

The mission of Christ Church is to offer hospitality,  
healing, and hope in the name of Jesus Christ.



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**The Fourth Sunday in Lent**

March 19, 2023 – 8 a.m. & 10 a.m.

All are invited to gather quietly and enjoy today's organ prelude.

Prelude: *Nun Bitten Wir*

Buxtehude

The chimes will ring. Please stand, in body or spirit.

Hymn 533: *How wondrous and great thy works, God of praise!*

LYONS

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

Blessed be the God of our salvation.

***God's mercy endures forever.***

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

Kyrie S-91, *Lord, have mercy upon us*

Healey Willan

***Lord, have mercy upon us.*** (x 3, if sung)

***Christ, have mercy upon us.*** (x 3, if sung)

***Lord, have mercy upon us.*** (x 3, if sung)

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

***And also with you.***

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.**

## **THE HOLY SCRIPTURE**

Please be seated.

### **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.

Hear what the spirit is saying.

***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 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."

Hear what the spirit is saying.

***Thanks be to God.***

*Instrumental*

Please stand, in body or spirit.

**The Gospel**

**John 9:1-41**

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

***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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Instrumental*

**A Homily**

**AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Please stand, in body or spirit.

***We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.***

***We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.***

***We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.***

***We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.***

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "***Lord, have mercy.***"

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.  
***Lord, have mercy.***

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Stephen, our Bishop Provisional; Troy, our Rector; Kit, our Supply Priest; and for all clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.  
***Lord, have mercy.***

For Joseph, our President; Kathleen, our Governor; for the leaders of all nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, especially: Ted Heagle, Martha Tober, Gary Herrlich, Charlie Tyo, BJ McDonald, those on our Prayer Chain; and others the congregation may wish to name at this time. (pause), let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, especially: Julia Haynes, Max Appelt; and others the congregation may wish to name at this time. (pause), let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For those occasions of joy, especially those celebrating their birthday or anniversary this week, especially: Ben Herrmann, Joyce Clark; and others the congregation may wish to name at this time. (pause), let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

In the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

***To thee, O Lord our God.***

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 CONFESSION**

Let us make our confession unto God.

***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.***

### **THE ABSOLUTION**

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.***

### **THE PEACE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

Please greet others with a bow or a wave.

### **THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE**

All are welcome to receive Communion from Christ's Table.

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts. *Psalms 96:8*

Offertory: *When on the Cross, the Savior Hung* Fischer

Please stand, in body or in spirit.

Hymn 380 (Stanza 3): *Doxology* OLD HUNDREDTH

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.  
***And also with you.***

Lift up your hearts.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***It is right to give God thanks and praise.***

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over



every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Hymn S125: *Sanctus (from A Community Mass)* Richard Proulx

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

***Hosanna in the highest.*** (x 2, if sung)

***Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.***

***Hosanna in the highest.*** (x 2, if sung)

Please stand or kneel, in body or in spirit.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you have 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

***Christ has died.***

***Christ is risen.***

***Christ will come again.***

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 forever. **AMEN.**

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 bread. A period of silence is kept.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
***Therefore, let us keep the feast.***

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## **THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION**

*Please come forward, down the center aisle, and the Priest or Paten Assistant will place the bread on your hand. Step to the side, place the bread in your mouth. If you prefer a gluten-free wafer, please extend your hands palm down to receive the bread. Cross your arms over your chest to receive only a blessing. Please return down the side aisles to your seat. Please take care to sanitize your hands before leaving your pew and coming forward for Communion. Notify an usher if you need communion brought to you.*

Communion Music

### **THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Please stand or kneel in body or in spirit.

***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. 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.***

### **THE PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE**

Look down in mercy, Lord, on your people who kneel 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.***

Hymn 490: *I want to walk as a child of the light*

HOUSTON

### **THE DISMISSAL**

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

***Thanks be to God.***

Postlude: *Toccata in e minor*

Pachelbel

## **COMMUNION ELEMENTS**

Today's communion elements are given  
to the Glory of God and in honor of those  
offering compassion to addicts  
by Lizz Jones

## **PARTICIPANTS IN THE CELEBRATIONS**

### **CLERGY**

The Rev. Kit Tobin

### **8 o'clock**

### **LECTOR**

Brent Underwood

### **10 o'clock**

### **LECTORS**

The First Lesson/The Response – Jan Farnsworth  
The Second Lesson/Paten Assistant – Marie Blouin  
The Prayers of the People – Barbara Cook

### **ORGANIST**

Jamie Smith

### **MEDIA TECHNICIAN**

Loretta Preston

### **USHERS**

Jane Dillon, Lisa & Steve Herrmann, Mary Volpe

### **ALTAR GUILD**

Jane Dillon, Martha Tober, Mary Volpe

# THE CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH LEADERSHIP TEAM

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Bobby Rockwell

## Diocesan Delegate

Roberta McDonald

Marion Ivy

Patty Campbell

Lizz Jones (Alt.)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Hosting today's Coffee Hour** will be the Blouin family. Please join them for an assortment of refreshments immediately following the 10 o'clock service in Houghton Lounge. If you would like to host one of our coffee hours, either individually or with others, please sign up on the clipboard in Houghton Lounge.



# LENT

**This year's five-week Lenten Study** will be held at **Community Mennonite Fellowship Corning** on Thursday

evenings beginning March 2 through March 30. The theme will be **Spiritual Practices**. A soup supper will be served at 6:00 p.m., followed by the study and discussion beginning at 6:30 p.m. This week's presentation will be Exploring Forms of Prayers by Rev. Betsy Sentigar. Participating churches include First Congregational United Church of Christ, First United Methodist, Emanuel Lutheran Church, Community Mennonite Fellowship, Christ Episcopal Church, Church of the Redeemer Addison, United Church of Painted Post, and Church of the Good Shepherd Savona.

**Buns for Fun Sale!** Patty Campbell and Anne Galvin will be taking orders for Hot Cross Buns today through Sunday, March 26. Each box contains nine hot cross buns for \$10. The money raised will be used to purchase some additional toys for our Soft Space. We have a limited number of boxes ordered and once we are sold out, the sale will end. Hot Cross Buns will be delivered on Palm Sunday.



**Easter Lilies** will be used to decorate the chancel wall on Easter Day. Cost is \$18 per plant. Please contact the office if you would like to order a plant in memory of, or in thanksgiving for, a loved one or special occasion. Please place your order by April 2, 2023.

**The Corning Lions Club Pancake Fundraiser** will take place on March 26 at 9am at Carey's Brew House. Individuals are \$10, families are \$25, and kids 5 and under are free. Contact Anastasia Castilone or call 607-377-5651 to get your tickets. Eat in or carry out. Tickets recommended but not required.



Save the Date!

## ROC THE DIOCESE

Friday, April 28–Sunday, April 30

**Who:** All 6th-12th graders  
in the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester and their friends

**What:** A weekend with other youth exploring faith and building community in fun and unique ways. There will be lots of time for hanging out, eating good food, and taking a break from the busyness.

**Where:** The Y at Watson Woods in Painted Post, NY

**When:** Roc the Diocese begins with dinner on Friday evening and ends after our Closing Eucharist on Sunday morning

**Cost:** \$50 per youth



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