



CHORAL EVENSONG

The Third Sunday in Lent

March 12, 2023

5:00 p.m.

CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL

Greenville, South Carolina

WELCOME

In the name of our 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 200 years, 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

ALTAR GREENS

The greens on the altar are given to the glory of Almighty God and in memory of
George P. Apperson, Jr. by the Family of George P. Apperson, Jr.

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY | *Solemn Prelude on a Theme of Thomas Tallis*
Dr. Charles Tompkins, *Artist in Residence*

Gerald Near

THE RINGING OF THE TOWER BELL

Please stand at the ringing of the bell and join in singing the hymn.

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION, NO. 435 | *At the Name of Jesus*

KING'S WESTON

THE PRECES AND RESPONSES (*Sung by the Christ Church Parish Choir*)

The Christ Church Responses
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, 95 (*Sung by the Christ Church Parish Choir*)

Anglican Chant by John Stainer

- 1 O come, let us sing unto the LORD;
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving;
and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.
- 3 For the LORD is a great God;
and a great King above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are all the corners of the earth;
and the strength of the hills is his also.
- 5 The sea is his, and he made it;
and his hands prepared the dry land.
- 6 O come, let us worship and fall down,
and kneel before the LORD our Maker.
- 7 For he is the Lord our God;
and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.
- 8 To-day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts
as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness;
- 9 When your fathers tempted me,
proved me, and saw my works.
- 10 Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said,
It is a people that do err in their hearts, for they have not known my ways:
- 11 Unto whom I swear in my wrath,
that they should not enter into my rest.

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

Romans 5:1-11

Lector A reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE MAGNIFICAT

setting by Healey Willan (1880-1968)

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 4:5-42

Lector A reading from the Gospel of St. John.

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back.” The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!” The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.” Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

THE NUNC DIMITTIS

setting by Healey Willan (1880-1968)

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*)

THE SERMON

The Reverend Kellie Wilson, *Senior Associate Rector*

THE ANTHEM

O Lorde, the maker of al thing, we pray Thee nowe in this evening
Us to defende through Thy mercy, from al deceite of our our enemy.

Let neither us deluded be, Good Lorde, with dreame or phantasy;
Our hearts waking in thee thou kepe that we in sinne fal not on slepe.

O Father, throughe thy blessed Son, grant us this oure petition,
To whom, with the Holy Ghost alwaies, in heaven and yearth be laude and praise.

Text: King Henry VIII (1491-1547)

Music: John Joubert (1927-2019)

Following the Anthem the congregation stands 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

The Christ Church Responses
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.

Following the collects the congregation is seated.

THE WORDS OF WELCOME

The Reverend Wilson

The collection this evening will be directed to the Christ Church Music Ministry.

THE ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it.
Love is strong as death. Greater love hath no man than this,
that a man lay down his life for his friends.
Who his own self bare our sins in his own Body on the tree,
that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness.
Ye are washed, ye are sanctified, ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus.
Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation,
that ye should shew forth the praises
of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.
I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God,
that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice,
holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

Text: Song of Solomon 8:7; St John 15; I Peter 2; I Corinthians 6; Romans 12

Music: John Ireland (1879-1962)

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.
All Amen.

The congregation stands following the prayer.

THE DISMISSAL AND GRACE

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.
All 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.
All Amen.

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION, NO. 662 | *Abide with me, fast falls the eventide*

EVENTIDE

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY | *Toccata*

Eugene Gigout

SERVING IN WORSHIP THIS EVENING

The Rev. Kellie Wilson, Officiant & Preacher

Susan Conway, Lay Reader

Kevin Mertens, Verger

Boyd Galloway, Adrian Smith, Katherine Trask, soloists

The Christ Church Parish Choir

The Christ Church Altar Guild

Dr. Charles Tompkins, Artist in Residence

Donald W. Duncan, Director of Liturgy & Music



CHRIST CHURCH
EPISCOPAL

10 N. CHURCH STREET • GREENVILLE, SC
864.271.8773 • WWW.CCGSC.ORG