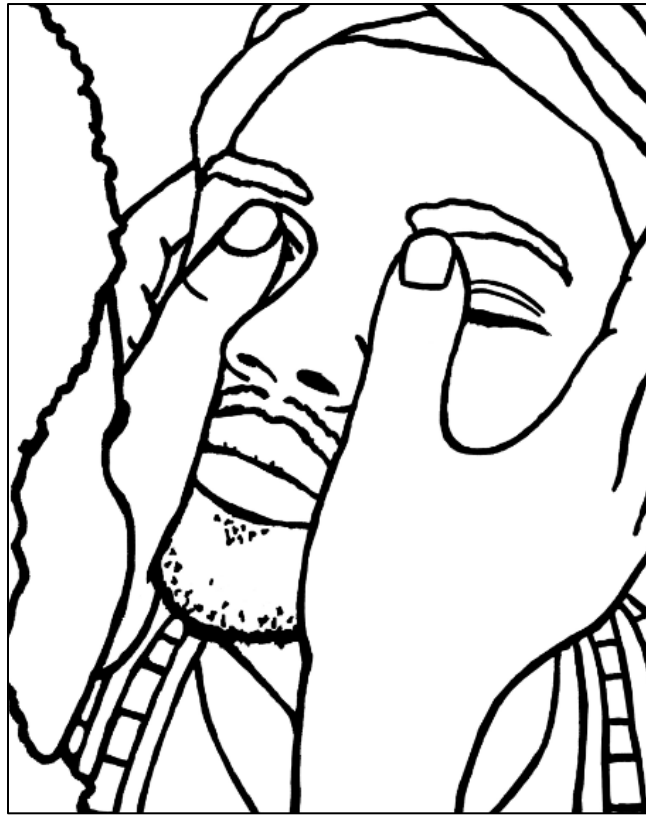


# Celebration of Holy Eucharist

The Fourth Sunday in Lent



Christ Episcopal Church

Kensington, Maryland

March 15, 2026

10:00 AM

## *A Blessed Sunday & Welcome to All*

**Whether at home or in-person, we are so glad you have joined us for worship this morning, especially if you are new or visiting!**

**Children of all ages are always welcome in the service.** There is also childcare available in the nursery downstairs throughout the morning. While usually there is Children's Chapel for children ages 3-10 downstairs in the Parish Hall during the first half of the 10:00 a.m. service, today we are all worshipping together. There are child-friendly materials at the back of the sanctuary. Just ask an usher. Interested in more info on children's ministry? Contact Children's Minister Ann Enkiri [sundayschool@ccpk.org](mailto:sundayschool@ccpk.org)

**All are welcome to receive communion.** Instructions for communion are in the bulletin just after the invitation. ("The gifts of God for the people of God...")

**Offerings.** You may make a donation by placing cash or checks in the offering plate, or you may also give online via the link on our website, or simply scan the QR code below. We are grateful for your generosity!



**All-gender restrooms and water** are located at the end of the hallway off the back of the sanctuary.

**Participating online? Please know that you are as much a part of our worship today as those in the church!** We hope you participate fully. If you have questions or comments, let the Tech Minister who is running the livestream know in the chat.

**Welcome to all our visitors! We are better for your presence here today.**

Please introduce yourself, fill out a visitor's card found in the pews, or email Parish Administrator Jen Luna [administrator@ccpk.org](mailto:administrator@ccpk.org) or talk to a human being at 301-942-4673. We'd be happy to connect with you, and if you wish, add you to our weekly e-newsletter the Christ Church Connection. If you would like more info about Christ Church, please visit our website at [www.ChristChurchKensington.org](http://www.ChristChurchKensington.org).

## Liturgy of the Word

*"Liturgia" means the work of the people. Worship belongs to all the people gathered. All of us are participants, none are spectators. During the first half of our service, we begin with music to center ourselves, song, and then we proclaim and respond to the Word of God.*

**Prelude** "St. Matthew" (Op. 100, V. 8)

Flor Peeters

*\*\*Hymns are in the blue or red "Hymnal 1982, or where indicated, in the red, black & white Lift Every Voice & Sing (LEVAS) Hymnal. Both can be found in the pew racks!\*\**

**Processional Hymn #567** *Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old*

St. Matthew

### Welcome

### Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be the God of our salvation.

People **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

### The Collect of the Day

*The collect is the prayer appointed for each Sunday that "collects" or captures the theme of the day or season of the Church year.*

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

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

**Trisagion** S-100

Hurd (composer)

*During Lent the Gloria in excelsis (or a song of praise) is not sung and is replaced by the Kyrie eleison or the Trisagion, an ancient hymn from the Orthodox liturgy, which we sing today.*

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

## **A Reading from the Prophet Samuel**

*Samuel 16:1-13*

Read by Lincoln McGray

*Now we sit and listen to passages from the Bible. First from the Hebrew Scriptures (sometimes called the Old Testament), referring to the readings from the Torah, the Prophets, and the Writings, which are part of both Jewish & Christian faith traditions. These are the readings Jesus knew well, taught, and quoted.*

When Samuel grew up, he became Israel's priest. God said to him,

"Go to Bethlehem and find a man named Jesse. I have chosen one of his sons to be king." Jesse brought all of his sons before Samuel – all except one. He told David, the youngest, to stay in the field to watch over the sheep. He knew that David was too little to be chosen. David's eldest brother stepped forward first. He was tall and handsome. "Surely this is the one?" Samuel asked God. "I do not judge like people judge," God said. "I look into the heart, not at the face."

