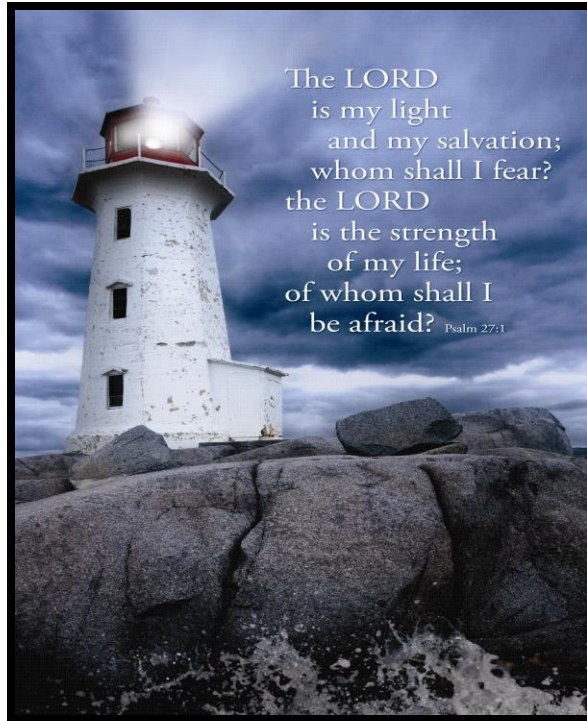


Second Sunday in Lent

March 17, 2019



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10:00 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 II – 10:00 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.

Prelude: “Variations on Themes I & II”

Dennis Murphy

Processional Hymn: #493, “O for a thousand tongues to sing”

verses 1-5

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

God’s mercy endures for ever. Amen.

Trisagion

Susan Fletcher

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, have
mer - cy up - on us. Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, have
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Confession and Absolution

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord

Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

BCP 218

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, 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 sal - va - tion.

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.

Antiphon

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.

Antiphon

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.

Antiphon

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.

Antiphon

A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians

3:17-4:1

Sequence Hymn - #538, "*God of mercy*"

verse 1

The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

13:31-35

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sequence Hymn - #538, "*God of mercy*"

verse 2

The Sermon

Rev. Steve Reynes

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

**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 – A short pause is given after each prayer for you to offer your own prayer either silently or aloud.

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. (Pause)

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.

And in conclusion, let us together pray the prayer to end homelessness.

An open door,

A roof above,

Safe homes for all,

In the power of love.

The Concluding Collect

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

We encourage you to offer your neighbor a sign of peace!

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

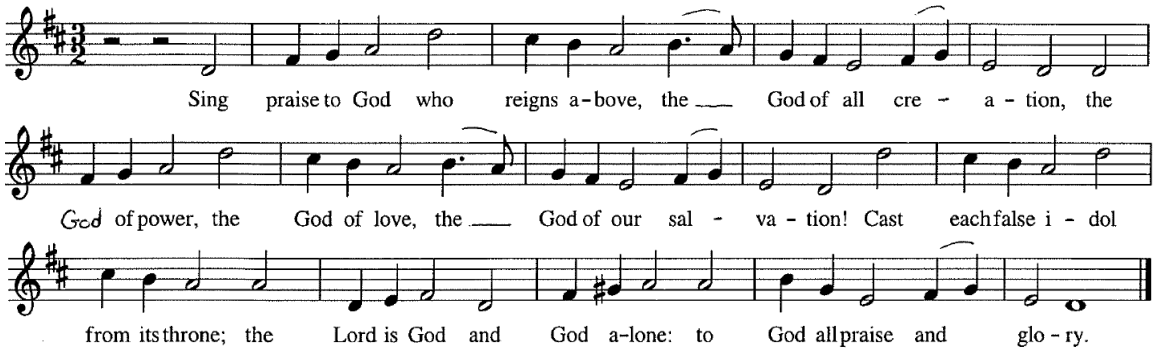
Offertory Anthem: "Sanctus"

William Byrd

Translation: Holy God, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Doxology - "Sing Praise to God"

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Sing praise to God who reigns a-bove, the God of all cre - a - tion, the
 God of power, the God of love, the God of our sal - va - tion! Cast each false i - dol
 from its throne; the Lord is God and God a-lone: to God all praise and glo - ry.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord is here.

