The Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 29, 2020

10:30am Virtual Eucharist With Music
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.

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.

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.

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THE WORD OF GOD

THE PRELUD

Please stand, as able.

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN 379** *(Hymnal 1982  Words: T. Rees  Music: Abbot’s Leigh)*

God is love let heaven adore him

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1 God is Love, let heaven adore him;
   God is Love, let

earth rejoice;
   let creation sing before him

and exalt him with one voice.
   God who laid the earth’s foun-

every child of every race.
   And when human hearts are

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2 God is Love; and Love enfolds us,
   all the world in

one embrace;
   with unfailing grasp God holds us,

and guides us through our earthly strife.
   Sin and death and hell shall

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3 God is Love; and though with blindness
   sin afflicts all

human life,
   God’s eternal loving kindness

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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.
This morning, as part of our Lenten preparation, we are reviewing the teaching of the Church.

Celebrant  What is the Church?
People  The Church is the body of Christ alive in the world today. It is described as one, holy, catholic, and apostolic.

Celebrant  Why is the Church described as one?
People  The Church is one, because it is one Body, under one Head, our savior Jesus Christ.

Celebrant  Why is the Church described as holy?
People  The Church is holy, because the Holy Spirit dwells in it, consecrates its members, and guides them to do God’s work.

Celebrant  Why is the Church described as catholic?
People  The Church is catholic, because it proclaims the whole Faith to all people, to the end of time.

Celebrant  Why is the Church described as apostolic?
People  The Church is apostolic, because it continues in the teaching and fellowship of the apostles and is sent to carry out Christ’s mission to all people.

Celebrant  What is the mission of the Church?
People  The mission of the Church is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ. The Church pursues that mission through the ministry of its members, as they pray, worship, proclaim the Gospel, and promote justice, peace, and love for all people.
Kneeling or standing, as able

CONFESSON 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.
Remain kneeling, as able. Sung by all.

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

Standing, as able

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray together.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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**

Lector The first reading is from the book of Ezekiel.

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, “Mortal, can these bones live?” I answered, “O Lord God, you know.” Then he said to me, “Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.”

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, “Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.” I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’ Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act,” says the Lord.

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

People Thanks be to God.
Lector  We will say the appointed Psalm responsively by full verse with the congregation saying the verses printed in bold.

Out of the depths have I called to you;
O God, hear my voice; *
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

If you were to note what is done amiss, *
O God, who could stand?

For there is forgiveness with you, *
therefore you shall be feared.

I wait for you, O God; my soul waits for you; *
in your word is my hope.

My soul waits for you,
more than sentries for the morning, *
more than sentries for the morning.

O Israel, wait upon God, *
for with God there is mercy.

With God there is plenteous redemption; *
God shall redeem Israel from all their sins.
SECOND READING

Lector The second reading is a letter from St. Paul to the Romans.

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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 verses 1-2 before the gospel, and verses 3-4 after the gospel.

GRADUAL HYMN 508 (Hymnal 1982)

Breathe on me, breath of God

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew,
2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,
3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine,
4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die;

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
until with thee I will one will, to do or to endure.
till all this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.
but live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, “Lord, he whom you love is ill.” But when Jesus heard it, he said, “This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God’s glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.” Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.” The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?” Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.” After saying this, he told them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.” The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.” Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.”

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw
Mary got up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

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 71st 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 A)

Celebrant Lifting our voices and turning toward God, let us pray for the church, the earth, and all who are in need.

Leader God, our sure strength, set the mind of your church on the Spirit of love and kinship. Bring healing where there is division and hope where there is worry. Hear us, O God.

People Your mercy is great.

Leader You bring life where there was despair and death. Bring new hope and new growth to barren lands and water to parched earth. Hear us, O God.

People Your mercy is great.

Leader Listen to the voices of the weak and oppressed. Guard people in all lands from danger and injustice. We pray now for our communities of Bloomfield and Glen Ridge. Hear us, O God.

People Your mercy is great.

Leader Martha and Mary pleaded for healing. Hear the cries of your people who call out in need and pain. Grant healing and comfort to those who are ill. We pray now for those on our parish prayer list. Hear us, O God.

People Your mercy is great.

Leader Bring life to dry bones in our community. Breathe your life-giving Spirit into the corners of our ministry that need renewal. Hear us, O God.

