



February 28, 2021 at 10 a.m.

Holy Eucharist Rite II

The Second Sunday in Lent

Welcome to Christ Church

*Thank you for joining us on [Facebook Live](#) or our [website](#)
as we continue our Lenten journey.*

This service bulletin is the only document you'll need to participate in this morning's liturgy. Even though we are at home, turn up the volume on your device and try on singing and praying out loud with gusto, even if it feels odd. It may feel more like Church!



Loving God and neighbor, as Jesus teaches

Choral Prelude

Domine convertere

Kevin Allen (20th c.)

Edition: Charles Raines (b. 1952)

Text translation: Psalm 6:5 – Turn to me, O Lord, and deliver my soul. O save me for Thy mercy's sake.

Following the prelude, we observe several moments of silence to help us enter more deeply into prayer. As the mothers and fathers of the early Church put it, “God’s first language is silence.”

Hymn 691

My faith looks up to thee

Tune: *Olivet*

1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
3 While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs a - round me spread,
Sa - vior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, O may my
be thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day; wipe sor - row's
guilt a - way; O let me from this day be whol - ly thine.
love to thee pure, warm, and change - less be, a liv - ing fire.
tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.

Words: Ray Palmer (1808-1887) Music: *Olivet*, Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

Welcome

A Penitential Order: Rite II

Book of Common Prayer, p. 351

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People God's mercy endures for ever.

Please kneel, if it makes sense in your context.

The Decalogue: Contemporary

Celebrant Hear the commandments of God to God's people: I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant You shall not make for yourself any idol.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant Honor your father and your mother.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant You shall not commit murder.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant You shall not commit adultery.

People Amen. Lord have mercy..

Celebrant You shall not steal.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant You shall not be a false witness.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."

Confession of Sin

Enriching Our Worship, p. 56

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God.

We observe a moment of silence.

All God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Absolution

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

Kyrie S-91

Lord, have mercy upon us

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -

on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

All 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.

First Lesson

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Lector When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

At the end of the reading:

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

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22:22-30

Psalter for the Christian People, pp. 34-35

The Psalm is read responsively, breaking at the asterisk ().*

Praise the LORD, that you are God-fearing*

stand in awe of the LORD, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD's face hidden from them; *

but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.

My praise is of God in the great assembly; *

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship the LORD.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the LORD shall give praise: *

"May your heart live for ever!"

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, *

and all the families of the nations shall bow to the LORD.

For sovereignty belongs to the LORD; *

who rules over the nations.

To the LORD alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *

all who go down to the dust fall before the LORD.

My soul shall live for God; my descendants shall serve the LORD; *

they shall be known as the LORD'S for ever.

They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *

the saving deeds that God has done.

Second Lesson

Romans 4:13-25

Lector For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) –in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

At the end of the reading:

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn O Jesus, you were born to be

Tune: *Truro*

Sung to “Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates”

Carolyn Gillette

1. O Jesus, you were born to be
God’s gift to save humanity;

And one great day we’re moving toward,
All life will bow and call you Lord!

2. You are Messiah, you are Christ,
Anointed One, God’s sacrifice.

In you, God’s mercy is revealed:
We’re saved from sin, forgiven, healed.

Hymn Notes

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette is a Presbyterian pastor who writes hymns that speak to today’s issues, whether they be social concerns, Covid-19, or every-day living and how faith speaks to worldwide events. She writes new words to old hymn tunes, making them accessible to all. Many thanks to Pastor Gillette for allowing us to sing, print and broadcast two verses of “O Jesus, you were born to be” during the weeks in Lent. To learn more about Carolyn

Gillette and her ministry through hymns, visit her [website](#).

The Gospel

Mark 8:31-38

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Celebrant Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it,

and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

At the conclusion of the Gospel reading.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

A moment of silence is observed after the sermon.

The Rev. Nick Morris-Kliment

The Nicene Creed

Please stand as comfortable, and able.

All

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.

Book of Common Prayer, p. 358

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 II

Book of Common Prayer, p. 385

Intercessor I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; our Bishops Alan and Gayle; for Amy, Dean of our Cathedral; for Carol, our Regional Canon; for Nick, our priest; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence.

Intercessor I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence.

Intercessor I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence.

Intercessor I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God. Pray that they may find and be found by God.

Silence.

Intercessor I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.

Silence.

Intercessor Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence.

Celebrant Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements

This week's announcements can be found [here](#). To receive our announcements in your inbox, please [click here](#).

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offering of the Gifts of Bread and Wine

Offertory Anthem

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Thomas A. Dorsey; arr. Horace Clarence Boyer (1935-2009)

Christ Church Quartet

Precious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the light; Take my hand, precious Lord, Lead me on. When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near. When my life is almost gone; When my life is almost gone; Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my hand, lest I fall, Take my hand, precious Lord, Lead me on. When the darkness appears and the night draws near, And the day is past and gone; At the river I stand, Guide my feet, hold my hand, Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me on.

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The Great Thanksgiving Prayer A

Book of Common Prayer, p. 361

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 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. 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:

Sanctus 114

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

All

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of
Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -
- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Celebrant Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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."

Celebrant Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.

All Amen.

