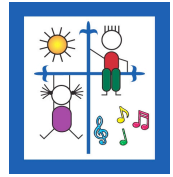




CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
BLOOMFIELD & GLEN RIDGE



# THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 10, 2024



10:30am Choral Eucharist

*Growing in faith ~ Serving our neighbors ~ Creating community*

# WELCOME!

*We hope that you will find spiritual nourishment and fellowship with us this morning.*

*This bulletin will guide you through today's service step-by-step. Restrooms are located by going out the door located next to St. Mary's Chapel (which is on the right), and following the hallway through the doors.*

*All are handicap accessible. If you have any questions at all, our ushers will be happy to help you.*

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## A NOTE ABOUT INCLUSIVE LANGUAGE

You will hear Mother Diana using female pronouns for God, when the bulletin has printed in it the traditional all male language. This is to provide a balance, and to invite us all into the understanding that God is not a boy's name – God is both and neither female or male – we are all made in God's image – women and men. You may, as you feel called, use the female language too.

## ABOUT LENT IN THE CHURCH

Lent is a time of returning home. It is when we, as Christians, slow down, reflect, pray, and remove from our lives things that distract us from who we are, and pull us from our relationship with God. In places of worship, we return to simplicity and stillness. Our music is tempered and we do not sing the Gloria nor say or sing any Alleluias. Our flowers are removed, the crosses are covered, and no blessing is given at the end of the service. Silver and gold chalices and patens that are normally used to hold the sacraments are replaced with those made of more humble materials. All of this is to remind us of what is important. That what is in the cup, not what the cup is made of, should be the focus of our lives. That the journey to Jerusalem which we take in Lent is one that will change us and the world, and we need to have a chance to stop for a moment the craziness of our lives to enter into a fullness of relationship with one another and with God. It is a time of renewal, reflection, and return. As Barbara Brown Taylor once said, we have these “forty days to cleanse the system and open the eyes to what remains when all comfort is gone. Forty days to remember what it is like to live by the grace of God alone and not by what we can supply for ourselves.” And in some real sense, forty days to consider what tempts us. We are glad you have chosen to walk this journey of Lent here at Christ Church.

# THE WORD OF GOD

## THE PRELUDE

*Please stand, as able.*

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN 321** (*Hymnal 1982* Words: Philip Doddridge Music: Rockingham)

My God, thy table now is spread

1 My God, thy ta - ble now is spread, thy cup with  
2 O let thy ta - ble hon - ored be, and fur - nished  
3 Drawn by thy quick - ening grace, O Lord, in coun - tless  
4 Nor let thy spread - ing Gos - pel rest till through the

love doth o - ver - flow; be all thy chil - dren  
well with joy - ful guests; and may each soul sal -  
num - bers let them come and gath - er from their  
world thy truth has run, till with this Bread shall

thith - er led, and let them thy sweet mer - cies know.  
va - tion see, that here its sa - cred pledg - es tastes.  
Fa - ther's board the Bread that lives be - yond the tomb.  
all be blessed who see the light or feel the sun.

**OPENING ACCLAMATION** (Enriching Our Worship 1, p. 50)

Celebrant      Blessed be the God of our salvation.

**People      Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

**THE COLLECT FOR PURITY**

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.**



## **MINISTRY** (*Book of Common Prayer, p. 855, adapt.*)

Celebrant        Each week, as part of our Lenten preparation, we are reviewing the teaching of the Church. Today, we are focused on ministry.

Celebrant        Who are the ministers of the church?  
**People**            **The ministers of the Church are lay persons, bishops, priests, and deacons.**

Celebrant        What is the ministry of the laity?  
**People**            **The ministry of lay persons is to represent Christ and his Church; to bear witness to him wherever they may be; and, according to the gifts given them, to carry on Christ's work of reconciliation in the world; and to take their place in the life, worship, and governance of the Church.**

Celebrant        What is the ministry of a bishop?  
**People**            **The ministry of a bishop is to represent Christ and his Church, particularly as apostle, chief priest, and pastor of a diocese; to guard the faith, unity, and discipline of the whole Church; to proclaim the Word of God; to act in Christ's name for the reconciliation of the world and the building up of the Church; and to ordain others to continue Christ's ministry.**