People Your mercy is great.

Leader We give thanks for the faithful departed and for the assurance that we will join with them in the heavenly banquet. 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 (A New Zealand Prayer Book—He Karakia Mibinare o Aotearoa’, Adapted) God of the present moment, God who in Jesus stills the storm and soothes the frantic heart; bring hope and courage to all who wait or work in uncertainty. Bring hope that you will make them the equal of whatever lies ahead. Bring them courage to endure what cannot be avoided, for your will is health and wholeness; you are God, and we need you. 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**
HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Please stand, as able.

DOXOLOGY (Hymnal 1982, 380 vs. 3    Tune: Old 100th)

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.
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 God thanks and praise.

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:
Said together at 8:00. Sung by all at 10:30.

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 S161 Music: David Hurd)*  
spoken at 8am; sung at 10:30am.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.
THE INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

Celebrant Let us pray together.

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. (St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

COMMUNION HYMN 343 (Hymnal 1982 Words: James Montgomery Music: St. Agnes)
Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless

1 Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless thy chosen
2 We would not live by bread alone, but by thy
3 Be known to us in breaking bread, and do not
4 Lord, sup with us in love divine thy Body
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 665  (Hymnal 1982  Words: Robert Seymour Bridges  Music: Michael)

All my hope on God is founded

1 All my hope on God is founded; he doth still my
   trust renew, me through change and chance he
2 Mortal pride and earthly glory, sword and crown be -
   try our trust; though with care and toil we
3 God's great goodness e'er endures, deep his wisdom
   pass ing thought: splendor, light, and life at -
4 Daily doth the al might y Giver bounteous gifts on
   us bestow; his desire our soul de -
5 Still from earth to God eternal sacrifice of
   praise be done, high above all praises

1 guid eth, only good and only true. God un -
2 build them, tower and temple fall to dust. But God's
3 tend him, beauty springeth out of nought. Ever -
4 light, pleasure leads us where we go. Love doth
5 praising for the gift of Christ, his son. Christ doth

1 known, he alone calls my heart to be his own.
2 power, hour by hour, is my temple and my tower.
3 more from his store new-born worlds rise and adore.
4 stand at his hand; joy doth wait on his command.
5 call one and all: ye who follow shall not fall.
**DISMISSAL** *(Book of Common Prayer, p. 366)*

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

**THE POSTLUDE**
Jesus said, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.” – John 14:27

Our doors may be closed, but our hearts are always open!

Social Distancing Should Not Mean Social Isolation!

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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Holy Eucharist – 8:00am
Holy Eucharist with Music – 10:30am
Last Chance Mass on the Grass – 6pm (summer only)

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A Pastoral Message at a Time of Separation

Dear People of Christ Church,

We are living Lent in a way we have never done before – separated from one another as a measure of safety and care for everyone, particularly those who are most vulnerable. Yet we know that we do not journey through this desert wilderness alone – God is with us, Christ fills our hearts, and the Holy Spirit guides our footsteps. Know too that your parish is with you, I am with you, and that together we are still the church – united one to another in Jesus.

Jesus said, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God. Believe also in me.” He is with you – now, and for all your days. These are troubling times for us all, but we are a family united by Christ, called to love and to serve in His name. His example showed us that life is stronger than death, love is stronger than hate. It may feel like Good Friday has come early for us, for our communities, and for the world, yet we know on the other side of the cross is the empty tomb. We are a resurrection people!

So, let us join with one another in these difficult days through prayer, worship, and much love.

So, how do we continue as a faith community if we cannot be with one another in worship on Sundays?

Well, the truth is – we can!

Every Sunday we are offering virtual worship and coffee hour live from Christ Church! While you don’t need access to the internet to listen in and participate in the coffee hour by phone, you will need it to see it all...and for us to see you! Here is a link for more information on how to participate, and I hope to see all of you there!

https://christchurchepiscopal.org/virtual-worship-coffee-hour-every-sunday/

For children, Candice is emailing the Lenten program directly to parents. If you are not getting it, contact her at office@christchurchepiscopal.org.

For prayer and daily devotions, there are resources available, many of which are listed in this Sunday Paper.

