

The Lord's Service

THE TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 15, 2023



Christ's Church of the Hudson Valley

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

GREETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

 CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 7

O Lord my God, in you do I take refuge

Let the assembly of the peoples be gathered about you

I will give to the Lord the thanks due to his righteousness

I will sing praise to the name of the Lord, the Most High. Amen!

 PRAYER OF THE DAY

Eternal God, you have called us to be members of one body. Join us with those who in all times and places have praised your name, that, with one heart and mind, we may show the unity of your church, and bring honor to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

 HYMN OF PRAISE

Take My Life, and Let it Be

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CONFESSION OF SINS

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

THE KYRIE ELEISON

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

 THE PEACE

 GLORIA PATRI

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Living God, help us so to hear your holy Word that we may truly believe; that, believing, we may understand, and, understanding, we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

DEUTERONOMY 31:1-8

NEW TESTAMENT READING

PHILIPPIANS 1:27-30

 PSALTER SONG

Psalm 3

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 GOSPEL READING

JOHN 17

 RESPONSE

The grass withers and the flower fades
But the word of our God stands forever.

SERMON

“A Church Like Paul”

 THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come 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.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING

 DOXOLOGY

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 SURSUM CORDA

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 our thanks and praise.

 PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.



CHARGE AND BENEDICTION



NUNC DIMITTIS

*Lord, bid your servant go in peace; your word is now fulfilled.
These eyes have seen salvation's dawn, this child so long foretold.*

*This is the Savior of the world, the Gentiles' promised light,
God's glory dwelling in our midst, the joy of Israel.*

QUOTES OF THE WEEK

“Nothing is so incongruous in a Christian, and foreign to his character, as to seek rest and ease”
~ **John Chrysostom (4th C.)**

“I did not arrive at it in anyway, it was given to me, as to all men, given because I could not have gotten it from anywhere. Where could I have got it? By reason could I have arrived at knowing that I must love my neighbor and not oppress him? I was told that in my childhood and I believed it gladly, for they told me what was already in my soul. But who discovered it? Not reason. Reason discovered the struggle for existence, and the law that requires us to oppress all who hinder the satisfaction of our desires. That is the deduction of reason. But loving one's neighbor reason could never discover, because its irrational.”
~ **Levin in Anna Karenina by Tolstoy**

