



March 14, 2021 at 10 a.m.
Liturgy of the Word
The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Welcome to Christ Church

*Thank you for joining us on [Facebook](#) 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

Organ Prelude

Fantasia in C minor, BWV 537

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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 145 st. 1, 2 & 5

Now quit your care

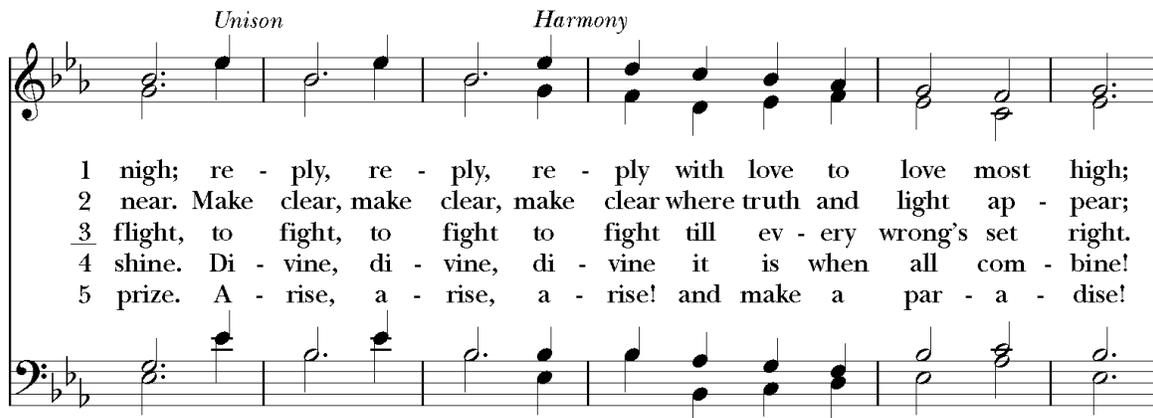
Tune: Quittez, Pasteurs

1 Now quit your care and anxious fear and worry; for
 2 To bow the head in sack-cloth and in ashes, or
 3 For is not this the fast that I have cho-sen? (The
 4 For right-eous-ness and peace will show their fac-es to
 5 Then shall your light break forth as doth the morn-ing; your

1 schemes are vain and fret-ting brings no gain. Lent calls to
 2 rend the soul, such grief is not Lent's goal; but to be
 3 pro-phet spoke) To shat-ter ev-ery yoke, of wick-ed-
 4 those who feed the hun-gry in their need, and wrongs re-
 5 health shall spring, the friends you make shall bring God's glo-ry

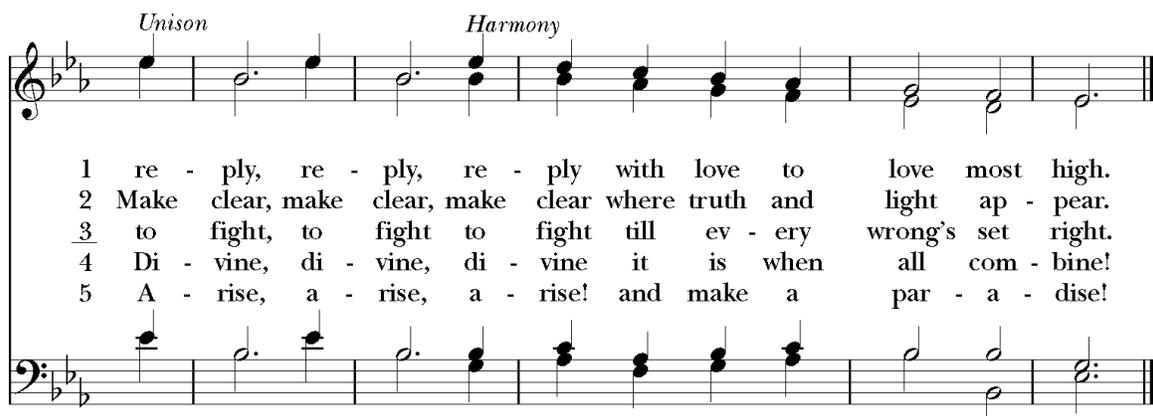
1 prayer, to trust and ded-i-ca-tion; God brings new beau-ty
 2 led to where God's glo-ry flash-es, his beau-ty to come
 3 ness the griev-ous bands to loos-en, op-pres-sion put to
 4 dress, who build the old waste plac-es, and in the dark-ness
 5 bright, your way through life a-dorn-ing; and love shall be the

Unison *Harmony*



1 nigh; re - ply, re - ply, re - ply with love to love most high;
 2 near. Make clear, make clear, make clear where truth and light ap - pear;
 3 flight, to fight, to fight to fight till ev - ery wrong's set right.
 4 shine. Di - vine, di - vine, di - vine it is when all com - bine!
 5 prize. A - rise, a - rise, a - rise! and make a par - a - dise!

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Welcome

A Penitential Order: Rite II

Book of Common Prayer, p. 351

Officiant 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

Officiant 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.

Officiant You shall not make for yourself any idol.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

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

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Officiant Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Officiant Honor your father and your mother.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Officiant You shall not commit murder.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Officiant You shall not commit adultery.

People Amen. Lord have mercy..

Officiant You shall not steal.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Officiant You shall not be a false witness.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

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

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Officiant 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

Officiant 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

Officiant 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

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

All Gracious Father, 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.