Jesse brought seven sons before Samuel, but none was the one God had chosen.

"Do you have any other sons?" Samuel asked. "Only the youngest, David," replied Jesse. "Send for him," Samuel said.

When David came, Samuel saw in his bright eyes that he had a good heart.

"This is the one," God said. Samuel took olive oil and poured it on David's head as a sign that he would grow up to be king of Israel. From that day, David was filled with the Spirit of God.

**Reader** Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 23** *Dominus, regit me*

Led by Audrey Hensley

<sup>1</sup> The Lord is my shepherd;\*

**I shall not want.**

<sup>2</sup> He makes me to lie down in green pastures:\*

**he leads me beside the still waters.**

<sup>3</sup> He restores my soul:\*

**he leads me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.**

<sup>4</sup> Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:\*

**for you are with me; your rod and your staff they comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies:\*

**you anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over.**

<sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:\*

**and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

**A Reading from the Letter to the Ephesians**      *Ephesians 5:8-14*      Read by Porter Quinn

*The second reading, taken from the New Testament, is from one of the letters written to the early church communities, or from the Acts of the Apostles, or the Revelation to John. Today's passage is taken from a letter written to the church in the ancient city of Ephesus, which is now in Turkey. We often refer to this second reading as the "Epistle", which means "letter" in Greek.*

Once upon a time you were full of darkness but now, because of God, you are filled with light! So live like you are children of the light, and do things that are good and right and true. Figure out for yourselves what pleases God. Don't take part in the darkness anymore. Instead, shine the light into the dark so everyone can see what's going on. Like the scriptures say, "Wake up! Rise from the dead, and Christ, your light, will shine on you."

**Reader**      Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**People**      **Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn LEVAS #183 (vv. 1, 3, 4)**      *God Will Take Care of You*      God Cares

*The sequence hymn moves us toward the summit of the Liturgy of the Word – the reading of the Holy Gospel. Gospel means "good news" – specifically the "good news of Jesus."*

**The Gospel**      *John 9:1-41*

*Every Eucharist we listen to a reading from one of the four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John), which depict the life, teachings, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ. We stand for the Gospel reading to show the particular importance placed on Jesus' words and actions. Today's Gospel translation is from the Children's Bible.*

**Deacon**      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

**People**      **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

As Jesus was walking along on a Sabbath day, the day when you weren't supposed to do any work, he saw a man who had been born blind. His disciples asked him, "Teacher, whose sin caused this man to be born blind?" Jesus said, "Nobody's sin caused his blindness. But now God's goodness can be revealed in him. You know, I am the light of the world."

Just as Jesus said that, he spit on the ground, and made mud with his saliva, and spread it on the man's eyes. Then he sent the man to wash his eyes in the pool of water. When the man came back to Jesus, he could see.

"Whoa!" said his neighbors. "Isn't this the blind man who used to beg? It can't be. It looks like him. But this man can see. What is going on?" The man laughed and said, "Yup. It's me. I can see alright." "Who opened your eyes for you?" they asked him. "Jesus did," the man said. "He put mud on my eyes, and when I washed it off, I could see for the first time in my life." "Where is Jesus? We want to talk to him." "I have no idea where he went," said the man. The neighbors took the man to the leaders of the church. They asked him a bunch of questions about how he'd been made to see again. So the man told them his story.

"Hmpf," said the leaders. "Well, this can't be God's doing, because it's the Sabbath. And nobody who believes in God works on the Sabbath." The other leaders said, "But how can

anyone except God do such a miracle?" So they asked the man formerly known as the blind man, "What do you think about this Jesus? It was your eyes that he opened." "Well, I think he's a prophet," said the man.

Some people refused to believe he'd ever been blind at all. So they called the man's parents and asked them. "Is this your son and was he born blind? How is it that he can see again?" The parents said, "Yes, this is our son who was born blind. We have no idea how he can see now or who opened his eyes. Ask him. He's an adult. He'll tell you." His parents were afraid of those people, because they had said they were going to kick anyone who believed Jesus was the Messiah out of the synagogue.

The church leaders found the man again. The man said, "You know what? All I know is that I have always been blind, and now I can see." "But how did he do it?" The man said, "I already told you my story and you didn't listen to me. Why do you need to hear it again? Is it because you want to be a follower of Jesus?" "Ha! Not us. You may be a follower of Jesus, but we are followers of Moses. We know God spoke to Moses, but we have no idea where this Jesus comes from." "Here's the thing," the man said. "We may not know where he comes from, but he opened my eyes. God may not listen to people we think are sinners, but he listens to those who listen to him. I've never heard of anyone born blind being able to see. If Jesus weren't from God, he wouldn't have been able to do that." Then the church leaders ran him out of there.

Jesus heard they'd chased him away, and went and found him. Jesus asked him, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"

"Who would that be? Tell me who he is and I will believe in him," said the man.

Jesus said to him, "You have seen him with your very own eyes. He's the one who is speaking to you right now." The man, said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped Jesus.

Jesus said, "I came into this world so that people who had been blind could see. Those who are able to see might become blind though."

