

**Christ Episcopal Church**  
Sparta, NC

*A home to all sharing God's unconditional love.*



**The Fourth Sunday in Lent**  
**March 15, 2026**

The Rt. Rev José McLoughlin  
Bishop of Western North Carolina

The Rev Karla Woggon  
Priest in Charge

# Welcome to Christ Episcopal Church

**We are delighted God has brought you to this special place.**

**What do you need to know about worship?** Everything you need for your worship today is in the booklet you are holding. Our service is based on the Book of Common Prayer, using music from sources including the Hymnal 1982 and Taizé.

**Are you worshipping with us for the first time?** We would love to get to know you! Please email our office at [christchurchspartanc@gmail.com](mailto:christchurchspartanc@gmail.com) with your name and contact information, and let us know if we can call you, answer questions, or pray for you. And know that wherever you are on your journey of faith, there is a place for you at Christ Church.

**Newsletter:** Sign-up today to receive our electronic newsletter, the weekly *Good News & Notes*. Email the church office at [christchurchspartanc@gmail.com](mailto:christchurchspartanc@gmail.com).

**Do you need prayer?** We have an active prayer ministry here at Christ Church. If prayer would be helpful to you, please fill out a prayer request card (found in the pew back), making sure you include your name and contact information (email and/or phone). We'll include you in our weekly prayers. Just complete the card & put it in the offering plate during the Offertory or share your request with the greeter.

**We extend special thanks today to:**

**The Rev Martha Honaker** for leading us in worship,

**Kathy Sugishita** for serving as musician and for being so generous with her talents, and

**Marybeth Lentz** for opening the Parish Hall, preparing the coffee, and for providing refreshments for coffee hour today.

**Please enter the Sanctuary in silence to respect those who are preparing for worship. Save conversations, whispered or out loud, for outside or Coffee Hour.**

**Please silence your cell phone, too.**

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# The Gathering

Prelude

Kathy Sugishita

Announcements

Elizabeth Barr Bryant

*Please stand, as able.*

Processional Hymn #555

*Lead on, King eternal*

Opening Acclamation

BCP, pg 323

Presider Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

People **His mercy endureth for ever.**

Presider Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

Presider Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Kyrie: S91

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.

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*Please remain standing, as able.*

## The Collect

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Presider Let us pray,

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.**

*Please be seated.*

## Liturgy of the Word

### First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the LORD." But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

## The Response: Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; \*

**I shall not be in want.**

He makes me lie down in green pastures \*

**and leads me beside still waters.**

He revives my soul \*

**and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.**

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I shall fear no evil; \*

**for you are with me;**

**your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*

**you have anointed my head with oil,**

**and my cup is running over.**

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*

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

## The Second Reading

### Ephesians 5:8-14

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Sleeper, awake!

Rise from the dead,

and Christ will shine on you.”

Reader      The Word of the Lord.

People      **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand, as able.*

### Gospel Hymn #671

*Amazing grace!*

*Please remain standing, as able.*

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

People      **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

## The Gospel

### John 9:1-41

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor

his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

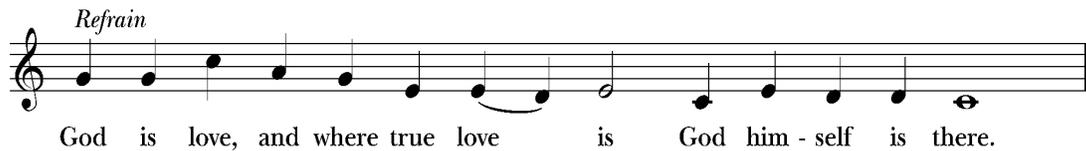
So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus

said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.  
People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Refrain:



All are seated.

## The Sermon

The Rev Martha Honaker

*A time of silence following the sermon.*

Please stand, as able.

## 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.

*Please stand or kneel, as able.*

### **Prayers of the People (all read the bold text)**

Leader Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Leader Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all people: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

*Silence*

Leader Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, *especially Sarah, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Sean, our Presiding Bishop, José, our Bishop, Karla, our Priest-in-Charge, and Martha, our Celebrant* that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

*Silence*

Leader And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

*Silence*

Leader We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

*Silence*

Leader Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

*Silence*

Leader And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor... *all those suffering in places of violence or natural disaster, and all those on our prayer list including... Antje, Bill, Bob, Bobbie, Brenda, Kelly, Carl, Carol, Cathy, Charles, Christine, Cynthia, Phil, Diane, John, Donna, Mike, Emily, Frank, Ann, Gary, Ina, Inza, Blair, Isabel, Jackie, Janice,*

Jesse, JoAnn, Jonathan, Lynn, Ajit, Margaret, Maria, Martha, Patricia, Rebecca, Arnold, Rita, Angelia, Rudy, Savany, Stella, Sue, Jim, and Vanita, and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

