



**CHRIST CHURCH
AN EPISCOPAL CHURCH
IN THE DIOCESE OF EAST CAROLINA
FOUNDED 1715, NEW BERN, NORTH CAROLINA**

Our Vision: To be a church that loves the way God Loves

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 19, 2023 10:00 AM

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Please silence your cell phones.

In this season of Lent,

Before the service, speak to the Lord.

During the Service, let the Lord speak to you.

After the service, speak to one another.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

HEARING AND RESPONDING TO HOLY SCRIPTURE

Voluntary

Welcome

Processional Hymn

At the Cross

L 30

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

People **His mercy endures for ever.**

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."

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

**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.**

Celebrant

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.**

Kyrie

Lord Have Mercy

S 96

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord,

Christ have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord,

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Setting: From *Deutsche Messe*; Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

NOTE: Many thanks to Grace Episcopal Church, Asheville, NC, for providing an online version of the Hymnal 1982.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

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 sit for the reading of the scriptures.

The First Lesson

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.**

1 The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.

**2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.**

3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

**4 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.**

5 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.

**6 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.**

Second Lesson**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.**

Sequence Hymn**I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light****H 490****The Holy Gospel** *Standing***John 9:1-41**

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

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

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."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Children's Homily

The Rev. Deacon Lisa Kirby

Sermon

The Rev. Deacon Lisa Kirby

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 *Stand or kneel*

Intercessions for Christian People

God has consecrated us in baptism's gracious waters to be a holy people. That we may be ever anointed with gladness, let us turn to our God in prayer, saying: God of all gladness, have mercy upon us.

We pray for the church, for an end to division and indignation, for all the people washed and sent by Christ, and for a renewal of God's fulfilling Spirit: **God of all gladness, have mercy upon us.**

We pray for all who beg for life, for all baptismal candidates awaiting the pool of grace, and for hearts of devout faith: **God of all gladness, have mercy upon us.**

We pray for all who are called to govern in justice and peace, for an end to all works of darkness, for all the peoples created in God's image, and for a Spirit of wisdom and mercy to rule the mighty: **God of all gladness, have mercy upon us.**

We pray for all condemned to die, for all victims of illegal arrest and oppression, for all who are tortured, for their families, and for all work for liberation: **God of all gladness, have mercy upon us.**

We pray for the forgotten and abandoned, for all who are in anguish, for the guilt-ridden, for all in need of the Spirit, for the sick, the grieving, and the dying, that they may be uplifted: **God of all gladness, have mercy upon us.**

For all brothers and sisters, mothers and fathers, spouses and families, friends and companions, that there may be love and mutual reverence: **God of all gladness, have mercy upon us.**

We pray for relief and healing for the people of Turkey and Syria following the devastating earthquakes. We pray for an end to the war in Ukraine and the restoration of the land and the people of that country. May God's guiding hand provide peace, healing, and hope.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we remember Emmanuel, Farmville; and Church of the Good Shepherd, Fayetteville. The greenery behind the altar is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of his sister, Alston Turchetta, by Hal Stirling. The Lenten Roses are given by Dave and Karen O'Connell for the observance of a holy Lent.

O Lord God, Your Son Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In His resurrection He restores life and peace in all creation. Comfort, we pray, all victims of intolerance and those oppressed by their fellow humans. Remember in Your Kingdom those who have died. Lead the oppressors towards compassion and give hope to the suffering.

Amen.

The Peace *All stand.*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Offertory Sentence

Offertory

Christ Be Our Light

Farrell

8:30 Choir

A guide to receiving Communion

There are several ways to receive Communion today.

Please come down the center aisle towards the Baptismal Font.

At the lower station, we have regular bread and a silver chalice or common cup. We also have gluten-free wafers, small individual cups of wine, and grape juice at the lower station. If you wish to intinct (dip your wafer into the wine), please use a small individual cup.

At the main altar rail, we have regular bread and the common cup. **If you wish to intinct, please use a small individual cup at the lower station.** You may stand or kneel as is most comfortable and prayerful for you.

Please fill in along the rail from right to left, and leave through the side entrance on the left side of the altar.

Receiving communion in one kind (just the bread or just the wine/grape juice) is also sufficient to receive the full benefit of the Sacrament. If you do not wish to receive the Sacrament, you are invited to receive a blessing from the clergy. Simply cross your arms across your chest when you approach the clergy. Please be aware that, as you come down the aisle for communion, you will appear on our livestream. If you prefer to take communion at your seat, please let an usher know.