Some of the leaders heard Jesus say this. And they said, "We're not blind, are we?" Jesus said, "If you were blind, and you knew it, there wouldn't be a barrier between you and God. It's because you think you can see everything, that a barrier between you and God exists."

Deacon      The Gospel of the Lord.  
People      **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## Homily

Ms. Ann Enkiri

*The sermon is intended to help connect the scripture with our lives. Sometimes it is called a "homily" from the Greek meaning "discourse". While one person typically offers a reflection, it is always intended as a conversation. It is often followed by a moment of silent reflection.*

## **A Children's Creed**

*The word creed comes from the Latin "credo" meaning "I believe", the first words of the creed.*

*The creed is a statement of faith, what we trust to be true, rather than a statement of intellectual belief.*

*In services of Holy Communion, we generally say the 4<sup>th</sup> century Nicene Creed. In daily offices we often say the Apostle's Creed. Today we will say a contemporary Children's Creed used at Children's Chapel.*

**I believe in God above.**

**I believe in Jesus's love.**

**I believe God's Spirit too,  
comes to teach me what to do.**

**I believe that I can be  
kind and loving, Lord, like thee. Amen.**

## **The Prayers of the People**

*We pray for ourselves and particularly on behalf of others. We pray for the Universal Church, the nation and all who govern, the earth and the welfare of the world, the concerns of our community of faith, including those who are ill or suffering, and for those who have died. We are reminded in prayer that we are part of a larger fellowship, the Church – the Body of Christ.*

We place into the hands of God the life of this church, the people around us, and those who are not here today.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We place into the hands of God a world that needs peace, a world that needs wisdom, a world that needs healing.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We place into the hands of God all who are in need; those who are hungry, unhoused, or in danger; for refugees, prisoners, and their families; for immigrants and all who live in fear.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We place into the hands of God all who are sick, especially the sick of our parish, Bonnie Douglas, Maggie Elgin, Anne Fox, Carl Keith, Jon Martineau, America Perez, Lissa Ramsepaul, Ellen Thomas, Sara Thorne, William West, and Tom Willis.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

*You are invited to lift your prayers of intercession to the Lord.*

We place into the hands of God all who have died, and all who mourn. We remember especially Dorothy Clarke, and those we now name.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

*You are invited to lift up those who have died.*

We give thanks to God for all the blessings in our lives; for all who celebrate birthdays this week, especially Marguerite Sayles, Henry Hensley, Katie Wallace, Charlotte Hensley, Eva Marie Nye, and Victoria Thanos.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

*You are invited to lift up your prayers of thanksgiving.*

*A moment of silence, after which the Presider adds a concluding Collect.*

Gracious and loving God, we lift our prayers and our lives to you. As you have blessed us, so help us to be a blessing to the world. **Amen.**

## **A Prayer for Peace**

### **Confession & Absolution**

*The confession in Anglican tradition is a general confession, when we all acknowledge where we have fallen short and ask for forgiveness. In Greek, the word translated "sin" in English is hamartia – an archery term, which means to miss the mark.*

Deacon      Let us confess our sins to God.

*A moment of silence*

**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 Presider offers absolution*

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 Peace**

*We greet one another so that we may be at peace with one another before approaching the altar. In the early church it was most often a greeting with a kiss of peace! It is a sign of reconciliation and acts as a bridge between the end of the Proclamation of the Word of God and the Celebration of Holy Communion.*

Presider      The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People      And also with you.**

### **Announcements**

# The Holy Communion

Sometimes called the *Liturgy of the Table*, the second half of our service is the central ritual of the Christian community, the principal act of Christian worship, practiced by the followers of Jesus since the very beginning of the movement. We are doing what Jesus asked his disciples to do at the Last Supper - to remember him in the bread and the wine – so that we remember we are part of the mystical body of Christ.

Episcopal theology rests in the mystery that Christ's body and blood are really present in the sacrament of the eucharist and received by faith. (Called the theology of “real presence”) As in the gospel of Luke, the disciples recognize the risen Christ when he took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to them on the beach. Christ's presence was known in their gathered community, and is known in ours in this holy feast.

## The Offertory

At the offertory, we gratefully offer back to God some of what God has given us; symbolically in the bread and wine, which the children bring up to the altar; and in the money we give, which the usher brings up to the altar. “For all things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee.” – 1 Chronicles 29:14, King James Version, and the Offertory, Book of Common Prayer, Rite I. During this time the deacon sets the table.

## Offertory Sentence



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We are grateful for your support!

**Offertory Antiphon** *Jesus Said to the Blind Man* Melchior Vulpius, ed. Hans Eggebrecht

**Presentation Hymn #143 (v.5)** *sung after the blessing of the gifts.*

**Creator, Christ, and Spirit blest,  
to thee be every prayer addressed,  
who art in threefold Name adored,  
from age to age, the only Lord.**

**The Great Thanksgiving** *Eucharistic Prayer B* The Book of Common Prayer

**Eucharistia** (Greek for “thanksgiving”) is the name of the entire prayer that follows. The priest who is presiding speaks on behalf of everyone. We are all celebrating the Eucharist together!

We are invited into the prayer with the **Sursum Corda** (Latin, lit. “lift up hearts”), which echoes language from the psalms.

