMN, NO. 662 | *Abide with me*

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Donald W. Duncan, *Director of Liturgy & Music*

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR THIS EVENING'S SERVICE

The Rev. Scott Fleischer, Officiant
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Please join us for

**EASTERTIDE
LESSONS & CAROLS**

Sunday, April 7, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.



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A JOYFUL COMMUNITY
SHARING LIFE IN JESUS CHRIST