Psalter Song Psalm 3

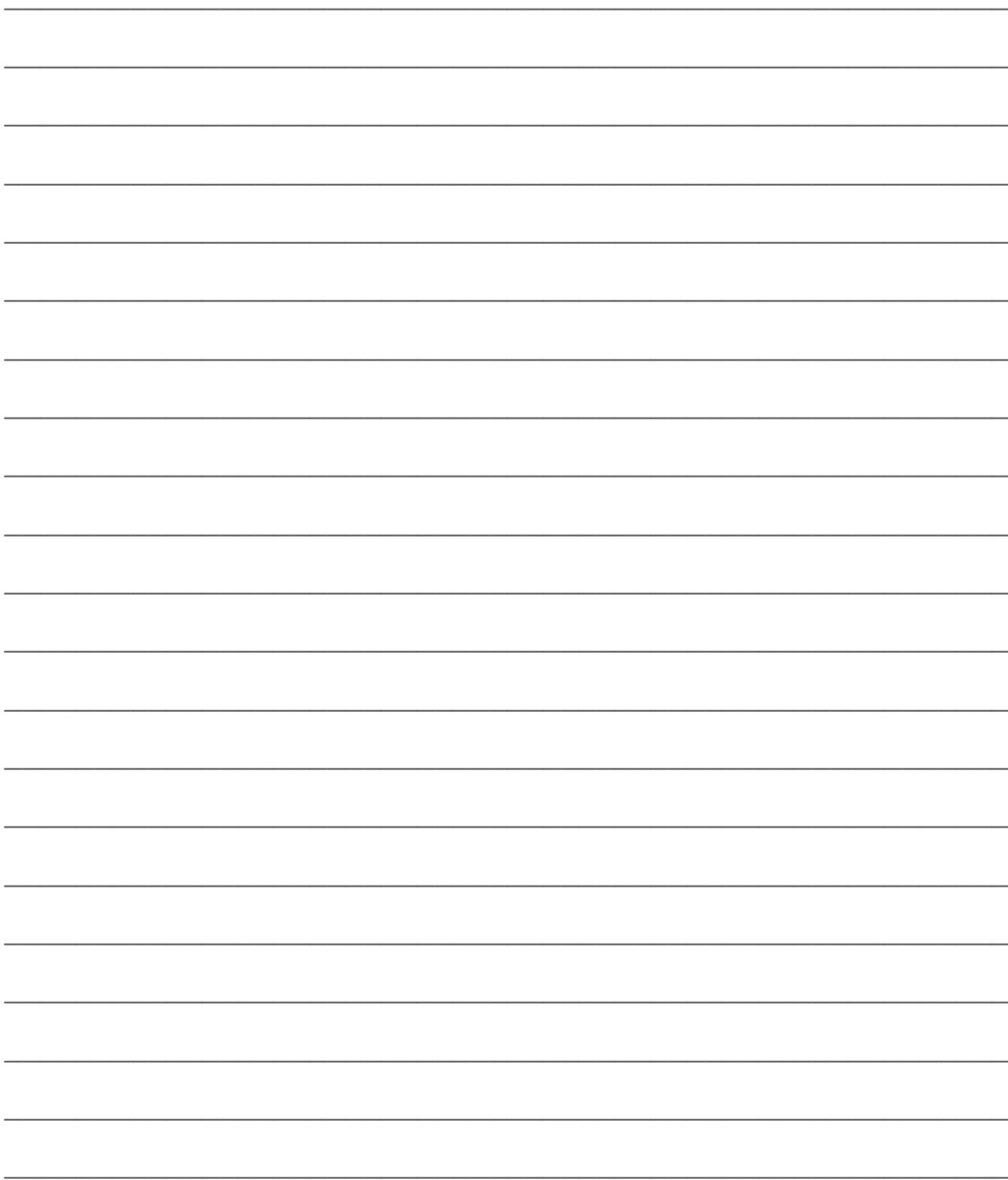
1 O LORD, how many are my foes! Against me many rise.
They say of me, “He has no help, though he on God relies.”

2 You are my shield and glory, LORD, the lifter of my head.
I cried out “LORD! and from his hill his answer to me sped.

3 I lay down, slept, and woke again; the LORD sustains my life.
Tho' thousands round me take their stand, I fear not in the strife.

4 Arise, O LORD, and save me, God! You punish all my foes.
You smite the face of wicked men, and break their teeth with blows.

5 Deliv'rance to the LORD belongs, salvation his alone!
Your blessing on your people, LORD, forevermore be shown!





Christ's Church *of the Hudson Valley*

CCHV is both a place and a people. We gather in this sacred space to worship, to learn, and to serve God as he meets us in Christ. To this end we dedicate our time, our talent, and our resources. Here the Gospel of Christ is freely proclaimed: *We are weaker and more sinful than we ever dared admit, but through Christ we are more loved and accepted than we ever dared hope.* As a community of Christians, we are building a bridge to the future through faith and friendship. To this end, we pray God will give us strength, vision, and wisdom. We are thankful that you could join with us today. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. We welcome you to Christ's Church of the Hudson Valley.

MINISTER

Mr. Justin Chiarot

SERVICE TIMES

Worship: 11:00AM

Sunday School: 12:30PM

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COVER

The Celtic cross reminds us, as Presbyterians, of our historical roots in the British Isles dating back at least to the fifth century. Post Tenebras Lux is a Latin slogan from the 16th-century Protestant Reformation meaning After Darkness, Light. The cross and the slogan combine to express our desire to be rooted in the ancient faith and to embrace the attainments of the Protestant Reformation.

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