It is followed by thanking God for God's work in the world – and in Lent for the particular gift of this season in which we prepare for Easter – the Pascal Feast.

We respond with the **Sanctus**, the ancient Jewish hymn of praise to the Holy One of Blessing, based on the vision of the prophet Isaiah 6:3. Sanctus is Latin for “holy”.

We continue to give thanks to God for God's mighty acts in the world, the gift of life and the gift of loving us, redeeming us even though we sin - we miss the mark of living faithful lives. God, in Christ's life, death and resurrection, shows us the way to life.

In the **Institution narrative**, we recall the words of Jesus said over the bread and the wine at a meal with his disciples, likely a Passover seder.

We respond with the **Anamnesis** (Greek for “memorial, remembrance,” the antithesis of amnesia!) The Greek connotes a past and present reality.

This is followed by the **Epiclesis**, the calling of the Holy Spirit to bless the bread and wine so that they may be Christ here present for us.

The prayer concludes with the **Great Amen**, the only “**AMEN**” in all capitals found in the Book of Common Prayer, so that we say it loudly as our collective ‘yes’ to the gift of this communion!

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*The Sursum Corda*

**Presider** The Lord be with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

**Presider** Lift up your hearts.

**People** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**Presider** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People** **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

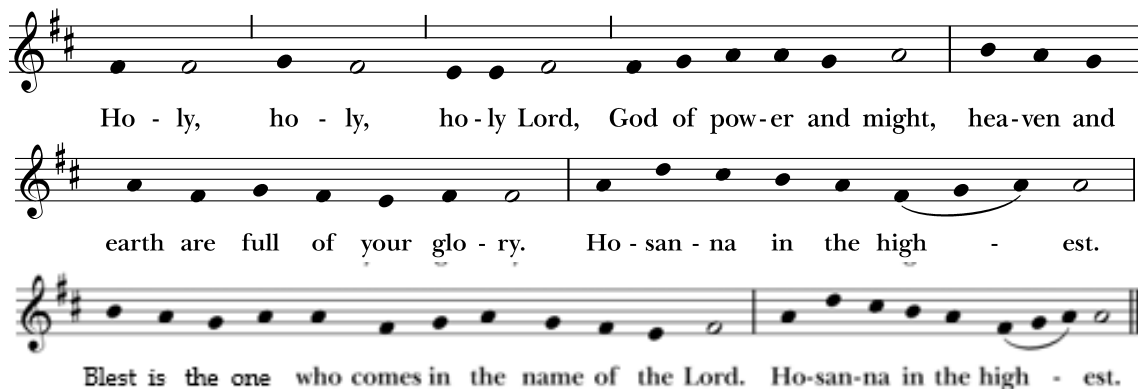
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**The Sanctus**

S-124

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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.  
Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you.  
In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore according to his command, O God:

*(The Anamnesis- remembrance)*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

*(The Epiclesis – calling of the Holy Spirit):*

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

**The Lord's Prayer** *said slowly, so our children can say it with us*

**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**

*The presider breaks the bread, as Jesus did at the table, a moment of silence follows, all respond with the Fraction Anthem:*

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.

### Invitation and Communion of the People

*The Presiding Priest and Deacon hold up the consecrated bread and wine, offering the sacramental gifts to the people. From the 4th c. the Sancta sanctis – "holy things for holy people"*

Presider     The holy gifts of God for the holy people of God.

All are welcome to receive communion at Christ Church just as Jesus modeled radical welcome to all whom he encountered.

*The children will return to the pews to join their families for communion.*

*You may receive the bread in open and outstretched hands and respond to receiving Communion by saying "Amen." Gluten-free wafers are available, simply tell your server. You may either drink from a silver chalice or intinct (dip the bread) in the glass chalice. Note that consuming the bread only is full participation in the Eucharist. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of receiving communion, indicate your choice by crossing your hands across your chest.*

*We'd be happy to bring communion to you wherever you are sitting, simply tell an usher!*

**Healing prayer** for yourself or on behalf of others is offered during the distribution of Communion in the chapel at the rear of the sanctuary.

**Communion Voluntary** *Schmucke dich, o liebe Seele*

Johann Gottfried Walther

**Communion Hymn #339** *Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness*

Schmucke dich

### Post Communion Prayer

**Lord Jesus Christ, you have put your life into our hands; now we put our lives into yours. Take us, renew us and remake us. What we have been is past; what we shall be, through you, still awaits us. Lead us on. Take us with you. Amen.**

### Blessing

*We are strengthened to be God's hands, feet, heart and love in the world.*

**Recessional Hymn #493**    *O for a thousand tongues to sing*

Azmon

**Dismissal**

*We are sent out to follow the Way of Love! To love and serve God and our neighbors - as followers of Jesus.*

Deacon     Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People     **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**    *"Azmon"*

Harold Rutz

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*Please join us downstairs for Coffee, Conversation, and Refreshments,  
Featuring a selection of favorite daily breads from our children's families!*

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## Announcements

### *Easter Flowers*

Remember or honor a loved one and help make the altar beautiful for Easter! Please use the online form found in your Connections email, or the envelopes in your pew to make your Easter flower dedication, which will be printed in the Easter service bulletins. **The deadline for requesting a dedication is Noon, Thursday, April 2.**

### *Love in Action: Racial & Social Justice*

#### **Racial & Social Justice Forum next Sunday, March 22:**

**Maryland's Juvenile Justice System is Broken** – Did you know that Maryland charges more young people as adults per capita than any other state except Alabama? That conditions in the state's juvenile detention centers are deplorable? That while public perception is that youth crime rates are ever rising, statistics show otherwise? Pat Marks from the Maryland Alliance for Justice Reform (MAJR) will join us to discuss these issues and help us understand how best to advocate for much needed changes in the system. Ms. Marks is a Deaconess in the United Methodist Church and a dedicated criminal justice advocate. She has been an active member of MAJR since 2016 and serves on the Leadership Team of *Putting Mercy into Criminal Justice*.