*Silence*

Leader And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. *We pray especially for Jana, Peggy, Dolan, and Lucy today; may she rest in peace and rise in glory.*

*Silence*

Presider Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

### **Confession of Sin**

Presider Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*A period of silence will be observed.*

All **Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against thee  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in thy will,  
and walk in thy ways,  
to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

Presider Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Matthew 11:28*

*Please stand, as able.*

### **The Peace**

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

*Please greet one another in a way that is comfortable as a sign of our participation in Christ's reconciling work in the world.*

*Please be seated.*

## Offertory Music

Kathy Sugishita

*Please stand, as able.*

## Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*Please remain standing, as able.*

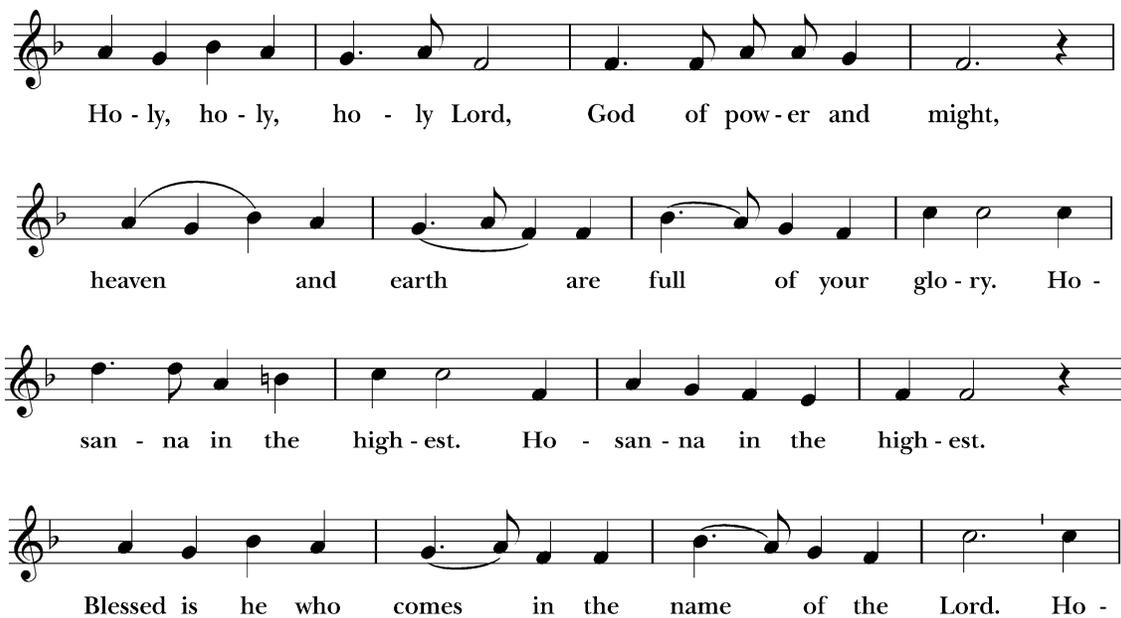
## The Great Thanksgiving

*BCP, Eucharistic Prayer I*

Presider The Lord be with you.  
People **And with thy spirit.**  
Presider Life up your hearts  
People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**  
Presider Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.  
People **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. 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 with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and singing,

**Sanctus: S125** (*sung by all*)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for all, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

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

*A period of silence is kept.*

**Fraction: S161** (*sung by all*)

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.

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We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

*Please be seated.*

## The Invitation to Holy Communion

## Communion Music

Kathy Sugishita

Surely the Presence of the Lord

*Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,  
I can feel God's mighty power and God's grace,  
I can hear the brush of angels' wings,  
I see glory on each face.  
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.*

*Please stand or kneel, as able.*

## Post Communion Prayer

BCP 366

Presider Let us pray.

People Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

## The Blessing

*Please stand, as able.*

## Recessional Hymn #707

*Take my life, and let it be*

## The Dismissal *(During the season of Lent, "Alleluia" is omitted)*

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

## Postlude

Kathy Sugishita

### Coming Lessons

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalm 130

Romans 8:6-11

John 11:1-45

# Prayer List

**Intercessions:**

Antje & Bill, Bill, Bill Bedrossian, Bob Bamberg, Bobbie Clark, Brenda & Kelly Weems, Carl & Carol Greer, Cathy Davis, Charles & Christine McKelvy, Cynthia Grant & Phil Kwiatkowski, Diane & John, Donna & Mike Hohnstine, Emily Buck, Frank & Ann Hazard (travel mercies), Gary Medley, Ina, Inza & Blair, Isabel Tomé & Vanessa Cottrell, Jackie Sloop, Janice Harrison, Jesse James, JoAnn Andrews, Jonathan, Lynn Ellis, Lynn & Ajit, Margaret, Maria Chance, Martha A, Rita Woodruff & Angelia Miller, Patricia Gaskin (Rebecca’s mother), Rebecca & Arnold Gain, Rudy McKnight, Savany Demmink, Stella Daniel, Sue & Jim Doss (The Rev), and Vanita. We also pray for all those in areas of war & violence, our local neighbors that fear detention, the inmates & staff at River North Correction Center, Covenant House, and we pray for Christ Church, its leaders & ministry teams.