God's Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to offer thanks and praise.

It is the joy of our salvation,
 God of the universe,
 to give you thanks through Jesus Christ.

You said, "Let there be light;"
 there was light.
 Your light shines on in our darkness.
 For you the earth has brought forth life in all its forms.

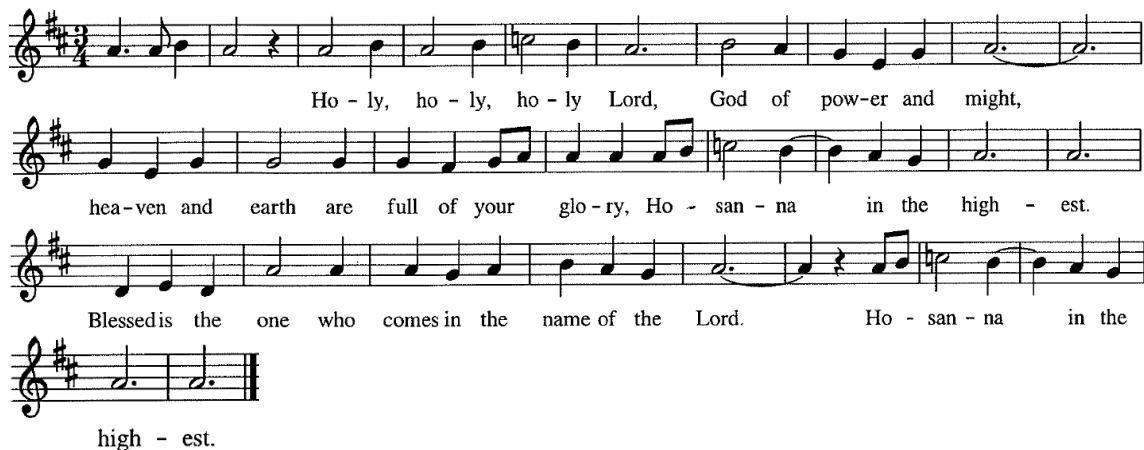
You have created us to hear your Word,
 to do your will and to be fulfilled in your love.
 You sent your Son to be for us the way we need to follow
 and the truth we need to know.

You send your Holy Spirit to strengthen and to guide,
 to warn and to revive your Church.
 Therefore, with all your witnesses who surround us on every side,

countless as heaven's stars, we praise you for our creation and our calling
with loving and joyful hearts as we sing:

Sanctus

Susan Fletcher



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est.

Blessed are you, most holy, in your Son;
on that night before he died, he took bread and gave you thanks.
He broke it, gave it to his disciples and said:
take, eat, this is my body which is given for you;
do this to remember me.

After supper, he took the cup and gave you thanks.
He gave it to them and said:
drink this. It is my blood of the New Covenant, shed for you, shed for all,
to forgive sin;
do this to remember me.

Therefore, with this bread and wine we recall your goodness to us.

God of the past and the present, we your people remember your Son.
We thank you for his cross and rising again,
we take courage from his ascension; we look for his coming in glory
and in him we give ourselves to you.

**With thanksgiving and hope we say:
glory to you, Lord Christ;
your death we show forth; your resurrection we proclaim;
your coming we await; Amen! Come Lord Jesus.**

**Send your Holy Spirit, that we who receive Christ's body
may indeed be the body of Christ, and we who share his cup
draw strength from the one true vine.**

**Called to follow Christ, help us to reconcile and unite.
Called to suffer, give us hope in our calling.**

**For you, the heavenly One, make all things new;
you are the beginning and the end, the last and the first,
to whom we bring our songs of everlasting praise.**

**Blessing, honor and glory be yours, here and everywhere,
now and forever. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

**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 Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem

Susan Fletcher

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of
God, you take a - way the sins of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of

God, you take a-way the sins of the world; grant us peace.