The forum will be held in the Parish Hall after the 10:00 a.m. service on Sunday, March 22. Childcare, including a light lunch for the children, will be provided. For more information, email [justice@ccpk.org](mailto:justice@ccpk.org)

**All are welcome to join the Mercy Team** Support the vulnerable in the current political crisis and put your faith into action. To join the Mercy Team distribution list, contact Cynthia Mitchell at [justice@ccpk.org](mailto:justice@ccpk.org) or Thea Kayne at [theakayne@gmail.com](mailto:theakayne@gmail.com). *This is the best way to find out about emerging needs and a variety of ways to get involved.*

**Care Pod 2:** The Mercy Team has formed a second "Care Pod" to support a family in our area who has been impacted by ICE detentions or deportations. We are working with a household of 15, 8 children (ages 1.5 - 17) and 7 adults.

There is a continuing need for: Grocery Gift Cards (Safeway or Giant) and Diapers (sizes 3 & 6). Please leave gift cards in the box on the Outreach table in the hallway off the back of the Sanctuary and leave diapers in the hallway across from the Outreach table.

Thank you to all who have donated, and THANK YOU to the amazing volunteers in the Care Pods who are surrounding the family with love and support.

## *Love in Action: Faith & Spiritual Growth*

**Lenten Book Study, Monday Evenings in Lent** Join us to discuss *The Last Week: What the Gospels Really Teach About Jesus's Final Days in Jerusalem*, by Marcus J. Borg and John Dominic Crossan, which invites us to reflect on the events that led up to the crucifixion and beyond through the lens of the Gospel of Mark and the complex historical and political realities at the time. **We will discuss chapters 3 and 4 tomorrow night, Monday March 16, on Zoom from 7 - 8:15pm.**

A copy of the book is available in the library; it is also easily available as an eBook online. All are welcome! **Come for all sessions, or come when you can.** Contact Lee Puricelli ([leepuricelli@yahoo.com](mailto:leepuricelli@yahoo.com)) or the Rev. Hope Christensen ([hope@ccpk.org](mailto:hope@ccpk.org)) with any questions.

**Thursday Midday Prayers for Peace** Join our weekly Prayers for Peace during Lent (and every week). We ask God's help for those working to end violence and conflict in an ever more turbulent world, and seek God's mercy for civilians, soldiers, first responders, relief agencies, clergy, and all others who find themselves in harm's way. **We meet on Zoom at 12:15, approximately 15 minutes.** All are welcome.

## *Love in Action: Reaching Our Neighbors*

### **CARROT Sunday - Next one will be Easter Sunday, April 5!**

Easter bunnies and carrots go together, so plan to bring your two-pound bags of carrots to church on Easter! They will be delivered to San Mateo on the following Wednesday morning. Ask your friends and neighbors to contribute as a way of supporting our immigrant neighbors in great need. Thank you to all who donated carrots last Sunday!

**Monthly Food Packing at San Mateo** Volunteer to help bag groceries for distribution to families in need at San Mateo Episcopal Church in Hyattsville, MD. Our next trip will be **Wednesday, April 8**, we'll meet in the CC parking lot, load the carrots and carpool over together. Interested? Please let Margaret Broe FitzPatrick know if you are coming by the morning of *Tuesday, April 7*, [magbroefitz@aol.com](mailto:magbroefitz@aol.com).

**Food Justice DMV** assists our immigrant neighbors with essential food and supplies. Please donate infant formula (Similac, please) and diapers (of any size, but especially sizes 4 through 6) to help. You can leave them in the hallway across from the Outreach board. We will deliver them to Food Justice at least monthly. (Thank you to Ed Burck, our dedicated deliverer!)

**Help Us Reach Others - Join the Tech Team!** Our small team of Tech Ministers have been dutifully and generously serving Christ Church for several years, reliably making hybrid worship and other online activities available to our broader community. We currently have 2 Tech Ministers available to serve at our 10am streamed service and 4 others with variable availability for our 5pm hybrid service and Wednesday evening Zoom service. Please consider reaching out to us to learn more about this vital ministry and how you can join the Tech Team! Contact Tom Tatem at [tctatem@gmail.com](mailto:tctatem@gmail.com)

## *Mark your calendar...*

### **Green Team Day - Saturday, March 28**

It's time to get our church spruced up for spring! Join the GREEN TEAM from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on March 28 (or any portion of that time that you can spare) as we weed, rake and do other fun chores to make our church shine in time for Easter.

- No experience needed!
- Bring any gardening tools you may have and join the fun! (We also have a limited supply of tools to share.)
- Will supply gloves, coffee, water and donuts!
- Childcare available, just let us know in advance.

