

January 24, 2020

Epiphany 3
Morning Prayer with Communion

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

Sanctity of Human Life

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

Welcome

Opening Hymn

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

Hymn 671

1 A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his
 4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
 * 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

1 saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
 2 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 3 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 4 have al - rea - dy come; 'tis grace that brought me
 5 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

1 now am found, was blind but now I see.
 2 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 3 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 4 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 5 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

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THE WORD OF GOD

I will make you as a light for the nations.

That my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.

Isaiah 49:6

Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

Isaiah 60:3

Introduction

The Confession and Absolution

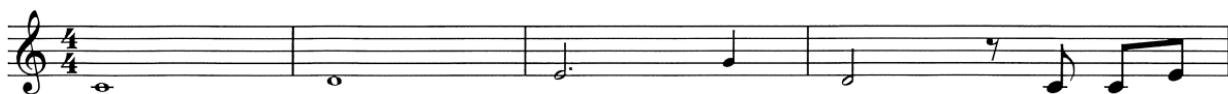
Most merciful God, *we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

The 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.**

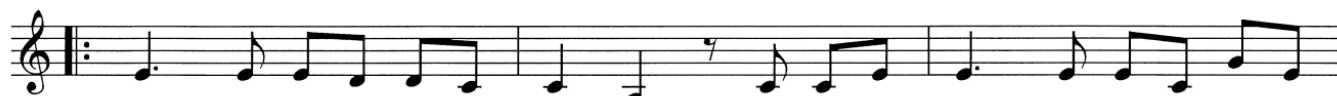
The people remain standing.

Song of Praise

Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me



1. What gift of
- (2. The night is)
- (3. No fate I)
- (4. With ev - 'ry)



grace is Je - sus, my Re - deem - er. There is no more for heav - en now to
dark, but I am not for - sak - en, for by my side the Sav-iour, he will
dread, I know I am for - giv - en, the fu - ture sure, the price, it has been
breath I long to fol - low Je - sus, for he has said that he will bring me



give. He is my joy, my right - eous - ness and free - dom, my stead - fast
stay. I lab - our on in weak - ness and re - joic - ing, for in my
paid. For Je - sus bled and suf - fered for my par - don, and he was
home. And day by day I know he will re - new me un - til I



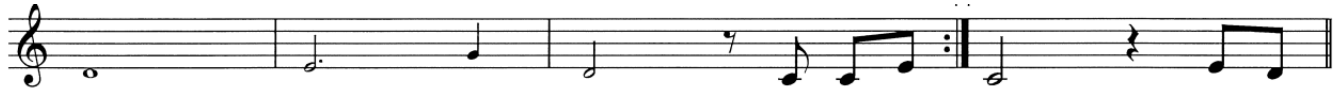
love, my deep and bound - less peace. _____ To this I hold: my hope is on - ly
need, his pow - er is dis - played. _____ To this I hold: my Shep - herd will de -
raised to o - ver - throw the grave. _____ To this I hold: my sin has been de -
stand with joy be - fore the throne. _____ To this I hold: my hope is on - ly



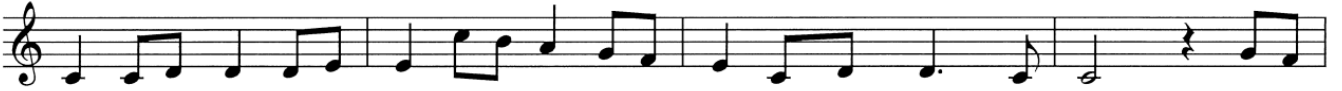
Je - sus. For my life is whol - ly bound to his. _____ Oh how
- fend _ me. Through the deep - est val - ly he will lead. _____ Oh the
- feat - ed. Je - sus now, and ev - er, is my plea. _____ Oh the
Je - sus. All the glo - ry ev - er - more to him. _____ When the



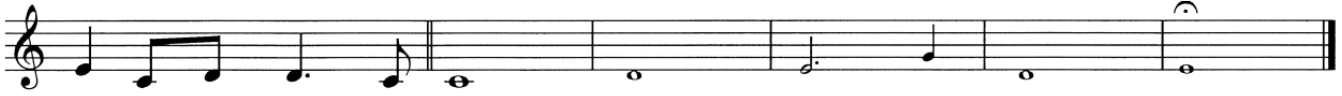
strange and di - vine, I can sing: all is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
 night has been won, and I shall o - ver-come! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
 chains are re-leased, I can sing: I am free! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
 race is com-plete, still my lips shall re - peat: Yet not I, but through Christ in



2. The night is me. When the
 3. No fate I
 4. With ev - 'ry



race is com-plete, still my lips shall re-peat: Yet not I, but through Christ in me. Yet not



I, but through Christ in me.

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The people sit.

Psalm 103 (At 9:30, pray in unison & at 11:15, pray responsively by half verse)

1. Praise the Lord, O my soul,*
and all that is within me, praise his holy name.
2. Praise the Lord, O my soul,*
and forget not all his benefits;
3. Who forgives all your sins*
and heals all your infirmities;
4. Who saves your life from the pit*
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;
5. Who satisfies you with good things,*
renewing your youth like an eagle's.
6. The Lord executes righteousness and judgment*
for all those who are oppressed with wrong.
7. He showed his ways to Moses,*
his works to the children of Israel.
8. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy,*
long-suffering and of great goodness.
9. He will not always chide us,*
neither will he keep his anger for ever.

