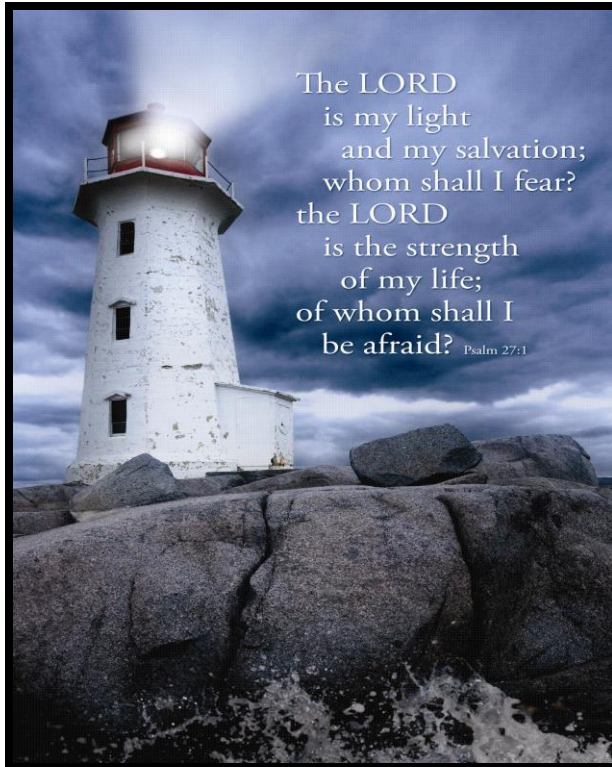


# Second Sunday in Lent

## March 17, 2019



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8:00 AM

**Christ Episcopal Church**  
**Montpelier, VT**

Christ Church is a Christian faith community that welcomes all, worships together, transforms lives, and engages in God's work in greater Montpelier and beyond.

## **The Holy Eucharist – Rite I – 8:00 am**

*Worship in the Episcopal Church involves body mind and spirit. We stand to praise and pray. We sit to listen and learn. We sometimes kneel in silent meditation. No matter which prayer posture you choose, we want you to feel comfortable in your own style of worship here at Christ Episcopal Church.*

Salutation and response

BCP 323

Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

**God's mercy endureth for ever.**

Kyrie Eleison

BCP 324

Lord, have mercy on us.

**Christ, have mercy on us.**

Lord, have mercy on us.

Confession and Absolution

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

BCP 166

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from thy ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of thy Word, Jesus Christ

thy Son; who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## **The Word of God**

A reading from the Book Genesis

15:1-12, 17-18

Psalms 27

BCP 617-619

The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
whom then shall I fear?  
the LORD is the strength of my life;  
of whom then shall I be afraid?

When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh,  
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who  
stumbled and fell.

Though an army should encamp against me,  
yet my heart shall not be afraid;

And though war should rise up against me,  
yet will I put my trust in him.

One thing have I asked of the LORD;  
one thing I seek;  
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;

To behold the fair beauty of the LORD  
and to seek him in his temple.

For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe  
in his shelter;  
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling  
and set me high upon a rock.

Even now he lifts up my head  
above my enemies round about me.

Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation  
with sounds of great gladness;  
I will sing and make music to the LORD.

Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call;  
have mercy on me and answer me.  
You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face."  
Your face, LORD, will I seek.  
Hide not your face from me,  
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.  
You have been my helper;  
cast me not away;  
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.  
Though my father and my mother forsake me,  
the LORD will sustain me.  
Show me your way, O LORD;  
lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.  
Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries,  
for false witnesses have risen up against me,  
and also those who speak malice.  
What if I had not believed  
that I should see the goodness of the LORD  
in the land of the living!  
O tarry and await the LORD's pleasure;  
be strong, and he shall comfort your heart;  
wait patiently for the LORD.

A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians 3:17-4:1

The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 13:31-35  
**Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The Sermon Rev. Steve Reynes

The Nicene Creed BCP 326

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven  
and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Creator God, you have promised to hear when we pray in the name of your Son.  
**Therefore, in confidence and trust we pray for the church and for the world.**

Father, enliven the church for its mission.

**That we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.**

Breathe fresh life into your people.

**Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.**

Creator of us all, lead us and every people into the ways of justice and peace.

**That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.**

Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.

**Teach us to care creatively for its resources.**

God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others.

**That all may act with integrity and courage.**

Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours.

**May we serve Christ in one another and love as he loves us.**

God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind or spirit. Today we pray for Ernest, Charlotte, Mary Helen, Evan, Maria, Candi, Betsy, Noah, Sarah, Frank, Dotty, Tod, Steve, Eric and family and for those whom you wish to name either silently or aloud. (Pause)

**May they know the power of your healing love.**

Make us willing agents of your compassion.

**Strengthen us as we share in making people whole.**

We remember with thanksgiving those who have died in the faith of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone. Today, we especially remember those persons you name either silently or aloud.

**Lord, into your hands we commend them.**

Lord, you have called us to serve you.

**Grant that we may walk in your presence: your love in our hearts, your truth in our minds, your strength in our wills; until, at the end of our journey, we know the joy of our homecoming and the welcome of your embrace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

## **The Holy Communion**

*All are welcome to receive communion at our Lord's table!*

*In addition to traditional consecrated bread and wine,  
consecrated gluten free hosts and grape juice are available upon request.*

The Offertory

The Great Thanksgiving

BCP 340

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Hosts:  
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.**

**Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.**

**Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread, and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

**Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty**

**resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.**

**And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.**

**And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;**

**By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 336

**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.**

The Fraction

**Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us!  
Therefore let us keep the feast.**

The Distribution of Communion

The Postcommunion Prayer

BCP 339

**Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of**



**the most precious body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

The Blessing

The Dismissal

## **Welcome!**

Thank you for worshipping with us today!

*Chris Long is the Lay Eucharistic Minister this morning.*

*Christ Episcopal Church's team of preachers reflects a variety of styles by bringing the Word of God to life in unique and relevant ways.*

*Your direct feedback is always welcomed and appreciated.*

## **Christ Church Staff and Leadership**

Paul Habersang, *Priest-in-Partnership*

Beth Ann Maier, *Regional Deacon*

Lynnette Combs, *Organist and Choirmaster*

Bruce Story, *Senior Warden*

Sarah Hofmann, *Junior Warden*

Denise Womer, *Youth and Families Director*

Kathy Preis, *Administrator*

## **Vestry**

### Class of 2019

Bruce Story  
David Blythe  
Joan Murray

### Class of 2020

Diane Holland  
Sarah Hofmann  
Shawn Bryan

### Class of 2021

Steve Dale  
Amy Kuzio  
Kenley Freeman

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**Fifth Bach Organ Marathon on March 24<sup>th</sup>** Everyone is invited to the Fifth Bach Organ Marathon, here in the sanctuary on Sunday, March 24th, starting at 1:30PM. Hear the glorious music of J.S. Bach, played by several Vermont organists, on our outstanding Wilhelm organ. There will also be a few piano students, playing the organ for the first time, and - not to be missed - a few enlightening remarks by Willem Lange. Bring friends and family; come for all or part. Donations will benefit the Montpelier public schools' music scholarship fund.

**United Girls' Choir** from New Haven, Connecticut will be participants in the 10:00AM worship service at Christ Church on Sunday, April 7, 2019. Come and enjoy the voices of this 45-member choir, which draws members from communities throughout Connecticut. There will be a pot-luck lunch afterwards, and a chance to talk with these talented and hardworking girls, who are on tour in New England.

**Greetings Music Lovers!** Central Vermont is hosting the Vermont All-State Music Festival in May. "All-State" is a three-day convening of the very best of Vermont's high school singers and musicians. The event includes lots of rehearsals for the kids, but also a parade and a concert for the public to enjoy. To make this happen, organizers need housing for 380 visiting students. Are you able to help?

The dates are May 9-11. Families would host two or more kids. Beds are nice but sleeping pallets or air mattresses are okay too. You only need to provide breakfast and maybe send the kids with a few snacks as lunch and dinner will be provided by school. And they would need to be transported by a driver over the age of 25. There is a simple background check form as well. If you are able to help, please contact Michele Tofel Murray at [mtofelmurray@gmail.com](mailto:mtofelmurray@gmail.com) Thank you for considering!