For questions or to RSVP, contact Bob Quinn, 301-785-2600 or [rpquinn40541@gmail.com](mailto:rpquinn40541@gmail.com). Or sign up using the link in your Connections email!

### **Save the Date! Rebuilding Together - April 25**

Our annual Rebuilding Together project day will be on April 25 this year. We do not yet have information about the house assignment, but mark your calendar and plan to help a neighbor in need. There is a Parents' Morning Out this day as well, so childcare is available while parents participate in the project! More information to come later this month - for questions about Rebuilding Together, talk to or send an email to Chris Ours [ourskid@gmail.com](mailto:ourskid@gmail.com), or Sean Quinn [spquinn05@gmail.com](mailto:spquinn05@gmail.com) !

# HOLY WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

## **Palm Sunday - March 29, 2026**

- 9:45 a.m. MacMillan Pipe Band  
10:00 a.m. Procession with Palms, Holy Eucharist  
with Reading of the Passion  
*In person & live streaming*  
5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist, *In person & live on Zoom*

*Note: No 8:00 a.m. service on Palm Sunday*

## **Stations of the Cross - Tuesday, March 31, 2026**

- 7:00 p.m. Pray the way of Jesus on his last days - *In the sanctuary*

## **Tenebrae - Wednesday, April 1, 2026**

- 7:00 p.m. Contemplative Service with Psalms  
*In person & live streaming*

## **Maundy Thursday - April 2, 2026**

- 5:30 p.m. Special Children's Chapel  
6:00 p.m. Agape Supper in Parish Hall  
7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist with Foot Washing  
*In person & live streaming*

## **Good Friday - April 3, 2026**

- Noon Good Friday Service  
7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist with Reading of the Passion  
*In person only*

## **Easter Sunday - April 5, 2026**

- 8:00 a.m. Festival Eucharist, *In person only*  
10:00 a.m. Festival Eucharist with music *In person & live streaming*  
Followed by Easter Egg Hunt and Festive Coffee Hour

*Note: No 5:00 p.m. Service on Easter Sunday*

## We raise to God those who are on our hearts and are in need of prayer:

### **Friends and Family of our Community**

All who ask for prayers through our website

Anthony

Bob (friend of Nachin Bone)

Bruce Beamer (uncle of Nina Upshaw)

Betty

Charles

Coley Beggy (friend of the Huffeditz Family)

Susan Best (sister-in-law of Jeff Taylor)

Moises Carera and the Carera family

Susan Catlette

Cecelia

Cindy

Eric Cozzens (son of Peter Cozzens)

Yvonne Dean (friend of Bonnie Douglas)

Kelly Doig (friend of Katie, Jackie & Katherine)

Daniel Epps (father of Cynthia Mitchell)

Gerald & Sandy Giddings (relatives of Liz & Bob Quinn)

John Godfrey (brother of Rena Godfrey)

Sandra Goldman (mother of Brad Christmas)

Gema Guarin (friend of Joan Centrella)

Rob Guzzon (father of a friend of Katherine Chatt)

Laura (friend of Betsy Robbins)

### **Tim Hanlon (father of Mary Hanlon)**

Lisa Harrison (friend of MaryBeth and Mike Etherton)

Earl Hill (godfather of Sean Quinn)

Terry Hodge (friend of Annie Seale)

Amanda Hoey (daughter of Anne Witt)

Bob Hoffman and his son Cornell

Floris & Rob Houston (friends of Joan Centrella)

John (friend of Mary Ellen Huzzard)

Nelly Jones (mother of Jennifer Jones)

Myers Jordan (close friend of Zach Northcutt)

Robert Kellam (cousin of Victoria Thanos)

Neal Klasky (friend of Lori Pujol)

Nancy & Pete Lane (sister & brother in law of Joan Centrella)

Abbi Livay (granddaughter of Ann Hagan)

Ray Martens (uncle of Roma Hart)

Martha (prayers for healing)

Maureen (friend of Donna Berkowitz)

Chris McCann (cousin of Katie Wallace)

Nick McGray (father of Craig McGray)

Meaghan Morin (Kensington neighbor)

Melanie Moxness (niece of Dwight Allen & Joan Centrella)

Miriam

Nicole

Dave Olson (father of Jenay Olson)

Cabrini Pak (friend of Dwight Allen)

Dawn Porter (friend of Liz McLeod)

Vivian Puricelli (mother of Lee Puricelli)

Craig R. (brother of Lori Pujol)

Ricky Reeves (grandson of Pat Reeves)

Robbie (friend of Sibbie O'Sullivan)

Andrew Rupli (son of Brenda Rupli)

Lori Richards (sister of Lisa Albright)

Sarah Rosenbaum (friend of Helen Urquhart)

Karen Sechrist (friend of Liz Quinn)

Margarita Serrano

Jerry Sheard (brother of Liz Quinn)

Scott Sherman (brother of Sara Thorne)

Sr. Margaret (friend of Leslie Everheart)

Naneita Smith (daughter of Calvin Smith)

Ben Sudbrink (son of Emily & Bill Sudbrink)

### **Tom Tatem's family in Jordan, SA and UAE**

Rick V. (friend of Lori Pujol)

Mike W. (friend of Lori Pujol)

Ronald Young (cousin of Patrice Whiting)

### **Those in our community in need of healing prayers:**

Bonnie Douglas, Maggie Elgin, Anne Fox, Carl Keith, Jon Martineau, America Perez, Lissa Ramsepaul, Ellen Thomas, Sara Thorne, William West and Tom Willis; all caregivers; all federal civil servants and those impacted by funding cuts; and all who grieve the loss of a loved one, a relationship, a job, or a dream.

