

**March 7, 2021**

**Lent 3**

**Morning Prayer with Communion**

*For this service, Christ Church is using ACNA 1552 Order & BCP 2019.*

The congregational responses are in **bold italic** print.  
*Please join us in saying the responses.*

**Welcome**

1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, ci - ty  
2 See! the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e -  
3 Round each ha - bi - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and  
4 Blest in - hab - it - ants of Zi - on, washed in the Re -

of our God; he whose word can - not be  
ter - nal love, well sup - ply thy sons and  
fire ap - pear for a glo - ry and a  
deem - er's blood! Je - sus, whom their souls re -

bro - ken formed thee for his own a - bode;  
daugh - ters and all fear of want re - move.  
cov - ering, show - ing that the Lord is near.  
ly on, makes them kings and priests to God.

on the Rock of A - ges found - ed, what can shake thy  
Who can faint, when such a riv - er ev - er will their  
Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner, light by night, and  
'Tis his love his peo - ple rais - es o - ver self to

sure re - pose? With sal - va - tion's walls sur -  
 thirst as - suage? Grace which, like the Lord, the  
 shade by day, safe they feed up - on the  
 reign as kings: and as priests, his sol - emn

round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.  
 giv - er nev - er fails from age to age.  
 man - na which he gives them when they pray.  
 prais - es each for a thank - of - fering brings.

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If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.

*Mark 8:34*

## Introduction

*The people sit.*

# Kyrie Eleison, vss. 3 & 4

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**Refrain**  
Bm Em/G D/A Em/A D Em/G D/A Em/A D Em/G D/A

Ky-rie E - lei - son, have mer - cy, Chris-te E - lei - son, have mer - cy. Ky-rie E - lei - son, have

**Fine**  
Em/A D Em/G D/A Em/A D G A

mer - cy, Chris-te E - lei - son, have mer - cy. {

1. As we come be - fore You with the
2. When the cries of vic-tims go un -
3. If we love our God with all our
4. Lord, re - new our vis - ion to be

Bm G A Bm G A

needs of our world we con-fess our fail - ures and our sin, for our words are ma - ny yet our  
heard in the land, and the scars of war re-fuse to heal, Will we stand for jus - tice to em-  
heart, mind and strength, and we love our neigh-bors as our-selves, then this law of love will heal the  
Christ where we live, to reach out in mer - cy to the lost; For each cup of kind-ness to the

Bm G A Bm

deeds have been few; Fan the fire of com-pass-ion once a - gain.  
pow - er the weak till their bonds of op-press-ion are no more? } Ky - rie E -  
na - tions of earth and the glo - ry of Christ will be re-vealed.  
least in our midst is an off - 'ring of wor-ship to the throne.

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## The Confession and Absolution

Almighty and most merciful Father, *we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and apart from your grace, there is no health in us. O Lord; have mercy upon us. Spare all those who confess their faults. Restore all those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.*

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**Psalm 116:1 – 5, 12 – 16** (*Lector prays verses; congregation joins in refrain.*)

O Lord, you are my rock and my refuge.

***O Lord, you are my rock and my refuge.***

1. In you, O Lord, have I put my trust; let me never be put to shame.
2. Rescue me and deliver me in your righteousness; incline your ear to me and save me.
3. Be my rock and my refuge, where I may always return; you have promised to help me, for you are my stronghold and my fortress.
4. Deliver me, O my God, out of the hand of the ungodly, out of the hand of the unrighteous and the cruel.
5. For you, O Lord God, are the one I long for; you are my hope, even from my youth.
6. Through you have I been upheld ever since I was born; you took me out of my mother's womb; my praise shall be always of you.

*Refrain: O Lord, you are my rock and my refuge.*

***Faithful Lord, living Savior, in youth and old age, from the womb to the grave, may we know your protection and proclaim your great salvation to the glory of God, the Father.***

## The Lesson

1 Corinthians 13: 1 – 13

The Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

*The people stand.*

**Sequence Hymn**

**Thy Word, v. 1**

Grant and Smith

*Refrain*

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

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*Verse 1*

I will not forget your love for me and yet,  
my heart forever is wandering.