Celebrant        What is the ministry of a priest or presbyter?  
**People**            **The ministry of a priest is to represent Christ and his Church, particularly as pastor to the people; to share with the bishop in the overseeing of the Church; to proclaim the Gospel; to administer the sacraments; and to bless and declare pardon in the name of God.**

Celebrant        What is the ministry of a deacon?  
**People**            **The ministry of a deacon is to represent Christ and his Church, particularly as a servant of those in need; and to assist bishops and priests in the proclamation of the Gospel and the administration of the sacraments.**

Celebrant        What is the duty of all Christians?  
**People**            **The duty of all Christians is to follow Christ; to come together week by week for corporate worship; and to work, pray, and give for so that others might come into the fullness of life in relationship with God; and to walk in love as Christ loved us.**

*Kneeling, as able*

**CONFESSION OF SIN** (*Book of Common Prayer, p.360*)

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

*(A period of silence is 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.**

**ABSOLUTION** (*Enriching our Worship 1, p. 56*)

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 KYRIE** (*Hymnal 1982, S91*    *Composer: Healey Willan*)

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

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

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

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

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

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant      God be with you.  
People      **And also with you.**

Celebrant      Let us pray.

Gracious God, 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 for the readings.*

## FIRST READING

## NUMBERS 21:4-9

Lector            The first reading is from the book of Numbers.

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.

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

**People            Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 107: 1-3, 17-22 *(St. Helena Psalter)*

Lector            We will say the appointed Psalm responsively by full verse with the congregation saying the verses printed in bold.

We give you thanks, O God, for you are good; \*  
your mercy endures for ever.

**Let all those whom you have redeemed proclaim \***  
**that you redeemed them from the hand of the foe.**

You 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 they cried to you in their trouble, \*  
and you delivered them from their distress.**

You sent forth your word and healed them \*  
and saved them from the grave.

**Let them give thanks to you for your mercy \*  
and the wonders you do for your children.**

Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
and tell of your acts with shouts of joy.

## **SECOND READING**

## **EPHESIANS 2:1-10**

Lector            The second reading is a letter to the Ephesians.

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.

Lector            Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
**People            Thanks be to God**

*All stand, as able, for the Gospel. We will sing together verses 1-2 before the Gospel, and verse 3 after.*

**SEQUENCE HYMN 691** (*Hymnal 1982 Words: Ray Palmer Music: Olivet*)

My faith looks up to thee

1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,  
2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,  
3 While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs a - round me spread,

Sa - vior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my  
my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, O may my  
be thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day; wipe sor - row's

guilt a - way; O let me from this day be whol - ly thine.  
love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire.  
tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

**JOHN 3:14-21**

Celebrant      The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.  
People          **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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.”

Celebrant      The Gospel of Jesus Christ.  
People          **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**SERMON**          The Rev. Diana Wilcox

**SILENCE FOR REFLECTION**

## **THE CREED** *(Enriching Our Worship, p. 53)*

*Note the change in the wording, most especially with regard to the Holy Spirit. These are not errors in the bulletin, but are part of our rich liturgical heritage. The wording about the procession of the Holy Spirit is part of the difference in the Eastern and Western Churches, and a source of controversy. In fact, at our 71<sup>st</sup> General Convention, it was decided to remove the words “and the Son.”*

Let us stand together with Christians throughout the centuries and proclaim the basic creed of the church:

**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: was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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 giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. Who 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.**



*Remain standing, as able, as we share in offering the Prayers of the People.*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** *(Adapted from Sundays and Seasons, Year B)*

*Celebrant* Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

*Leader* Gracious God, your love unites. Give vision to the global church and foster cooperation in mission. Increase inter-religious understanding and ecumenical dialog. Make your church a sanctuary for all fleeing persecution, disaster, and war. Hear us, O God.

*People* **Your mercy is great.**

*Leader* Creating God, your love enlivens. Restore balance to the earth's fragile habitats. Preserve wilderness lands, rainforests, and wildlife. Cleanse oceans and rivers. Make us good stewards of the earth. Hear us, O God.