There are many ways for us to continue to be a family together, even while separated, because social distancing should never mean social isolation – most especially not for a people of the Jesus Movement. And so we will journey on together, and as we do, look for the Christ that is present everywhere - those moments when you encounter Him in small acts of love, grace, and courage.

May God bless and keep you,

Mother Diana+
**Do NOT Come To The Church!!!**

You may hear the bells toll, or think – hey, they are right there recording, I’ll just catch it in person. We cannot allow you inside the doors, and they will be locked. This is in keeping with the request by all federal, state, and local officials, as well as the direction of our bishop that there should be no more than 10 people gathered. Only those few people identified for helping at a service will be let in the doors. If you want to be on that list, contact Mtr. Diana.

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**A Round Our Diocese**

**Cross Roads is Hiring!**

Are you or a young adult you know looking for a life-changing summer experience for 2020? Join the Cross Roads team for a summer of growing in your faith, helping shape the faith of others, and making unforgettable memories! Cross Roads is looking for responsible, creative, and hard-working individuals to join our 2020 Summer Staff! You will work in a close-knit, supportive community while learning new things and growing in your faith. It’s a fantastic opportunity, spread the word!

Applications for multiple positions are available at [www.crossroadsretreat.com/employment](http://www.crossroadsretreat.com/employment)

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**Online Prayer & Devotional Resources**

Here are links to some prayer and devotional resources in these days away from in-person worship (and beyond that too!):

From The Episcopal Church – This is a listing of several online resources as well as a downloadable BCP!:
[https://episcopalchurch.org/concerning-covid19/worship-formation](https://episcopalchurch.org/concerning-covid19/worship-formation)

For daily Morning Prayer, Mother Diana likes this iTunes podcast, which features meditative background music:

There is also this option for daily prayer:
[https://dailyoffice.app](https://dailyoffice.app) and [https://www.missionstclare.com/english/index.html](https://www.missionstclare.com/english/index.html)

Of course, just opening the Bible or BCP is always good, or for a daily bible verse, we have been posting one for years on our church website here: [https://christchurcheiscopal.org/daily-bible-reading-from-taize/](https://christchurcheiscopal.org/daily-bible-reading-from-taize/)

And don’t forget the daily Lent Madness! See the information on the next page to find out how to participate, and learn more about faithful people who made a difference.

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**Phone Tree Back**

While Mother Diana is reaching out to those in pastoral crisis, we still need to stay in touch with all parishioners, and thankfully Yvette Lucas agreed to help us create a new phone tree. If you are willing to help call people, reach out to her so that she can put you on the list. Most importantly – make sure we have your correct contact information!
STAY CONNECTED!

Join Our Email List

There is A LOT to keep up with in the following months- make sure you stay up to date on all the things happening at Christ Church! If you have not received these (usually weekly) emails and would like to, please let Candice know and you will be added for the next one.

FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM!

Christ Church: @cc74park
Nursery School: @NSCCNJ
And if you haven’t already, “Lked” us on Facebook, and follow us on Twitter, too! This is evangelism in the 21st century.

GET REMINDERS & NOTICES!

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

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


LENT MADNESS!

The game is on! Lent Madness goes until April 8, so download your 2020 brackets and play along. Everything you need is here: lentmadness.org/bracket/

BOOK CLUB- MARCH 30

Our Book Club will have their next meeting on Monday, March 30th at 7pm via Zoom. They will be discussing When Prayers Aren’t Answered: Opening the Heart & Quieting the Mind in Challenging Times by John E. Welchons. There is always great discussion and plenty of food. New members are always welcome! Here is the information to participate:

By Zoom: https://zoom.us/j/216688909
By Phone: +1 646 558 8656
Meeting ID: 216 688 909

VBS/DAY CAMP 2020

Our Annual VBS/Day Camp will be August 3-7 (9am-3pm). Make sure you are saving these dates! It is for ages Pre-k (must be potty-trained) through 6th grade. The sooner you sign up, the better! We want to make sure everyone who wants to participate has a spot before we open it up to the public. See Candice for more information and registration materials.
PARISH PRAYER LIST

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

In the Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for all Anglican churches and cathedrals, and their bishops.

In the Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for every Church, Clergy, Wardens, Vestry and People in the Diocese of Newark.