Jesus be my guide, and hold me to your side,

I will love you to the end.

*Refrain*

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**The Children's Blessing & Prayer (9:30 service only)**

**The Sermon**

**Rev. Gene Sherman**

**"Check the Temperature!"**

*The people stand.*

**The Apostle's Creed**

***I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.***

***He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.***

***I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.***

The Lord be with you.

***And with your spirit.***

Let us pray.

**Collect of the Day**

Heavenly Father, ***you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you: Look with compassion upon the heartfelt desires of your servants, and purify our disordered affections, that we may behold your eternal glory in the face of Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.***

## **The Prayers of the People**

*The people are invited to add their own intercessions and thanksgivings.*

The Christ Church Little Churches,

Those serving through leadership,

Those looking for forgiveness,

Those misled by the false gods of this present age,

All who are hungry,

For the sick in body, mind, and spirit, that they may know your power to heal,

We remember those who have died in Christ.

Let us commend the world, for which Christ suffered, to the mercy and protection of God.

***Amen.***

## **The Peace**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

***And with your spirit.***

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **Announcements / Birthdays / Anniversaries**

### **Birthdays:**

Meghan McCarty                      3/10

## **Question for Week 11**

The New City Catechism

What does God require in the sixth, seventh, and eighth commandments?

***Sixth, that we do not hurt, or hate, or be hostile to our neighbor, but be patient and peaceful, pursuing even our enemies with love. Seventh, that we abstain from sexual immorality and live purely and faithfully, whether in marriage or in single life, avoiding all impure actions, looks, words, thoughts, or desires, and whatever might lead to them. Eighth, that we do not take without permission that which belongs to someone else, nor withhold any good from someone we might benefit.***

*(Romans 13:9)*

For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

## **Offertory**

*Please stand.*

## **Doxology**

Hymn 380, v. 3

***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 people remain standing.*

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

The Lord be with you.

***And with your spirit.***

Lift up your hearts.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***We rejoice in him as is right and required.***

Scripture teaches us 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, with Angels and Archangels, and with all the saints in heaven, we praise and magnify your glorious name, forever praising you and saying:

***Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.***

*The people sit or stand.*

***We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.***

All praise and glory belong to you, God our heavenly Father, because of your tender mercy you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, offering, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and instituted, and in his Holy Gospel commanded us to continue a perpetual memory of his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.



Hear us, O merciful Father, and grant that we, receiving this bread and wine according to your Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me." **Amen.**

Let us pray.

***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, forever and ever. Amen.***

O Lord and heavenly Father, we your humble servants entirely desire your fatherly goodness to mercifully accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; asking you to grant that by the merits and death of your Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all your whole Church may obtain forgiveness of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

***And here we offer and present to you, O Lord, ourselves, our souls, and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice; humbly pleading, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may be filled with your grace and heavenly blessing.***

***And although we are unworthy, because of our many sins, to offer you any sacrifice, yet we pray that you will accept this, the duty and service we owe, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord.***

***By him, and with him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory to you, Almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.***

**The Blessing**

*The people respond: Amen.*

*The people stand.*

**Closing Hymn**

**Tell Out, My Soul**

Hymn 438



1 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord!  
2 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his Name!  
3 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his might!  
4 Tell out, my soul, the glo - ries of his word!



Un - num - bered bless - ings give my spi - rit voice;  
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;  
Powers and do - min - ions lay their glo - ry by.  
Firm is his prom - ise, and his mer - cy sure.



ten - der to me the prom - ise of his word;  
his mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;  
Proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to flight,  
Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord



in God my Sa - vior shall my heart re - joice.  
his ho - ly Name— the Lord, the Might - y One.  
the hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.  
to chil - dren's chil - dren and for ev - er - more!

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Let us bless the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Community Resource Services (CRS) Easter Drive** – We are launching the annual Easter Food/Money Drive for CRS. The most needed immediate items include peanut butter, jelly or preserves, canned beef stew, pasta, jarred spaghetti sauce, single serving sized snacks for kids, and cleaning supplies. (They do not need toilet paper at this time.)

