

The First Sunday in Lent
MORNING PRAYER: RITE II
9:00 A.M. SERVICE
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2023

CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL

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Mission Statement

We are called to be one with God and each other,
by living the Gospel with love and compassion.

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Lay Leader: Mr. William Trowbridge
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Prelude *You Are My Hiding Place* *Maranatha*

Opening Hymn *Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church* **Hymnal 149**

Opening Sentence

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

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Officiant and People together, all kneeling

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.**

The Invitatory and Psalter-*all stand*

Officiant: Lord open thou our lips

All: *And our mouths shall proclaim thy praise*

*Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning is now and shall be forever. Amen.*

King James Version

1 (A Psalm of David, Maschil.) Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven,* *whose sin is covered.*

2 Blessed is the man unto whom the LORD imputeth not iniquity,*
and in whose spirit there is no guile.

3 When I kept silence, my bones waxed old through my roaring*
all the day long.

4 For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me:*
my moisture is turned into the drought of summer. Selah.

5 I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid.*
I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. Selah.

6 For this shall every one that is godly pray unto thee in a time when thou mayest be found:* *surely in the floods of great waters they shall not come nigh unto him.*

7 Thou art my hiding place; thou shalt preserve me from trouble;*
thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance. Selah.

8 I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go:*
I will guide thee with mine eye.

9 Be ye not as the horse, or as the mule, which have no understanding:*
whose mouth must be held in with bit and bridle, lest they come near unto thee.

10 Many sorrows shall be to the wicked: *
but he that trusteth in the LORD, mercy shall compass him about.

11 Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, ye righteous:*
and shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart.

Congregation may be seated

First Reading: Genesis 2: 15-17, 3:1-7 (KJV) *Lector: Cathy Casey*

And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, “Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.”

Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, “Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?” And the woman said unto the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.” And the serpent said unto the woman, “Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil”. And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Epistle: Romans 5:12-19 (KJV)

Lector: Cathy Casey

Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement. Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned: For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law.

Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come.

But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many.

And not as it was by one that sinned, so is the gift: for the judgment was by one to condemnation, but the free gift is of many offences unto justification.

For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.

Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life.

For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

All rise

HYMN: *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Day*

Hymnal 142

The Gospel: Matthew 4: 1-11 (KJV) Officiant: *Mr. William Trowbridge*

The Gospel of our Lord, according to Matthew

Glory to you, Lord Christ

Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred. And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.

But he answered and said, "It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, And saith unto him, "If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in

their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.” Jesus said unto him, “It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.” Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; And saith unto him, “All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.”

Then saith Jesus unto him, “Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.”

Then the devil leaveth him, and behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ

Homily

Officiant: Mr. William Trowbridge

Music Meditation *God So Loved The World*

John Stainer

The Apostles’ Creed *Officiant and People together, all standing*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. **Amen.**

The Prayers *The people stand or kneel as able*

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Officiant Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer

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.**

Latin

Pater noster, qui es in caelis,
sanctificetur nomen tuum.
Adveniat regnum tuum.
Fiat voluntas tua,
sicut in caelo et in terra.
Panem nostrum quotidianum da
nobis hodie.
Et dimitte nobis debita nostra
Sicut nos dimittimus debitoribus
nostris.
Et ne nos inducas in temptationem
sed libera nos a malo.

Suffrage B *people respond at italics*

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

R. *Govern and uphold them, now and always.*

V. Day by day we bless you;

R. *We praise your name for ever.*

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;

R. *Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.*

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;

R. *For we put our trust in you.*

V. In you, Lord, is our hope;

R. *And we shall never hope in vain.*

The Collect: Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Collect for Sundays: O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Grace:

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Christ Church Prayer:

Intercessor: *Cathy Casey*

O God, who has brought us into the Church of thy dear Son, make all in our parish a family of one heart and mind in love towards thee; and grant that our common life and work may help to bring in thy kingdom. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving

Almighty and ever living God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church: through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Strengthen and sustain all whose spirits are weak and whose lives are gripped by pain or suffering or distress. Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble.

For those who have asked for our prayers, especially:

*Bill, Nancy Briggs, John Fagan, Barbara Franks, Doris Higgins,
Rindy Higgins, Françoise Kelz, Eileen Mulligan, Wendy Grace Rossi,
Joyce Weegar*

(and for those we now name either silently or aloud.)

Living Lord, confused friends left your empty tomb in both fear and great joy.
We hold before you the sadness of loss and the joy of our hope in you.

Officiant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Officiant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

Offertory Solo: *Just as I am Without One Plea*

Presentation of Offering -Doxology

Hymnal 380

Officiant continues

Prayer for the Parish: Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church: through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer in Times of Conflict: O God, you have bound us together in a common life. Help us, in the midst of our struggles for justice and truth, to confront one another without hatred or bitterness, and to work together with mutual forbearance and respect; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The General Thanksgiving *Officiant and People together*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable 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 pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise not only with
our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by
walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. **Amen.**

Blessing: Glory to God whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church and in Christ Jesus forever and ever. *Amen*

Closing Lead Us, Heavenly Father

Hymnal 559

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Dismissal: Go In Peace

Postlude: *Precious Lord*

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ECCT Prayer Cycle: *Christ Church Cathedral, Hartford; Good Shepherd, Hartford; Grace Church, Hartford; St. Martin's, Hartford; Prison Ministry and prison chaplains; the ECCT Faith Behind Bars & Beyond Ministry Network.*

Worship Assistance Today:

Soloist: Donna Castaner

Lay Leader: Mr. William Trowbridge

Lector & Intercessor: Cathy Casey

Usher: Scott and Mary Beth Franks Begor

Altar: Scott and Mary Beth Franks Begor

Hospitality: Scott and Mary Beth Franks Begor

SUNDAY NIGHTS- AA MEETINGS MENS GROUP- 7:30 TO 8:30

TUESDAY & THURSDAY-SHARON AA HAPPY HOUR-5:30 TO 6:30

CRAZY CRAFTERS CONTINUES ON 1ST AND 3RD TUESDAYS at 3:00-4:30 PM.

Next one is March 7th.

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