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

All

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.

Fraction Anthem

All Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us your peace.

The Invitation

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died and lives for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Communion

Through Lent, we are offering “In ‘n’ Out” Eucharist, allowing a swift trip inside the Church. Come between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to the Rosemary Street entrance, sign in, and follow the blue arrows “in ‘n’ out” of the Chapel (next week, we’re back in the Main Church). [Register here.](#)

Post-communion Prayer

Book of Common Prayer, p. 365

Celebrant Let us pray.

All 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.

Lenten Prayer over the People

Celebrant Grant, Almighty God, that we your people may recognize our weakness and put our whole trust in your strength, so that we may rejoice forever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn 675

Take up your cross and follow me

Tune: *Bourbon*



1 Take up your cross, the Sa - vior said, if
 2 Take up your cross, let not its weight fill
 3 Take up your cross, heed not the shame, and
 4 Take up your cross, then, in his strength, and
 5 Take up your cross, and fol - low Christ, nor



1 you would my dis - ci - ple be; take up your cross with
 2 your weak spi - rit with a - larm; his strength shall bear your
 3 let your fool - ish heart be still; the Lord for you ac -
 4 calm - ly ev - ery dan - ger brave: it guides you to a -
 5 think till death to lay it down; for on - ly those who



1 will - ing heart, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.
 2 spi - rit up, and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.
 3 cept - ed death up - on a cross, on Cal - vary's hill.
 4 bun - dant life and leads to vic - tory o'er the grave.
 5 bear the cross may hope to wear the glo - rious crown.

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 harm. John Leon Hooker (b. 1944) Copyright ©1984, John Hooker. All rights reserved. Used with permission.

The Dismissal

Gospeler Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

During Lent, we refrain from saying "Alleluia."

Postlude

Adagio in F minor

Adolphus Hailstork (b. 1941)

MUSIC NOTES
By Charles Raines, Organist

This morning our choral prelude and organ postlude were written by prominent African American composers.

KEVIN ALLEN is highly regarded as a composer of opera, chamber and orchestral music. His works, sacred and secular, have been performed in churches and concert halls throughout the United States and Europe. Based in Chicago, he is the founding director of the Collins Consort, American Composer's Project, and Schola Immaculata. Mr. Allen is also the choirmaster of the Monastery of the Holy Cross in Chicago. He has also served as Director of Music for Saint John Cantius in Chicago. Our quartet will sing one of his Latin motets as the prelude.



Kevin Allen

ADOLPHUS HAILSTORK has written numerous works for chorus, solo voice, piano, organ, various chamber ensembles, band, orchestra, and opera. His music has been performed by major orchestras (Philadelphia, Chicago, and New York) under leading conductors such as Daniel Barenboim, Kurt Masur, and Lorin Maazel. In March 2019, Thomas Wilkins conducted Hailstork's *AN AMERICAN PORT OF CALL* with the Boston Symphony Orchestra. Dr. Hailstork resides in Virginia Beach, Virginia and is Professor of Music and Eminent Scholar at Old Dominion University in Norfolk. Charles will play one of his organ compositions.



Adolphus Hailstork

Prayers of the People

This week in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America. Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Alan and Gayle, our Bishops; Amy, Dean of our Cathedral; Carol, our Regional Canon; and Nick, our priest. Also, our companion parish at St. Luc's, Lazil, Haiti and our siblings at the MANNA Community in Boston.

This week in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray the **Parishes of the Cape & Islands Deanery**: Trinity Chapel, Oak Bluffs; Church of the Holy Spirit, Orleans; St. Peter's Church, Osterville; Christ Church, Plymouth; and Boston Episcopal Charitable Society.

In the Needham Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Carter Memorial United Methodist Church and Town Meeting Members.

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of:
Davey Eric Stern and Thomas & Elva McDaniels by The Michael Stern Family
Kevin Haines, Ruth Haines, and Linda Haines by Janet Haines
Amber and Kenneth West by Winnie West

Your prayers are requested for Margaret B. & Family, Leo, Sommer, Meghan, Anita, Linda F., Sarah, Gail, Thomas, and Sharon. And prayer for all serving our country - especially, remembering Tom Z., Emmy, Jack, Sean, Ian, Colin, Tim and Andrew.

Please email your prayers to the [office](mailto:office@ccneedham.org) (office@ccneedham.org).

Thank you to those who assisted in the service today!

Pamela Goody, Director of Music
Charles Raines, Organist
Christ Church Quartet: Lisa Correnti, Lea Peterson, Grant Furgieue, and Mark Anderson
Emilie Hitron, Lector
Tim Lysaght, Broadcast Verger

And others to be named on air!

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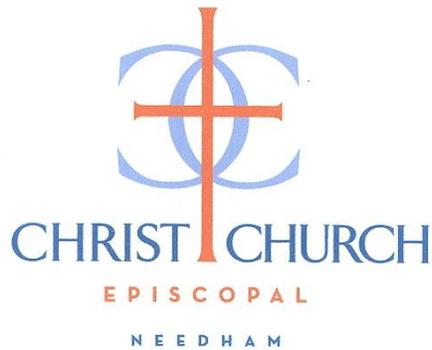
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