



*The Fourth Sunday in Lent  
March 19, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.*

# CHORAL MATTINS

**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 FLOWERS

The greens on the altar are given to the glory of Almighty God  
and in memory of Frank Morris DuPree, Jr. by Gay and Frank DuPree.

## CHORAL MATTINS

The service of Choral Mattins, or sung morning prayer, is an old tradition in Anglicanism. Before the introduction of the 1979 Book of Common Prayer (our current prayer book), the Holy Eucharist was not the principal service each Sunday in most Episcopal parishes. Morning Prayer was the norm for most Sundays, with Holy Communion being celebrated once or twice each month. This uniquely Anglican service focuses on the reading of Scripture, the singing of psalms and canticles, prayers, and a sermon.  
Today we celebrate our liturgical heritage with this special service.

## ORDER OF SERVICE

*In preparation for the service, we invite your quiet prayers and ask that you please silence your cell phone.  
The congregation stands as the organist begins the hymn in procession.*

### **The Organ Voluntary**

Donald W. Duncan, Director of Liturgy & Music

*The congregation stands at the sound of the tower bell.*

### **The Hymn in Procession, No. 429**

*I'll praise my Maker while I've breath*

### **The Opening Sentences of Scripture**

The Rev. Dr. Harrison McLeod, Officiant

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8, 9*

### **The Confession of Sin and Absolution**

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People together, all kneeling.*

Almighty and most merciful Father,  
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,  
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,  
we have offended against thy holy laws,  
we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,  
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.  
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,  
spare thou those who confess their faults,  
restore thou those who are penitent,  
according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord;  
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,  
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,  
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

*The Priest alone stands and says*

The Almighty and merciful Lord  
grant you absolution and remission of all your sins,  
true repentance, amendment of life,  
and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*The congregation stands.*

## THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

### The Preces and Responses

The Christ Church Greenville Responses  
by Robert J. Powell (Commissioned March 2018)

*Sung by the Choir.*

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 Canticle: Venite, exultemus Domino

*All join in singing.*



- 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 pre|pared 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 O worship the LORD in the | beauty • of holiness; ★  
let the whole earth | stand in awe of him.
- 9 For he cometh, for he cometh to | judge the earth; ★  
and with righteousness to judge the world, and the | peoples with his truth.

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.** **A**men.

*The congregation is seated as the choir chants the psalm.*

**The Appointed Psalm: Psalm 23**

Plainsong, Tone VIII.1

*Sung by the Choir.*

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; ★  
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures ★  
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul ★  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; ★  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; ★  
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, ★  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord 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 LESSONS**

**The First Lesson: Ephesians 5:8-14**

Lector      A Reading from St. Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians.

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

Lector      The Word of the Lord.

**People      Thanks be to God.**

*The congregation stands for the canticle and joins in singing.*

## **The Cantic: Jubilate Deo**



O BE joyful in the LORD | all ye lands: ★

serve the LORD with gladness, and come before his | presence with a song.

2 Be ye sure that the LORD he is God; it is he that hath made us and not | we ourselves; ★  
we are his people, and the | sheep of • his pasture.

3 O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his | courts with praise; ★  
be thankful unto him and | speak | good of • his Name.

4 For the LORD is gracious, his mercy is | everlasting; ★  
and his truth endureth from generation to | generation.

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 congregation is seated following the cantic.*

## **The Second Lesson: John 9:1-41**

Lector      A reading from the Gospel of St. John.

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.” They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.” Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “He is a prophet.” The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” His parents answered, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue.

Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.” So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.” Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

Lector      The Word of the Lord.

People      **Thanks be to God.**

*The congregation stands for the canticle and joins in singing.*

**The Cantic: Benedictus es, Domine**



BLESSED art thou, O Lord | God of • our fathers: ★  
praised and exalted above | all for **ever**.

2 Blessed art thou for the | Name of • thy Majesty: ★  
praised and exalted above | all for **ever**.

3 Blessed art thou in the temple | of thy holiness: ★  
praised and exalted above | all for **ever**.

4 Blessed art thou that beholdest the depths, and dwellest be|tween the Cherubim: ★  
praised and exalted above | all for **ever**.

5 Blessed art thou on the glorious | throne of • thy kingdom: ★  
praised and exalted above | all for **ever**.

6 Blessed art thou in the firma|ment of heaven: ★  
praised and exalted above | all 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 congregation is seated following the cantic.*

*The congregation stands for the Apostles' Creed.*

**The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, 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.

*The congregation kneels for the prayers.*

**THE PRAYERS**

**The Lesser Litany, Lord's Prayer, and Suffrages**

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by Robert J. Powell (Commissioned March 2018)

*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.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down  
from heaven to be the true bread which giveth life to the  
world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us,  
and we in him; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the  
Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

O God, the King eternal, who dividest the day from the  
night and turnest the shadow of death into the morning:  
Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep  
thy law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that,  
having done thy will with cheerfulness while it was day, we  
may, when the night cometh, rejoice to give thee thanks;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole  
body of thy faithful people is governed and sanctified:  
Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before  
thee for all members of thy holy Church, that in their  
vocation and ministry they may truly and godly serve thee;  
through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Following the prayers, the congregation is seated.*

## **The Welcome and Announcements**

### **The Anthem at the Offertory**

O for a closer walk with God, a calm and heavenly frame;  
A light to shine upon the road that leads me to the Lamb!

Return, O holy dove, return, sweet messenger of rest;  
I hate the sins that made thee mourn, and drove thee from my breast.

So shall my walk be close with God, calm and serene my frame;  
So purer light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

Text: William Cowper (1731-1800)

Music: Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

*Following the anthem, the congregation stands and joins in singing the hymn.*

**The Office Hymn, No. 646**

*The King of love my shepherd is*

*Following the Office Hymn, the congregation kneels for the General Thanksgiving.*

**The General Thanksgiving**

*Officiant and People together:*

Almighty God, 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 congregation stands.*

**The Supplication**

O Lord, arise, help us;  
*And deliver us for thy Name's sake.*

O God, we have heard with our ears,  
and our fathers have declared unto us,  
the noble works that thou didst in their days,  
and in the old time before them.

*O Lord, arise, help us;  
and deliver us for thy Name's sake.*

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.

*O Lord, arise, help us;  
and deliver us for thy Name's sake.*

V. From our enemies defend us, O Christ;

**R. *Graciously behold our afflictions.***

V. With pity behold the sorrows of our hearts;

**R. *Mercifully forgive the sins of thy people.***

V. Favorably with mercy hear our prayers;

**R. *O Son of David, have mercy upon us.***

V. Both now and ever vouchsafe to hear us, O Christ;

**R. *Graciously hear us, O Christ;  
graciously hear us, O Lord Christ.***

Let us pray. We humbly beseech thee, O Father,  
mercifully to look upon our infirmities;  
and, for the glory of thy Name,  
turn from us all those evils that we most justly have deserved;  
and grant that in all our troubles  
we may put our whole trust and confidence in thy mercy,  
and evermore serve thee in holiness and pureness of living,  
to thy honor and glory;  
through our only Mediator and Advocate,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Let us bless the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

**The Hymn in Procession, No. 559**

*Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us*

*In keeping with the solemnity of Lent,  
a festive closing organ voluntary is not played.*

## **Serving in Worship Today**

The Rev. Dr. Harrison McLeod, Officiant & Preacher

Kathryn Owen Kix & Gayle Saylor, Vergers

David Padilla, Lay Reader

The Christ Church Parish Choir

The Christ Church Altar Guild

Howard Thompson, Guest Conductor

Donald W. Duncan, Director of Liturgy & Music



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