*People* **Your mercy is great.**

*Leader* Righteous God, your love liberates. We give thanks for those who courageously witness to your liberating love. Free all people from the evils of racism, religious strife, and hatred. We pray now for our neighborhoods of Bloomfield and Glen Ridge. Hear us, O God.

*People* **Your mercy is great.**

*Leader* Merciful God, your love heals. Care tenderly for all whose loved ones perished from pandemic disease in every nation. Strengthen health care workers, first responders, and caregivers. Relieve all who live with chronic illness and pain. We pray now for those on our parish prayer list. Hear us, O God.

*People* **Your mercy is great.**

*Leader* Incarnate God, your love enlightens. Open our hearts and minds to fresh understandings of our faith. Deepen our love for you and for one another. Teach us to pray for our enemies. Hear us, O God.

*People* **Your mercy is great.**

*Leader* Abiding God, your love saves. Those who died in the faith are made alive in Christ. We give thanks for your promise that we also will be raised to newness of life. Hear us, O God.

*People* **Your mercy is great.**

*Celebrant* I invite you now to offer your own intercessions or thanksgivings, either silently or aloud.

## **COLLECT AT THE PRAYERS** *(Adapted from Sundays and Seasons, Year B)*

Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

*Please stand, as able.*

### **THE PEACE** *(Enriching our Worship 1, p. 56)*

Celebrant      The peace of Christ be always with you.  
People        **And also with you.**

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **OFFERTORY ANTHEM** *Brother James' Air* Alan Bullard



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# HOLY COMMUNION

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Please stand, as able.*

**DOXOLOGY** (*Hymnal 1982, 380 vs. 3*    *Tune: Old 100<sup>th</sup>*)

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

## SURSUM CORDA

Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
<b>People</b>	<b>And also with you.</b>
Celebrant	Lift up your hearts
<b>People</b>	<b>We lift them to the Lord</b>
Celebrant	Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God
<b>People</b>	<b>It is right to give God thanks and praise.</b>

*The Celebrant continues (Book of Common Prayer, p. 367)*

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 HYMN** (*Hymnal 1982, S130 Arr. Proulx*) *Sung by all.*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The Celebrant continues (Eucharistic Prayer A, Book of Common Prayer, p. 361)*

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

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People:*

**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 for ever. **Amen.**

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

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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, the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.**

**FRACTION ANTHEM** (*Hymnal 1982 S164 arr. Proulx*) *Sung by all.*

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

The first system of the musical score is written for a two-part setting in G major (one sharp). The treble staff features a melody with eighth and quarter notes, while the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

The second system continues the musical setting. The treble staff melody includes some dotted rhythms. The bass staff accompaniment remains consistent in style. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

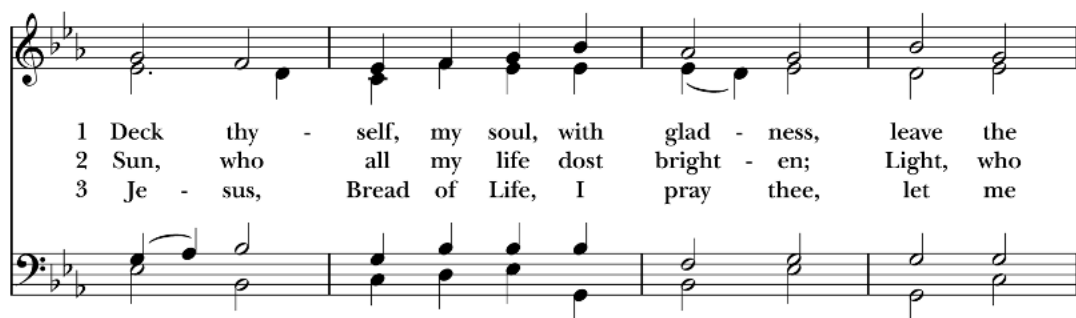
The third system continues the musical setting. The treble staff melody includes some dotted rhythms. The bass staff accompaniment remains consistent in style. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

give us your peace, give us your peace.