Hymn at the Presentation

My Jesus, I Love Thee (v.1)

L 89

My Jesus, I Love thee, I know thou art mine,

For thee all the follies of sin I resign;

My gracious Redeemer, my Savior are thou:

If ever I loved thee, my Jesus 'tis now.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

HOLY COMMUNION

BCP 361

Eucharistic Prayer A

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

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 him thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, 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:

Sanctus *Celebrant and People; Spoken*

**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.

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

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. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer And now as our Savior Christ has 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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Invitation to Communion

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

We welcome to communion all who have been baptized in any Christian tradition. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available at the lower communion station. Let a priest know if you wish to have them.

Communion Hymns

I Come With Joy to Meet My Lord

H 304

Glory Be to Jesus

H 479

I Am the Bread of Life

H 335

Sending Forth Eucharistic Visitor *Please stand.*

Celebrant We who are many are one body because we share one bread, one cup.

People **Take these holy gifts of our Lord's Body and Blood and go forth in the name of Christ Church. May those to whom you go experience with us the majesty and mystery of His presence through the sharing of the bread and wine.**

All **We who are many are one body because we share one bread, one cup.**

Post Communion Prayer *Stand or kneel.*

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Lenten Prayer

Look down in mercy, Lord, on your people who are before you; and grant that those whom you have nourished by your Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

This Little Light of Mine

L 221

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary

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SERVING US TODAY

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Lector: Andrew Garlick

Lector / Eucharistic Minister: Elizabeth Livingston

Intercessor / Eucharistic Minister: Howard Furnas

Greeters: Randy and Joanie Bogle

Ushers: Stephen Clayton, Arthur Friedel

Acolytes: Baker Hudson, Nora Carpenter, Henry Jutras, Robert Simmons, Abram Hambidge

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Emmanuel, Farmville; and Church of the Good Shepherd, Fayetteville

Thank you to Joyce Baker for coordinating our music and serving as our musician this morning.

We offer special thanksgivings for the greenery on the altar that is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of his sister, Alston Turchetta, by Hal Stirling. The Lenten Roses are given by Dave and Karen O'Connell for the observance of a holy Lent.

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BCP: Book of Common Prayer (*black*),

S or H: Hymnal 1982 (*blue*),

WLP: Wonder, Love, and Praise (*green*),

L: Lift Every Voice (*red*)

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

Sunday, March 19

Note: One service at 10 am

9 am: Sunday School for all ages

10 am Eucharist Rite II (Nave / [Online](#))

11:30 am: Chili Cook Off and Cornbread Bake (Harrison Center)

6 pm: EYC

Monday, March 20

10 am: Home Place (Offsite)

10:30 am: McCarthy Court Eucharist (Offsite)

1 pm: Staff Meeting

2:30 pm: Endowment Board

3 pm: Growing in Grace

4 pm: Daughters of the King Training (Parish House)

6:30 pm: Vestry Meeting (Parish House)

Tuesday, March 21

8:30 am: Eucharist (Chapel)

10 am: Women's Book Study (2nd Floor Living Room)

3 pm: Growing in Grace

5:30 pm: Stephen Ministry Training (Parish House)

5:45 pm: 8:30 Choir Rehearsal

6:30 pm: Small Wonders NA Meeting (Pelletier Room)

7 pm: Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

7:30 pm: *Holy and Faithful* Lenten Program (via Zoom)

Wednesday, March 22

GIG Field Trip

11 am: Rector's Bible Study (Library)

12 pm: Stations of the Cross (Chapel)

12 pm: Altar Guild Meeting (Parish House)

4 pm: Ukulele Class (Music Room)

5:30 pm: *Seeking* Lenten Program (Parish House)

5:30 pm: Outreach Grant Committee (Library)

6:15 pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)

7 pm: Parish Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

Thursday, March 23

3 pm: Growing in Grace

3:30 pm: Growing in Grace Chapel Time

3:30 pm: Director of Music Search Committee (Library)

Saturday, March 25

9 am: Lenten Quiet Day (Chapel)

2 pm: Youth Confirmation (Offsite)

Sunday, March 26

8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)

9:45 am: Sunday School for all ages

11:00 am Eucharist Rite II (Nave / [Online](#))

11:30 am: Cursillo Reunion

6 pm: EYC