CRS would like to give out Brunch Baskets to their recipients for Easter. We are asking for donations of EGGS, BACON or SAUSAGE, HASH BROWN POTATOES (in cartons), PANCAKE MIX, WAFFLE MIX, PILLSBURY BISCUITS (in tubes), Pancake syrup, Preserves, and anything else you can think of that would be great for brunch!

We are also asking for monetary donations that will be used to purchase \$25 Gift Cards (restricted) from Giant Eagle. Make sure to note CRS Donation on the memo line of your check.

Please drop off food items at Anchor on Sundays. We will also have a CRS bin outside the front door on Tuesdays and Thursdays for the next couple of weeks. Items that need to be refrigerated will be stored in the refrigerator we have in the church basement. **The deadline for Easter donations is Wednesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>!** As always, thank you for attending to the needs of less fortunate families and seniors in our community.

### **Lenten Resources to Help You in Your Walk with the Lord:**

**An Ocean of Grace - Tim Chester** A heart-warming collection of daily devotions and prayers from great Christian writers of the past that will encourage and inspire readers as much today as they did when they were first written. Ideal to start at the beginning of Lent (Ash Weds. 2/17) to help you reflect on Jesus in the run-up to Easter. Purchase through Amazon.com, Christianbook.com, or thegoodbook.com.

**The Beauty of the Cross - Tim Chester** Last year's devotional which was cut short by Covid-19 is an invitation to delight in the beauty of Christ afresh this Lenten season and dive into some of the richest prophecies about the Cross of Christ found in Isaiah 52-53 (The last of the "Servant Songs). These thought-provoking meditations will take you through these familiar yet extraordinary chapters, along with hymns and prayers from the riches of church history. Prepare your heart beginning Ash Weds. (Feb. 17) and throughout Lent in these short, stirring reflections that invite you to gaze once more at Christ in all his beauty. Copies are available at the Guest Table.

**Trinity School for Ministry 2021 Lenten Devotional** - This devotional written by Faculty, students, and graduates of Trinity, using the daily office readings of the BCP 19, keep the reader focused on the need for a Savior for all of us. Copies are available at the Guest table.

## **Emotionally Healthy Relationships Begins Today, March 7th!**

Have you ever wondered why we recycle the same problems in the church year after year? Broken relationships, unresolved conflicts, inability to speak the truth, pretending things are fine because we are concerned about being nice. Week after week we hear sermons about loving better, but little changes in people's lives.

We spend a lot of money to learn, and become competent in our careers, but few of us have learned the skills or gained the competency to love others well.

Barna research suggests that 85% percent of Christians are stuck, stagnant in their spiritual lives. Most discipleship approaches do not include the necessary tools to mature us as followers of Jesus Christ who love God, ourselves, and others well.

***Emotionally Healthy (EH) Relationships will guide you and others into an experience of discipleship that will deeply change your life. As we enter March and April at Christ Church, we will be in our Little Churches going deep in the issue of loving others as Christ loved us! There are 2 books in this series – which can be purchased through Amazon.com, or Christianbook.com. The name of the book is “Emotionally Healthy Relationships Participant's Pack: Discipleship that Deeply Changes Your Relationship with Others” by Pete Scazzero and Geri Scazzero.***

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## **Sermon Text: 1 Corinthians 13: 1 – 13**

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup>And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup>If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

<sup>4</sup>Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant <sup>5</sup>or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup>it does not rejoice at wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup>Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

<sup>8</sup>Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. <sup>9</sup>For we know in part and we prophesy in part, <sup>10</sup>but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. <sup>11</sup>When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. <sup>12</sup>For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

<sup>13</sup>So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.



## **2021 Financials**

<b>Through Sunday</b>	<b>2/28/2021</b>
<b>Current Month Budget</b>	<b>\$29,800</b>
<b>Current Month Actual</b>	<b>\$30,044</b>
<b>YTD Budget</b>	<b>\$72,300</b>
<b>YTD Actual</b>	<b>\$73,911</b>
<b>Annual 2021 Budget</b>	<b>\$400,000</b>

## **Attendance for 2/28/2021**

**8:00 a.m. — 17**

**9:30 a.m. — 47**

**11:15 a.m. — 28**

**Wednesday — N/A**

**Online — 42**