The fourth system concludes the musical setting. The treble staff melody includes some dotted rhythms. The bass staff accompaniment remains consistent in style. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

# COMMUNION HYMN 339 *(Hymnal 1982 Words: Johann Francke Music: Schmücke dich)*

Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness



1 Deck thy - self, my soul, with glad - ness, leave the  
 2 Sun, who all my life dost bright - en; Light, who  
 3 Je - sus, Bread of Life, I pray thee, let me



gloom - y haunts of sad - ness, come in - to the day - light's  
 dost my soul en - light - en; Joy, the best that an - y  
 glad - ly here o - bey thee; nev - er to my hurt in -



splen - dor, there with joy thy prais - es ren - der  
 know - eth; Fount, whence all my be - ing flow - eth:  
 vit - ed, be thy love with love re - quit - ed;



un - to him whose grace un - bound - ed hath this  
 at thy feet I cry, my Ma - ker, let me  
 from this ban - quet let me mea - sure, Lord, how



won-drous ban-quet found-ed- high o'er all the heavens he  
 be a fit par-ta-ker of this bless-ed food from  
 vast and deep its trea-sure; through the gifts thou here dost

reign-eth, yet to dwell with thee he deign-eth.  
 hea-ven, for our good, thy glo-ry, giv-en.  
 give me, as thy guest in heaven re-ceive me.

*Please kneel, as able, as we pray together.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.

## THE SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Celebrant: Grant, most merciful God, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that  
 they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve you with a quiet mind;  
 through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

# RECESSIONAL HYMN 690 *(Hymnal 1982)*

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this  
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain, whence the heal - ing  
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y;  
 stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar  
 fears sub - side; death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,

hold me with thy power - ful hand; bread of hea - ven,  
 lead me all my jour - ney through; strong de - liv - erer,  
 land me safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es,

bread of hea - ven, feed me now and ev - er -  
 strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and  
 songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to

more, shield, thee, feed me now and ev - er - more.  
be thou still my strength and shield.  
I will ev - er give to thee.

Words: William Williams (1717-1791); tr. Peter Williams (1722-1796), alt. Music: *Cwm Rhondda*, John Hughes (1873-1932).

## DISMISSAL *(Book of Common Prayer, p. 366)*

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ!  
People **Thanks be to God.**

## THE POSTLUDE *(Please remain seated for the postlude)*

*The choir, lay leaders and clergy remain in place through the closing hymn and then recess in silence during the postlude.*

# WORSHIP SCHEDULE



## SUNDAY

Choral Eucharist – 10:30am

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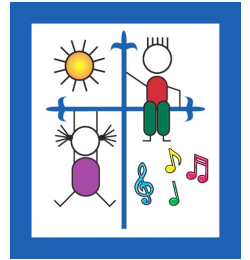
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### LENTEN JOURNEY WITH OUR NEIGHBORS-

**WEDNESDAYS AT 6:30PM**



We are partnering with Christ Church Orange and Holy Spirit Verona to share a Lenten journey of fellowship and prayer on Wednesday evenings

in Lent. We will be hosting on March 6 and March 27, but we strongly encourage you to also attend the services at these neighboring churches, as this is a group collaboration. Each Wednesday will begin with a short meal together of bread and soup at 6:30pm, followed by a service.

**\*On the days we are hosting, we need volunteers to provide bread and soup. Please let Mtr. Diana know if you can help.**

**March 13 - Church of the Holy Spirit**  
36 Gould Street, Verona

**March 20 - Epiphany and Christ Church**  
105 Main Street, Orange

**March 27 - Christ Church\***  
74 Park Avenue, Glen Ridge

For more information visit:

<https://christchurchepiscopal.org/>

<https://eaccorange.org/>

<https://www.holyspiritverona.org/>

### IFTAR FAST-BREAKING DINNER

**MARCH 15 AT 6:30PM**



On Friday evening, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm, we will be hosting an interfaith Iftar during the Muslim Holy Month of Ramadan sponsored by Peace Islands

Institute. Iftar is the second meal of the day that breaks the fast. Peace Island will provide the food and education about Ramadan and the Muslim faith. The event will be in the Parish Hall. Please enter via the door off our parking lot. Additional parking will be available in the municipal lot across Bloomfield Avenue. Please **RSVP by March 10** using the form on our website:

<https://christchurchepiscopal.org/iftar-fast-breaking-dinner-mar-15/>

### LENT MADNESS CONTINUES!



The game is on! Lent Madness started on February 15th, so download your 2024 brackets and play along. Everything you need is at [lentmadness.org/bracket/](https://lentmadness.org/bracket/).