**BISHOP TRANSITION UPDATE** This week marks the culmination of over a year of faithful work by the Bishop Discernment and Nominating Committee. Tomorrow, the semi-finalist candidates arrive for the Discernment Retreat with the BDNC. The four days of the retreat will focus on deepening our mutual discernment together through conversation, worship, song, shared meals,

and fun. I invite you to hold us in your hearts and prayers this week as we listen for where God is leading the Episcopal Church in Vermont. And stay tuned - the finalists will be announced the end of the month. Very soon you will have an opportunity to hear all about them! Maggie Thompson, Chair, BDNC

**Vestry Meeting:** There will be a meeting of the Christ Church vestry (elected leadership team) on Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM in the chancel.

### **Youth & Family Announcements:**

**Service Bunny Jars:** Families, please make sure to take a “Service Bunny Jar” to work on at home. It’s a great way to engage our youngest members in the significance of the season. It’s simple; for each act of kindness, put a cotton ball in the jar, and on Easter Sunday we will celebrate the Risen Lord and the full jars with an Easter Egg Hunt. We will then use the cotton balls to create something wonderful during church school after Easter.

**Just for Us Lent Calendar:** This year, Youth and Family Ministries formatted a Lenten calendar that is just for us. It highlights the Church School curriculum and the numerous service projects we do throughout the calendar year. Young and the young at heart are welcome to take a calendar.

**You’ve Been Egged Easter Egg Hunt:** Every year, Youth and Family Ministries sponsors an egg hunt immediately following the 10:00AM Easter Sunday service. This year, we need a little help in supplying candy and stuffing eggs. If you are interested in helping out in any way, please contact Denise Womer.

**We want your trash!** The Youth & Family Ministry will be collecting toilet paper, paper towel rolls and dryer lint to create fireplace “fire starters” and bird feeders. The children of our church school will be assembling these projects during Lent as a way to honor the earth. Questions? See Denise Womer for more information.

## **The Missions & Ministries of Christ Episcopal Church, Montpelier**

<b>Altar Guild</b>	Liz Slayton (802-229-0164)
<b>Building &amp; Grounds</b>	Kenley Freeman (802-476-7859)
<b>Choir/Music</b>	Lynnette Combs (802-371-5066)
<b>Christ Church Connections</b>	Rev. Beth Ann Maier (802-793-4234)
<b>Communications Team</b>	Kathy Preis (802-522-8219)
<b>Diocesan Representatives</b>	Maggie Thompson (802-454-4635) Deb Barnwell (802-476-7859)
<b>Discretionary Fund for Community Outreach</b>	Virginia Catone (802-229-9898)
<b>Fellowship Ministry</b>	Stephen Dale (802-229-4686)
<b>Finance Committee</b>	John Jaworski (802-476-4942)
<b>Food Shelf</b>	Sharon Wilson (802-244-8037)
<b>Full Ladle Soup Kitchen</b>	Sharon Wilson (802-244-8037)
<b>Hospitality Committee</b>	Aldora Chamberlin (802-461-5527)
<b>Lay Eucharistic Ministers/Chalice Bearers/Lectors</b>	Steamer Walke (802-223-3632)
<b>Prayer Chain</b>	Rev. Beth Ann Maier (802-793-4234)
<b>Prayer Shawl Ministry</b>	Maggie Thompson (802-454-4635) Rilla Murray (802-272-2663)
<b>Social Justice Committee</b>	Marty Roberts (802-223-5506)
<b>Stewardship Committee</b>	Bruce Story (802-225-6343)
<b>Sudan Communion</b>	Deb Jerard (802-223-0531) Martha Holden (802-229-9036)
<b>Youth and Families Ministry</b>	Denise Womer (603-545-9488)
<b>Vestry (elected leadership team)</b>	Bruce Story (802-225-6343)
<b>Usher/Greeter Ministry</b>	Jody Pettersen (802-522-6171)
<b>Worship Committee</b>	Rev. Paul Habersang (802- 223-3631)

*Would you like to get involved or learn more about these ministries? If so, please contact the persons listed so you can become active in our ministries.*