**Departed:** Jana Harston (March 10), Peggy Beaver Keasler, Dolan Huffman, Lucy

**Birthdays:**

**Wedding Anniversaries & Thanksgivings:**

Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury, Sean, our Presiding Bishop, José, our Bishop, Karla, our Priest-in-Charge, and Martha, our Celebrant.

**In the Anglican Community:** The Anglican Church of Kenya

**In the Diocese of WNC:** St Joseph’s Chapel and students, staff & faculty of Christ School

**In Alleghany County:** Cherry Lane Union Baptist Church

## The following people are assisting with the services

Role	This Sunday	Next Sunday
Altar Guild	Bruce Smith	Bruce Smith
Chalice bearer	Nancy Wilson	Bruce Smith
Lector I	Les Colvard	Barbara Halsey
Lector II	Les Colvard	Barbara Halsey
Prayers of the People	Les Colvard	Barbara Halsey
Greeter(s)/Usher(s)	Barbara & Jim Halsey	Jane & John Franck

*If you would like a copy of today’s sermon, please ask Karla or Mary Lee and they’ll make a copy for you.*

## Monthly Altar Flowers and Coffee Hour sign-ups:

Date	Altar Flowers	Coffee Guild	Coffee Hour
March 15	<i>Altar Guild</i>	Marybeth Lentz	Marybeth Lentz
March 22	<i>Altar Guild</i>	Marybeth Lentz	Jane Franck
March 29	<i>Palm strips</i>	Marybeth Lentz	Jeanne Green
April 5	<i>Lilies</i>		Sara Brown Davis

## Schedule

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

10:30 am – Holy Eucharist with The Rev Martha Honaker\*

Coffee hour follows the service

### Monday, March 16

10:00 am – Vestry meeting

### Tuesday, March 17

1:00 pm – Centering Prayer group

2:00 pm – Book Discussion group

### Sunday, March 22 – The Last Sunday in Lent

10:30 am – Holy Eucharist with The Rev Karla Woggon

Coffee hour follows the service

## Announcements

**Would you like to order an Easter lily in honor of or in memory of someone? Now's the time!** You can order by emailing the office with (1) the name of the person you'd like to remember, (2) if it's *in honor of* or *in memory of*, and (3) how that person is related to you. You can write a check to "Christ Church" with "lilies" on the memo line or put cash in an offering envelope (in the pew back) with your name, and the information above, and then just put your payment in the offering plate. {\$15-25 are typical donation amounts.} **Deadline for purchase is Thursday, March 26, 2026.**

**Rescheduled confirmation class – Sun, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 12:00-1:30 pm, BYOL** (bring your own lunch). For more details, read the GNN.

**Golden Gamesters** is a new opportunity for fellowship and outreach in our community. The last Monday of every month, beginning March 30<sup>th</sup>, from 1:00-3:00 pm at the Social Scene

(22 S Main St, Sparta), we'll get together to enjoy card games, board games, and more. *For more information, read the GNN.*

**Easter gifts for our Sam Evans' friends!** At Easter, we create baskets for our friends at Sam Evans' group home (Linda, Tammy, Sabrina, and Vanessa). Please sign up and bring your gift by Sun, March 29<sup>th</sup> so baskets can be assembled. The sign-up sheet is on the information table in the Parish Hall. *For more details, read the Good News & Notes.*

If you have a pastoral need or would like home communion or a visit when you are sick or homebound, please contact Karla at [priest.christchurchspartanc@gmail.com](mailto:priest.christchurchspartanc@gmail.com) or 828.638.0533.

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## Holy Week Schedule

### **Sunday, March 29 – Palm Sunday**

10:30 am – Holy Eucharist with The Rev Karla Woggon

Coffee hour follows the service

### **Thursday, April 2**

5:00 pm – Maundy Thursday service with The Rev Karla Woggon

### **Friday, April 3**

12:00 pm – Good Friday service with The Rev Karla Woggon

### **Sunday, April 5 – Easter Sunday**

10:30 am – Holy Eucharist with The Rev Karla Woggon

Coffee hour follows the service

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