## CHILD CARE AND SUNDAY SCHOOL RETURNS!



Child care is now available every Sunday, provided by two of our Nursery School staff, Candida and Andrea.

Sunday School is offered on **the last Sunday of every month**. If you're interested in helping with Sunday School, please let Candice know.

## AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE CLASSES CONTINUE



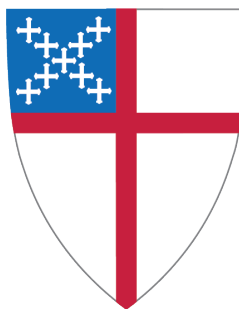
Have you noticed that our sermons are being signed by parishioner Ann Watson?

Learn how to communicate with deaf or hearing impaired, family & friends. Classes will be taught on Sundays after worship by Ann, a State Certified Educational Interpreter.

This class will go beyond the Alphabet & numbers. You will learn Sign Language Phrases, culture and different life experiences. Classes will continue on Sundays in the Coursen Room after everyone has a chance to grab some coffee and a treat in the parish hall after the 10:30am service. **Please see Ann or contact her at**

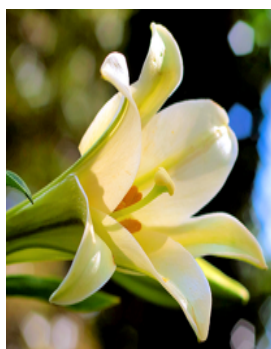
[annies5hounds@msn.com](mailto:annies5hounds@msn.com) for more information.

## CONFIRMATION/RECEPTION INFORMATION CLASS



For those who are interested in Confirmation/Reception into the Episcopal Church, Mother Diana will be leading an informational class that will take place on **Thursdays from 7:30pm-8:30pm via Zoom on March 7th, 14th, and 21st**. A registration link will be available soon, stay tuned!

## EASTER LILIES IMPORTANT UPDATE



Please Note: We are doing something different this year for Easter flowers. **We are asking our parishioners to purchase the lilies and bring them in during Holy Week**. More details coming; please let Mtr. Diana know if you have any questions.

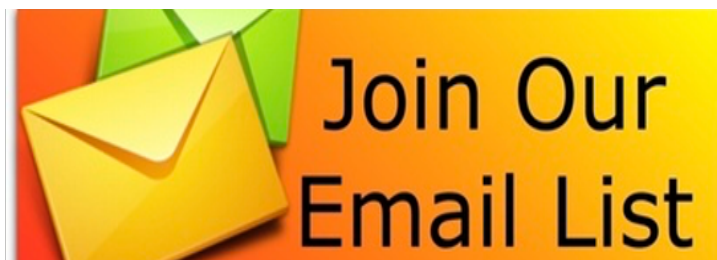
## PALM SUNDAY- DZIECI RETURNS!



On Sunday, March 24th at 10:30am, we will gather together in the parish hall for a festive procession to the church. The service will conclude once again with a moving performance of the Passion by the New York City theatre company Dzieci. It is a one of a kind experience that you won't want to miss! See our website for more information.



## STAY CONNECTED!



This is the best way to stay up to date on all the news and updates at Christ Church and in our Diocese. These emails typically go out every Friday and are updated with everything that is coming up at Christ Church. You can use your phone camera to scan this QR code and subscribe.



**REMINDER:** To be added to the *Christ Church Texting service*, text **CHRISTCHURCH** to **313131** to receive messages about closings and events.

## FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!

Christ Church: @cc74park

Nursery School: @NSCCNJ

If you haven't already, "Like" us on Facebook, and follow us on Threads and Instagram, too! This is evangelism in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.



## MISSED A SERMON?



Or want to share one with others? They are always posted (with audio) on our website, or subscribe to the iTunes Sermon Podcast so you never miss out on new ones every week!

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/christ-episcopal-church/id1048509110>

## THERE IS A PLACE FOR YOU HERE!



We would love to have more worship assistants, crucifers, acolytes, lectors, and greeters for all our services, but we need to hear from you. Please contact Leo Toledo if you are willing to serve for any of the openings, or contact Mother Diana by email at:

[rector@christchurchepiscopal.org](mailto:rector@christchurchepiscopal.org). Training for all roles is available. Try something new this year!

## HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE



**PALM SUNDAY**

**MARCH 24**

10:30 am Choral Eucharist

**SPY WEDNESDAY**

**MARCH 27**

\*6:30 pm Healing Eucharist

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**

**MARCH 28**

7:30 pm Holy Eucharist

**GOOD FRIDAY**

**MARCH 29**

3:00 pm Stations of the Cross in Community

7:30 pm Reflective Eucharist

**EASTER SUNDAY**

**MARCH 31**

10:30 am Choral Eucharist & Egg Hunt/Brunch

## PARISH PRAYER LIST

As a community of faith we pray for our church, our neighbors, the needs of the world, and these special concerns...

In the Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for  
The Episcopal Church.

In the Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for the  
Clergy, Wardens, Vestry and People of Church of our  
Saviour, Secaucus; Christ Church, Short Hills; St.  
Andrew & Holy Communion, South Orange.

We pray also for Eve Telemaque and her family; the  
Banks family; the McLeod Family; the Paduchowski  
Family; Michelle Ryndak, the Simons/Whitaker family;  
the Reynolds family; Virginia and Philip Sheridan,  
Enrique Patino Daly; Grace Presbyterian Montclair;  
Colin Lynch; The McAllister Family; Savannah and  
Rachel; Donna; Beverly Rodriguez; Ethan Massay;  
Jonathan Couch Sr.; Patricia Harvey; Angela Colotti;  
Chris Freitag; Anthony, Stephanie, and Baby Zayden;  
Clifford and Jean Riis; Kay and Roy; Bill and Aleena;  
Rosalind Ann; Celeste and Morey; Iona and Terry;  
Nicky; Sadie;  
Averil Dunkley; Denny Royce; Donald Ferry Jr; and  
Meredith.

We pray for all those serving in the military, as well as  
the families of all those who serve, or have been lost in  
action.

We pray for all the children and staff of our  
Church & Nursery School.

Please include all of the above in your daily prayers.

To add or remove a name to this list, please email  
Candice at [office@christchurcheiscopal.org](mailto:office@christchurcheiscopal.org)

## THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

Today

**Holy Eucharist**

10:30am (Church)

Monday

**Bloomfield Cheer**

7:00pm (Parish Hall)

Tuesday

**Vestry Meeting**

7:30pm (Zoom)

Wednesday

**Lenten Evening Prayer**

6:30pm (Holy Spirit, Verona)

**Bloomfield Cheer**

7:00pm (Parish Hall)

Thursday

**Adult Choir Rehearsal**

8:00pm (Coursen Room)

Friday

**Iftar Supper**

6:30pm (Parish Hall)

**Yoga**

7:00pm (church)

Saturday

**MaestroTales Piano Lessons**

10am (Coursen Room)

Next Sunday

**Holy Eucharist**

10:30am (Church)

## CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN BLOOMFIELD & GLEN RIDGE

The Reverend Diana L. Wilcox, Rector

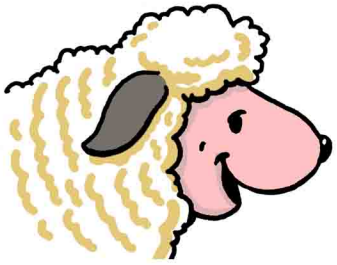
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Find the words of Jesus.