10. He has not dealt with us according to our sins,*
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
11. For as the heavens are high above the earth,*
so great is his mercy also toward those who fear him.
12. As far as the east is from the west,*
so far has he set our sins from us.
13. As a father pities his own children,*
so is the Lord merciful to those who fear him.
14. For he knows whereof we are made;*,
he remembers that we are but dust.
15. The days of man are as grass;*,
he flourishes as a flower of the field.
16. For as soon as the wind goes over it, it is gone,*
and its place shall know it no more.
17. But the merciful goodness of the Lord endures for ever and ever upon those who fear him,*
and his righteousness upon children's children;
18. Even upon those who keep his covenant*
and think upon his commandments to do them.
19. The Lord has prepared his throne in heaven,*
and his kingdom rules over all.
20. O praise the Lord, you angels of his, you that excel in strength,*
you that fulfill his commandment and hearken unto the voice of his words.
21. O praise the Lord, all you his hosts,*
you servants of his that do his pleasure.
22. O speak good of the Lord, all you works of his, in all places of his dominion;*,
praise the Lord, O my soul.

The Lesson

Genesis 50:15 – 21

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The people stand.

Sequence Hymn

Speak O Lord, v. 3

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Verse 3

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
help us grasp the heights of your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,
that will echo through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on your promises;
and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till your church is built
and the earth is filled with your glory.

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

The Sermon

Rev. Gene Sherman

Going Back in Order to Go Forward!

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.

Give us grace, O Lord, ***to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works, 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.

From the rising of the sun to its setting let us pray to the Lord:

That the people of God in all the world may worship in spirit and in truth:

That the church may discover again that unity which is the Father's will:

That the nations of the earth may seek after the ways that make for peace:

That the whole creation, groaning in travail, may be set free to enjoy the glorious liberty of the children of God:

That all who with Christ have entered the shadow of death may rest in peace and rise in glory:
Let us commend the world, to which Christ showed the way, 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:

Dave Godfray	1/25
Laura Jeffers	1/28
Erin Litzler	1/28

Question for Week 5

The New City Catechism

What else did God create?

God created all things by his powerful Word, and all his creation was very good; everything flourished under his loving rule.

(Genesis 1:31)

And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good.....

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 up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth through Jesus Christ our Lord; who took on our mortal flesh to reveal His glory; that he might bring us out of darkness and into his own glorious light.

Therefore, we praise you joining our voices with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, who forever say this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

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.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son into the world for our salvation.

By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

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."

Therefore, let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy sacrament, and be made one body with him, so that he may dwell in us and we in him. And bring us with all your saints into the fullness of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

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

Alleluia, Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed once for all upon the cross.

Therefore let us keep the feast! Alleluia!

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.

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

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, ***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 forever. Amen.***

The Blessing

The people respond: Amen.

The people stand.

Closing Hymn

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Hymn 690

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

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Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flower Calendar for 2021 – The 2021 flower calendar is available in the narthex. Please sign up for any of the dates you would like to donate altar flowers for next year. Note, we will not have any flowers during the season of Lent and those dates are not included in the calendar.

CCW Annual Meeting – Our annual meeting is **today, Sunday, January 24th** after the 11:15 am service here at Anchor. Since we can only have 50 people in our sanctuary, we will live stream the meeting and viewers will be able to call in (specific phone numbers will be supplied) and ask questions online. To view online, please go to our website, Facebook, or You Tube.

SAVE THE DATE – WCA (Westside Christian Academy) is having an open house (23096 Center Ridge Road, Westlake) for prospective and current families on **Saturday, February 6th from 1:00-3:30 pm**. Feel free to bring the whole family! Drop your kids off in their FUN ZONE while you tour the school, meet their teachers, and staff, and attend presentations to include Classical Christian Education, shepherding a child's heart, expectations for kindergarten, and learn all about their exceptional upper school. For more information or to register, please go to westsideacademy.org.

Emotionally Healthy Discipleship beginning Jan. 10th

This Winter at Christ Church we are launching the Emotionally Healthy Discipleship Series – beginning with Emotionally Healthy Spirituality. This Discipleship journey creates a pathway for you to experience transformation personally, with your group and ultimately, with the entire Christ Church community. The list below are the various leaders for our Discipleship groups. Contact a leader for further information as we grow in Christ together, even amid a Pandemic! Each discussion will follow the Sunday sermon to assist each group to grow deep in their relationship with the Lord and one another. Come join us for an exciting journey of growth in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Emotionally Healthy Discipleship Leaders

David & Carol Ball (Thursday afternoons at 1:00)	daiball@aol.com	(440) 590-5040
Rich & Lisa Kurak (TBA)	rkurak@yahoo.com	(440) 653-9797
Skip & Laura Sant (Sunday evenings at 7:00 pm)	skipsant62@gmail.com	(440) 670-2937

VESTRY

We give our whole-hearted thanks to those Vestry members with terms expiring in January 2021: Bethany Jones, Rich Kurak, Rob Middlemiss, Gary Neel, Rob Schoenherr and Jim Stefano.

The following people are on the slate for Vestry which will be voted on at the Annual Meeting on January 24, 2021: Rachel Kurak, Rob Middlemiss, Gary Neel, Dotty Reichenbach, and Rob Schoenherr.



Sermon Text: Genesis 50:15 – 21

¹⁵When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." ¹⁶So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died: ¹⁷'Say to Joseph, 'Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.'" And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. ²¹So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus, he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.



Giving

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God!

2021 Financials

Through Sunday	1/17/2021
Current Month Budget	\$42,500
Current Month Actual	\$18,413
YTD Budget	\$42,500
YTD Actual	\$18,413
Annual 2021 Budget	\$400,000

Attendance for 1/10/2021

8:00 a.m. — 20

9:30 a.m. — 33

11:11 a.m. — 25

Wednesday — 6

Online — 28