**Those in need of continued prayer:** Helen Paige Buck, Nora Buckley, Sara Cowan, Florence Crozier, David Dixon, Stephanie Feller, John Frohman, Ray Gardiner, Phyllis Knight, Liz McLeod, Lee Puricelli, and Betsy Robbins, Calvin Smith and Helen Urquhart.

**We remember those serving our country:** Clara Bartram, Virginia Blackman, Alex Cox, Michael Cullinane, Alex Miller and David Hanna; **and we pray for all deployed in the Middle East.**

### **We remember those who have died;**

Especially **Dorothy Clarke (long-time parishioner)**; victims of natural disasters; and those tragically killed as a result of gun violence and war.

**We give thanks:** For all in our parish who celebrate their birthdays this week, including **Marguerite Sayles (3/15), Henry Hensley (3/15), Katie Wallace (3/17), Charlotte Hensley (3/20), Eva Marie Nye (3/21), and Victoria Thanos (3/21).** Happy Birthday!

Have we missed your birthday? Please let us know!

**Send your prayer requests to [emily@ccpk.org](mailto:emily@ccpk.org)**



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Aime Keith  
Jason Paige

## This Week at Christ Church

### Sunday, March 15 – Fourth Sunday in Lent

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I, In person only  
9:30 AM Children's Faith Formation, Parish Hall & Classrooms  
10:00 AM Children's Chapel, Parish Hall  
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist, In Person and Live Streaming on YouTube  
11:30 AM Grief & Loss Conversations, Session 2, Library  
11:30 AM Choir Rehearsal  
4:00 PM Bible Study, Church Library and Live on Zoom  
5:00 PM Holy Eucharist, In person and Live on Zoom

### Monday, March 16 – Office Closed

7:00 PM Lenten Book Study, *The Last Week*, Live on Zoom  
8:30 PM Compline, Live on Zoom

### Tuesday, March 17

7:30 PM Holy Handcrafters

### Wednesday, March 18

6:30 PM Evening Prayer, Live on Zoom

### Thursday, March 19

12:15 PM Prayers for Peace, Live on Zoom  
7:00 PM Lectio Divina, Live on Zoom  
8:00 PM Compline, Live on Zoom

### Sunday, March 22

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I, In person only  
9:30 AM Children's Faith Formation, Parish Hall & Classrooms  
10:00 AM Children's Chapel, Parish Hall  
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist, In Person and Live Streaming on YouTube  
11:30 AM Grief & Loss Conversations, Session 3, Library  
11:30 AM Juvenile Justice Forum, Parish Hall  
11:30 AM Choir Rehearsal  
4:00 PM Bible Study, Church Library and Live on Zoom  
5:00 PM Holy Eucharist, In person and Live on Zoom

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# Hymns for March 15, 2026 in the order that they appear in the service

## Processional Hymn #567 *Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old*

St. Matthew

1 Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old was strong to  
2 And lo! thy touch brought life and health, gave hear - ing,  
3 Be thou our great de - liv - erer still, thou Lord of

heal and save; it tri - umphed o'er dis - ease and death,  
strength, and sight; and youth re - newed and fren - zy calmed  
life and death; re - store and quick - en, soothe and bless,

o'er dark - ness and the grave. To thee they went, the  
owned thee, the Lord of light: and now, O Lord, be  
with thine al - might - y breath: to hands that work and

blind, the deaf, the pal - sied, and the lame, the lep - er  
near to bless, al - might - y as of yore, in crowd - ed  
eyes that see, give wis - dom's heaven - ly lore, that whole and

set a - part and shunned, the sick with fe - vered frame.  
street, by rest - less couch, as by Gen - nes - aret's shore.  
sick, and weak and strong, may praise thee ev - er - more.

Words: Edward Hayes Plumptre (1821-1891), alt. Music: *St. Matthew*, from *Supplement to the New Version of Psalms* by Dr. Brady and Mr. Tate, 1708.

1. Be not dis-mayed\_ what - e'er be - tide, God will take care of you;—  
 2. Through days of toil\_\_\_ when heart doth fail, God will take care of you;—  
 3. All you may need\_\_\_ He will pro- vide, God will take care of you;—  
 4. No mat - ter what\_\_\_ may be the test, God will take care of you;—

1. Be - neath His wings\_\_\_ of love a - bide, God will take care of you.\_\_\_\_  
 2. When dan - gers fierce\_\_\_ your path as - sail, God will take care of you.\_\_\_\_  
 3. Noth - ing you ask\_\_\_ will be de - nied, God will take care of you.\_\_\_\_  
 4. Lean, wea - ry one,\_\_\_ up - on His breast, God will take care of you.\_\_\_\_

God will take care of you, Through ev - 'ry day, O'er all the way;