Finish the words below using these letters.  
Then read the verse.

ght	en	es	ly	ne	th
tr	at	mes	h	ay	
ever	en	th	ough	as	

"Who \_\_\_\_\_ liv \_\_\_\_\_ by the \_\_\_\_\_ uth

co \_\_\_\_\_ to the li \_\_\_\_\_, so \_\_\_\_\_ at it

m \_\_\_\_\_ be se \_\_\_\_\_ plain \_\_\_\_\_ at

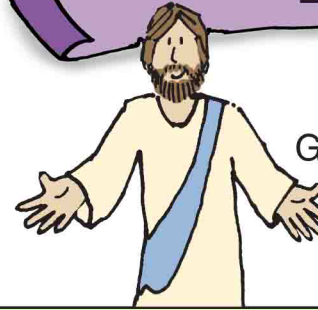
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be \_\_\_\_\_ thr \_\_\_\_\_ God."

Ages 7+





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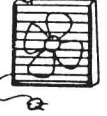

## Light and Life



If you believe in Jesus,  
God promises something wonderful!  
What is it?

Add and subtract words and letters.

1.  - B D +  - K I +  
 - I G +  - B L = \_\_\_\_\_

2.  - G H T +  - A N  
+  - A R = \_\_\_\_\_



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
Growing in faith...

Serving our neighbors...

Creating community

God did something very special for everyone  
because God loves us.  
How much does God love us?

Reading from left to right, write all of the 1's in order. When you reach the last 1, return to the top and write all of the 2's in order. Then return to the top and write all the 3's in order.

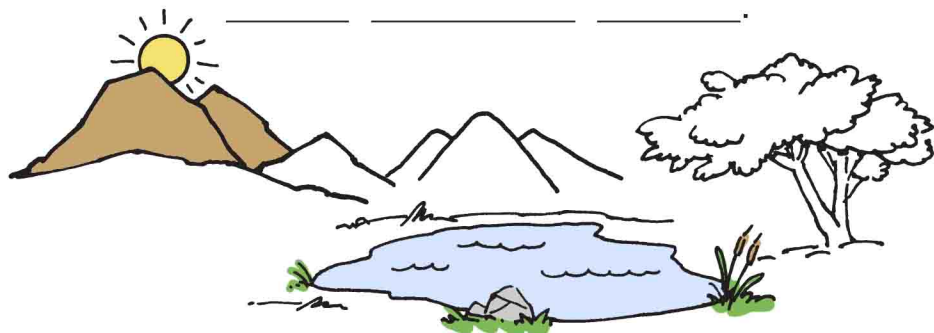
 1- For	2 - gave	3 - Him	1- God
2 - His	3 - shall	1- so	2 - only
3 - not	1- loved	2 - Son	3 - perish
1- the	2 - that	3 - but	1- world
2 - whoever	3 - have	1- that	2 - believes
3 - eternal	1- He	2 - in	3 - life

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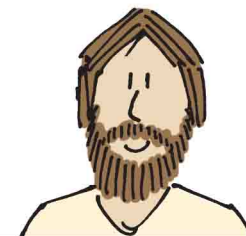
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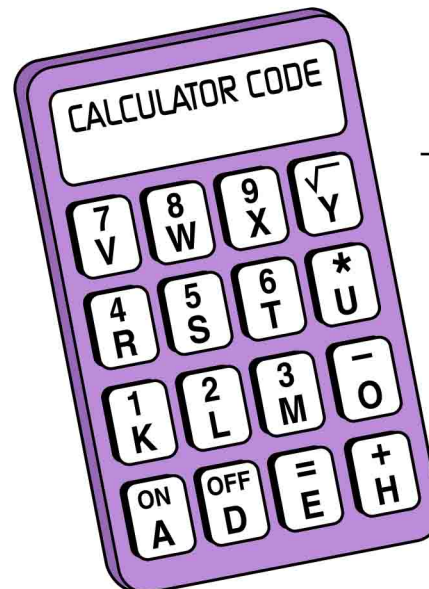
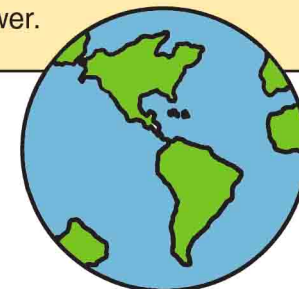
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Why did God send Jesus to us?