Al-le-lu-ia. Christ our pas-so-ver is sa-cri-ficed for us.

There-fore let us keep the feast. Al-le-lu-ia.

Distribution of Communion

Communion Anthem: *“How long, thou faithful God”*

Neely Bruce

Communion hymn: LEVAS II - #177 - Standin’ in the Need of Prayer

It's me, it's me, O Lord, Stand-in' in the need of prayer;—

— It's me, it's me, O Lord, Stand-in' in the need of prayer.—

1. Not my broth-er, not my sis-ter, but it's me, O Lord,—
 2. Not the preach-er, not the dea-con, but it's me, O Lord,—
 3. Not my fa-ther, not my moth-er, but it's me, O Lord,—
 4. Not the stran-ger, not my neigh-bor, but it's me, O Lord,—

1. Stand-in' in the need of prayer, — Not my broth - er, not my sis - ter, but it's
 2. Stand-in' in the need of prayer, — Not the preach - er, not the dea - con, but it's
 3. Stand-in' in the need of prayer, — Not my fa - ther, not my moth - er, but it's
 4. Stand-in' in the need of prayer, — Not the stran - ger, not my neigh - bor, but it's

1. me, O Lord, — Stand - in' in the need of prayer. —
 2. me, O Lord, — Stand - in' in the need of prayer. —
 3. me, O Lord, — Stand - in' in the need of prayer. —
 4. me, O Lord, — Stand - in' in the need of prayer. —

D.C.

The Postcommunion Prayer

BCP 365

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn: #145, “*Now quit your care*”

The Dismissal

Postlude: “*Variations on Theme III*”

Dennis Murphy

*Our Lay Eucharistic Minister this morning is Angela Simpson.
 Our Lectors this morning are the Bruce Story and David Simpson.*

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.

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 24th 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 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 18th 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.

Social Justice Team News and Upcoming Events

Warming Shelter: We are coming to the end of the winter season in support of the Warming Shelter at Christ Church. We need coverage on April 8th and April 15th. If you are able to help staff these two dates, please contact Kathy Preis in the church offices. Thank you.

Speaking Up for Racial Justice PRACTICE session: "Interrupting Hate and Addressing Unintended Bias"

Second Wednesdays: Jan. 9th, Feb. 13th, Mar. 13th, Apr. 10th 6:00-8:00PM ~ Unitarian Church of Montpelier (130 Main St.) Several recent requests have been made for white people to be more active in response to biased and racist comments being made in public. We were only going to offer these Oct. - December but have had 20-30 people at each session, so are continuing due to the popularity! Each session will have a similar format and focus on practice, but the scenarios will be different, so participants may greatly benefit from attending one or multiple sessions. Facilitated by members of Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ). Co-sponsored by Lifespan Spiritual Exploration at UCM.

Other News and Announcements

Tuesday Eucharist at 5:30PM: On Tuesday evenings in Lent, we will continue celebrating informal evening Eucharist in the chapel. Please feel welcome to stop by after work for a few minutes of contemplation and reflection. All are welcome.

Christ Church Connections (CCC): Christ Church Connections is a ministry of mutual caring within this faith community. We promote connections by helping members in health or other challenging personal situations; e.g., through visits, meals, cards, prayers, errands, home Eucharist. For the month of March, if your family or someone you know could use a visit or other kind of support, please contact Jody Pettersen. Jody can be reached at: 802-522-6171 or via email: jodypettersen@gmail.com

Estate Planning? Is God in your will? If you are thinking about drawing up a will or planning for your future estate settlement, please consider including Christ Church in your will. This is way in which your lasting legacy will help us continue doing God's work in the neighborhood. Thank you.

Email Distribution List: If you would like to be added to our weekly email distribution list, please contact Kathy Preis in our office to add your address to the weekly communications. Thank you.

Office Hours: Kathy Preis, our Administrator is in the office on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 9:00AM-1:00PM. If you would like to make an appointment with Kathy or with Rev. Paul, please contact the office by phone or via email: administrator@christchurchvt.org. Thank you!

The Missions & Ministries of Christ Episcopal Church, Montpelier

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