He will take care\_\_\_ of you, God will take care\_\_\_ of you.\_\_\_\_

Communion Hymn #339 *Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness*

Schmucke dich

1 Deck thy - self, my soul, with glad - ness, leave the  
 2 Sun, who all my life dost bright - en; Light, who  
 3 Je - sus, Bread of Life, I pray thee, let me

gloom - y haunts of sad - ness, come in - to the day - light's  
 dost my soul en - light - en; Joy, the best that an - y  
 glad - ly here o - bey thee; nev - er to my hurt in -

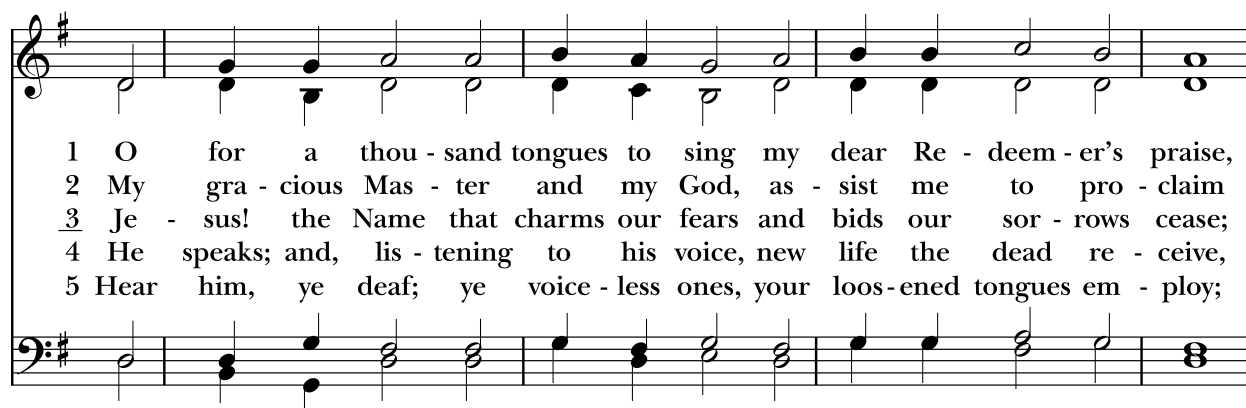
splen - dor, there with joy thy prais - es ren - der  
 know - eth; Fount, whence all my be - ing flow - eth:  
 vit - ed, be thy love with love re - quit - ed;

un - to him whose grace un - bound - ed hath this  
 at thy feet I cry, my Ma - ker, let me  
 from this ban - quet let me mea - sure, Lord, how

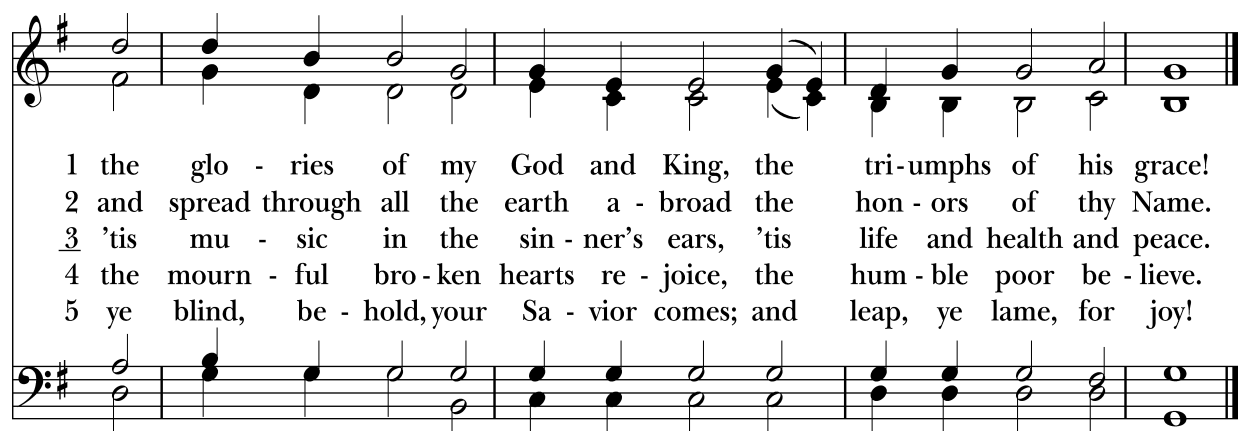
won - drous ban - quet found - ed - high o'er all the heavens he  
 be a fit par - ta - ker of this bless - ed food from  
 vast and deep its trea - sure; through the gifts thou here dost

reign - eth, yet to dwell with thee he deign - eth.  
 hea - ven, for our good, thy glo - ry, giv - en.  
 give me, as thy guest in heaven re - ceive me.

Words: Johann Franck (1618-1677); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt. Music: *Schmücke dich*, melody Johann Crüger (1598-1662); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906.



1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem - er's praise,  
 2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim  
 3 Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease;  
 4 He speaks; and, lis - tening to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive,  
 5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voice - less ones, your loos - ened tongues em - ploy;



1 the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!  
 2 and spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name.  
 3 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.  
 4 the mourn - ful bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.  
 5 ye blind, be - hold, your Sa - vior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

6 Glory to God and praise and love  
 be now and ever given  
 by saints below and saints above,  
 the Church in earth and heayen.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: *Azmon*, Carl Gotthilf Gläser (1784-1829); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872).