



# Welcome to Christ Church

February 28, 2016

Lent 3



*All Service Notes: The 10:15 Service is in the leaflet. Hymns are in the larger blue books. Prayer List is on the stand. Welcome materials are on the back table. The Schedule on the back table includes the service participants for today.*

## 10:15 a.m. Family Eucharist, Rite II

Prelude

### 142 Processional Hymn (in the Blue Hymnal Book)

*from Common Worship: Ch. of Eng.*

Leader: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;

**People: O my God, in you I trust.**

Leader: You are the God of my salvation;

**People: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

Leader: In you I hope all the day long.

**People: O my God, in you I trust.**

Leader: Remember, Lord, your compassion and love,

**People: for they are from everlasting.**

Leader: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;

**People: O my God, in you I trust.**

**WLP 840 Kyrie** (*sung responsively together*) Leader: Kyrie All: **Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.** Leader:

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### Collect of the Day

*Celebrant:* God be with you.

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

*Celebrant:* Let us pray

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### A Reading (Lesson) from the Book of Exodus 3:1-15 (*the congregation may be seated*)

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask

me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I am who I am." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I am has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations."

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.      **People: Thanks be to God.**



**Psalms 63:1-8**

O God, you are my God; ea-ger-ly I seek you.

- 1 My soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,\* *as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.*
- 2 Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, \*  
*that I might behold your power and your glory. [antiphon]*
- 3 For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; \* *my lips shall give you praise.*
- 4 So will I bless you as long as I live \* *and lift up my hands in your Name. [antiphon]*
- 5 My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, \* *and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,*
- 6 When I remember you upon my bed, \* *and meditate on you in the night watches. [antiphon]*
- 7 For you have been my helper, \* *and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.*
- 8 My soul clings to you; \* *your right hand holds me fast. [antiphon]*

**A Reading (Lesson) from Paul's Letter to the Corinthians 10:1-13**

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people      **People: Thanks be to God.**

**439 Gradual Hymn** (*Before Gospel vss. 1-2, after 3*)      (*please all stand*)

**The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke 13:1-9**      (*Glory to you, Lord Christ*)

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did." Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"      Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord      **People: Praise to you, Lord Christ**

**Homily** Jane Hale *(all may be seated)*

**The Nicene Creed:** 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 Form IV** *(Lay reader and congregation standing preferred)*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. *We pray for those in the Armed Forces but especially for: Angela, Dan, Jeff, Ken, Ernest, Tom, Doug, Joel, Jed, Micah, Bill & Tim (and any others written in)*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. *For those celebrating birthdays... Ashley Danenhower, Christopher Martin, Margaret MacNair, Zach Gagnon, Daniel Pontrelli, Maggie Eichorn, Signe Stevens, Katie Lusa (and names from the sheet)... and for those celebrating anniversaries... (and names from the intercession sheet)*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. *But especially for.... (any on our list)*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. *And especially... (any on our list)*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Lord, hear the prayers of *thy* people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of *thy* Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you. **People:** **And also with you**

**Offertory Anthem** *(the ushers pass the collection)*

**Offertory Presentation (380 verse 3)** *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

## S120 The Holy Eucharist: Prayer B

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

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

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *People:* **It is right to give God thanks and praise**

*Celebrant continues.....* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. 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.

**S125 Together..... Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

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

*The Celebrant continues...* 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. 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 our loved ones and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, **Our Father, who art in heaven....**

**S164 Jesus, lamb of God, have mercy on us. Jesus bearer of our sins, have mercy on us. Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world: give us your peace, give us your peace.**

**482 Young People's Entrance Hymn**

*Celebrant:* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

**Hymns during Communion** (309, Levas 228) *(all are invited to communion)*

**Lay Eucharistic Visitors (optional):** Friends in Christ we send forth our visitors bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom they go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood. **For though we are many, we are one body.**

**Thanksgiving Prayer after Communion**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray together.

*Celebrant and People:* **Eternal God, 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.**

**Blessing, sung AMEN and Announcements**

**344 Recessional Hymn**