First Lesson

Numbers 21:4-9

Lector From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it

upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

At the end of the reading:

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

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

Psalter for the Christian People, pp. 147-148

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

Give thanks to the LORD, who is good, *

whose mercy endures for ever.

Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed proclaim *

that the LORD redeemed them from the hand of the foe.

God gathered them out of the lands; *

from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; *

they were afflicted because of their sins.

They abhorred all manner of food *

and drew near to death's door.

Then in their trouble they cried to the LORD *

who delivered them from their distress.

God sent forth a word to heal them *

and saved them from the grave.

Let them give thanks for the mercy of God *

and the wonders the LORD does all people.

Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving *

and recount the deeds of God with shouts of joy.

Second Lesson

Ephesians 2:1-10

Lector You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ- by grace you have been saved- and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God- not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

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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

John 3:14-21

[Read a note](#) on the Gospel of John, which describes how this Gospel has been weaponized to support anti-Semitism.

Officiant The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Officiant Jesus said, “Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

At the conclusion of the Gospel reading.

Officiant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Elise Feyerherm, PhD

A moment of silence is observed after the sermon.

The Nicene Creed

Book of Common Prayer, p. 358

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.

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.

Officiant 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.**

Officiant 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.

Announcements

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

Offertory Sentence

Officiant O Lord our God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power; because you have created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being. *Revelation 4:11*

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Offertory Anthem

Simple Gifts

Shaker Tune/arr. Mark Schweizer (1956-2019)/after Johann Pachelbel's *Canon*
Words: Trad./Additional Stanzas: Alice Carpenter
Choir Ensemble

'Tis a gift to be simple, 'tis a gift to be free 'Tis a gift to come down where we ought to be And when we find ourselves in a place just right 'Twill be in the valley of love and delight. 'Tis a gift to be loving, 'tis a gift to be kind, 'tis a gift to leave our bitterness behind, And when we find ourselves in a place just right 'Twill be in the valley of love and delight. When true simplicity is gained to bow and to bend, we shan't be ashamed to turn, turn, will be our delight, 'till by turning, turning, we come round right 'Tis a gift to be thankful, 'tis a gift to forgive, 'Tis a gift to find out how we ought to live, And when we find ourselves in a place just right 'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.

A General Thanksgiving

Book of Common Prayer, p. 836

All Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love. We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side. We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us. We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone. Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom. Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know Christ and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. Amen.

Hymn 530

Spread, O spread, thou mighty word

Tune: *Gott sei Dank*

1 Spread, O spread, thou might - y word, spread the king - dom of the Lord,
2 word of how the Fa - ther's will made the world, and keeps it, still;
3 word of how the Sa - vior's love earth's sore bur - den doth re - move;
4 word of how the Spi - rit came bring - ing peace in Je - sus' name;
5 Word of life, most pure and strong, word for which the na - tions long,

1 that to earth's re - mot - est bound all may heed the joy - ful sound;
2 how his on - ly Son he gave, earth from sin and death to save;
3 how for - ev - er, in its need, through his death the world is freed;
4 how his nev - er - fail - ing love guides us on to heaven a - bove.
5 spread a - broad, un - til from night all the world a - wakes to light.

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melody from *Geistreiches Gesangbuch*, 1704; adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870)

Lenten Prayer over the People

Officiant 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.**

Log into our Zoom Coffee Hour after the Postlude. Please note there is no "In 'n' Out" Eucharist today.

Postlude

Fantasia in G minor, T. 255

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

Prayers of the People

This week in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Iglesia Anglicana de Chile. 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, our siblings at the MANNA Community in Boston, and our partners B-Safe/B-Love at St. Stephen's Church in Boston.

This week in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray the **Parishes of the Cape & Islands Deanery:** Church of the Good Shepherd, Wareham; St. James the Fisherman Church, Wellfleet; Church of the Messiah, Woods Hole (Falmouth); Diocesan Congregational Consultants; and for all churches in the Diocese closed or merged.

In the Needham Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the St. John Damascus Orthodox Christian Church and Bahá'i Community.

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of:
Paul Nickerson

Your prayers are requested for David, Barbara B., 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).

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Thank you to those who assisted in the service today!

The Rev. Elise Feyerherm, Officiant
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Choir Ensemble

Mark Anderson, Lisa Correnti, Grant Furgiuele, Kim Lysaght, Lea Peterson, MaryAnn Ryan
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Debby Rempis, Lector

And others to be named on air!

To assist during worship, please email the office (office@ccneedham.org) or sign up [here](#).

Lent at Christ Church Needham

NO “In ‘n’ Out” Eucharist TODAY

Please note that there is no “In ‘n’ Out” Eucharist today.

Wednesdays in Lent on Zoom

Join us Wednesday in Lent on Zoom for Morning Prayer Rite I at 8:30 a.m. and Night Prayers at 8:30 p.m. Please [email](#) us for the links.

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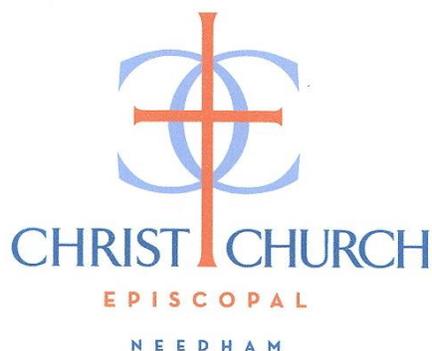
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