We pray also for Anthony, Nafeeza, Desiree, Mark, Angela, Emma, Darlene Mattia, Nancy Moylan, Ron Graybill, Gail Jackson, Judith Mack, Linda, Robyn Noe, Kathleen Charles Phillip, Kathy Joann Charles, Kendall Charles Meeking, Nicholas Charles, Tamara Charles, Luna Straughn, Dorothy Brozdowski; Larelle John; Ainsley Tierney; Tara Archer; Marva Bansfield; Henry Aulenbach; Anna Lopez; Johnny Thomas; Lynn Kearney; Joe Garris; Fr. Jim; Jayne Manger; Evelyn London; Jane Durham; Donna and Dawn Turner; Caroline Paglia; Russell Seeman; Sarah Sampson; Josephine Novak; Lynda VanSant Bigelow; Brinder Kaur; Mantreet Kaur; Sundeep Singh; Sheila Jackson; Heather Walker; Leo Toledo, Sr., Bob Plass; Catherine Sanford; the Rev. John & Joan Laney; Kathryn Marie Natvig; Martha Crawford; the Rev. Terry Wing; Ljerka; Amy Waldron; Trisha Pflaum; Miriam Sampson; Frieda Smith; Jean Riis; Corrado Gigante; Janel Ramirez; Matthew James Saunders, Eris Yarborough; Alphonso Jenkins; Ellen Packard; Margaret Wiley; Charles Anderson; Stacey Marshall; Donna DeBellis-Russo; Eileen, Gary, and Christopher; Roseann and Henley Alleyne; Bonnie, Audrey, and Donald Gustafsson.

We pray for all those serving in the military, especially Peter Wilcox, 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, especially Kathy and Vinnie Campione and family, Michael Gibson and family, and Spoerl and Fertig families.

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PRAY WITH US

In this time, most of all, please pray...

God of all abiding grace, be with us in this time of darkness and fear.

Heal us physically, spiritually, and emotionally.

Save us from our arrogance, that we may see the pain of others and respond

Stand beside us that we may know courage when we feel most alone and discouraged.

We pray especially...

For those who are sick, that they may be healed, and find comfort in your presence.

For those who have died, and their families and friends who mourn.

For the scientists and health workers, who labor to find a cure and tend the sick, even while risking their own lives.

For world leaders and first responders who work to protect their lives of those they serve.

For all who labor to get stores restocked because we have acted out of fear, without concern for those in the most need.

And most especially that we see that our inconveniences are few when we consider all who cannot afford healthcare, food, have lost jobs, or have no home.

Grant that we, your people, may live as you call us to live – loving one another, ourselves and you, will all of our heart mind and soul. All this we ask in the name of your son Jesus Christ, who taught us that the dark night of the cross will always give way to the rising Son. Amen.
At the tomb, Jesus called, “Lazarus, come out!” And he did! Lazarus was alive again!

Connect the dots.
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Jesus Raises Lazarus
Lazarus was a friend of Jesus. He became very sick and died.

Circle the hidden objects.

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Jesus went to Lazarus’ house.

Help Jesus get to Lazarus’ house.

Jesus said, “Lazarus will rise again.”
What did Jesus do?

Use the code to fill in the vowels.

鹫=A  太=E  蝙=I  饶=O  轮=U

H____

PR____Y____D  T____

H____S

F____TH____R.
Jesus went to the tomb of Lazarus. He told the people to take away the stone that closed the entrance. He prayed to God and then said, "Lazarus, come out!" What happened next?

Color the spaces to find the answer.

Row 1: CEGHI  Row 5: CEGHI  Row 11: ACFIK
Row 2: CEG 8: ABEGJ  Row 12: ABEGJ
Row 3: CDEGH 9: ACFIK
Row 4: CEG 10: ACFIK

A man named Lazarus was sick. His sisters, Mary and Martha, sent word to Jesus. …

Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. …

But before Jesus got to them, Lazarus died.

Help Jesus find the way to Mary and Martha.

When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet Him. …

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Martha said to Him, “Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. But I know that even now God will give You whatever You ask.”

In each group, circle the word that does not rhyme. Then write the circled words in order on the lines below.

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Then what did Jesus say to Martha?

Use the code to find John 11:25-26.

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- □ = Z

Jesus said to her, “_________ ___________
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__________________________.”

Then they die;