Use the calculator to find the answer.



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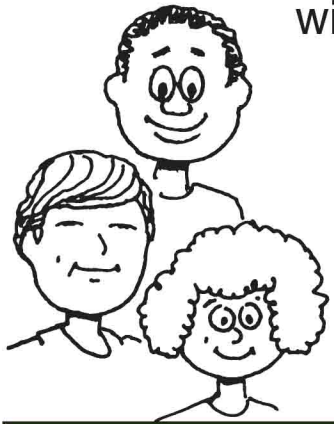
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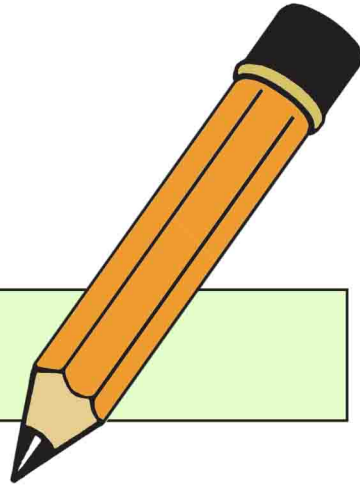
$$\begin{array}{r} 8 \\ - \end{array} \begin{array}{r} 4 \\ 2 \\ \text{OFF} \end{array} !$$



Whoever believes in Jesus  
will have eternal life.



Trace the letters below.



Believe  
in  
Jesus.

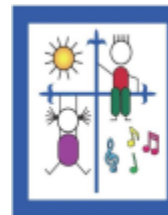
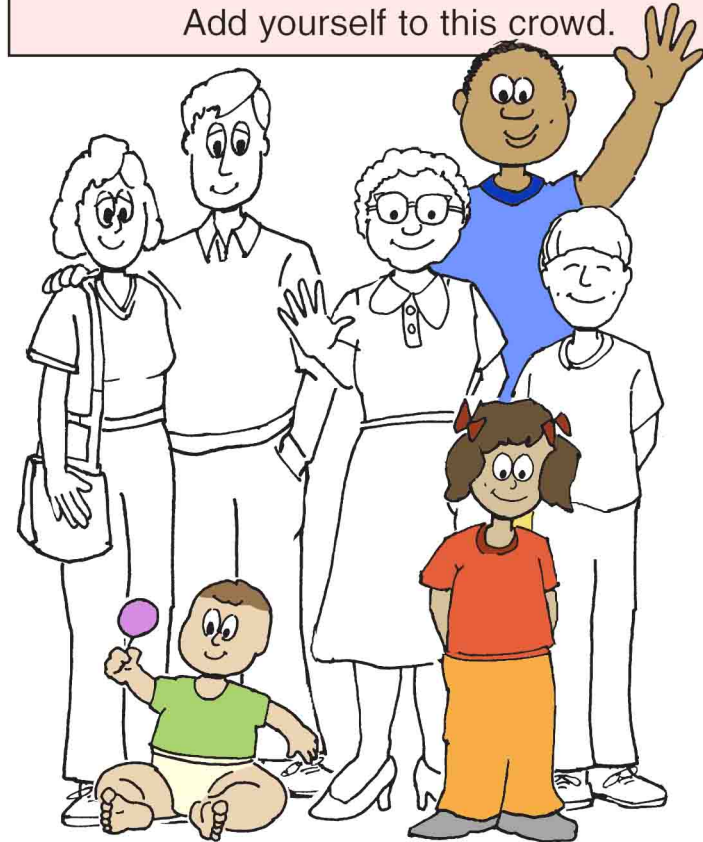
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## Light and Life

Jesus said that God loves  
the people of the whole world.

Add yourself to this crowd.



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God sent Jesus to the world.

Circle the hidden objects.



Jesus is like a light for the world.

Connect the dots.  
A B C D E F G H I J K L  
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

