

The Lord's Service

THE THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 12, 2023



Christ's Church of the Hudson Valley

POST TENEBRAS LUX

GREETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS



CALL TO WORSHIP

I CORINTHIANS 10

Oh, Lord, our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea.

They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea.

They all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink.

For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ.

Nourish us today as we witness the floodwaters of baptismal love.

Nourish us as we hear your word and eat of your spiritual food. Amen.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being: You have made us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Give us purity of heart and strength of purpose, that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will, no weakness keep us from doing it; that in your light we may see light clearly, and in your service find perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. **Amen.**



HYMN OF PRAISE

How Sweet and Awesome is the Place

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CONFESSION OF SINS

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE KYRIE ELEISON

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

 RESPONSIVE READING OF THE LAW

By the mercies of God, present your bodies as a living sacrifice,

Holy and acceptable to God, which is our fitting service.

Do not be conformed to this age,

But be transformed by the renewal of your mind.

That by testing you may discern what is the will of God,

What is good and acceptable and mature.

Let no one think of himself more highly than he ought.

But think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith God has provided.

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil;

Hold fast to what is good.

Love one another with brotherly affection.

Outdo one another in showing honor.

Do not be slothful in zeal,

Be fervent in the Spirit, serving the Lord.

Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation,

Be constant in prayer.

Contribute to the needs of the saints,

And seek to show hospitality.

Bless those who persecute you.

Bless and do not curse them.

Rejoice with those who rejoice,

Weep with those who weep.

Live in harmony with one another; Do not be haughty,

But associate with the lowly and never be conceited.

Repay no one evil for evil,

But give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all.

Beloved, never avenge yourselves,

But give place to the wrath of God.

For it stands written:

“Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord”

To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him;

If he is thirsty, give him something to drink.

For by doing so you will heap burning coals on his head.”

Do not be conquered by evil, but conquer evil with good.

 THE PEACE

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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

PSALM 27

NEW TESTAMENT READING

PHILIPPIANS 3: 12-21

 PSALTER SONG *Psalm 7A* *(page 4 of bulletin)*

 GOSPEL READING LUKE 19:11-27

 RESPONSE

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

SERMON

“Imitating 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

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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.

THE BAPTISM OF HANNAH MCKELVEY

THE LORD'S SUPPER

*At the lamb's high feast we sing
praise to our victorious King,
who hath washed us in the tide
flowing from his pierced side;
praise we him whose love divine
gives his sacred blood for wine,
gives his body for the feast,
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.*

*Where the paschal blood is poured,
death's dark angel sheathes his sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go
through the wave that drowns the foe.*

*Praise we Christ, whose blood was
shed; paschal victim, paschal bread;
with sincerity and love
eat we manna from above.*

*Mighty victim from the sky,
pow'rs of hell beneath thee lie;
death is conquered in the fight,
thou hast bought us life and light:
hymns of glory and of praise,
risen Lord, to thee we raise;
holy Father praise to thee,
with the Spirit, ever be.*

 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.*

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"The tyrant dies and his reign is over; the martyr dies and his rule begins." ~ Kierkegaard

"Jesus says Do this in remembrance of me at the last supper, when he had already given up the hope of attaining any political power. This admonition, if intended as the remembrance of a worldly design which had come to nothing, would have been an offensive exhortation, such as to provoke ill will against its originator, and hence self-defeating." ~ Immanuel Kant

Psalter Song Psalm 7A

- 1.) O LORD, my God, I take refuge in You; O Save me from all those who have pursued.
Lest they should tear me like lions with prey; With none to rescue, they'd drag me away.***
- 2.) O LORD my God, if my hands were unjust, Harming my foes or my friends in their trust,
Let my pursuer come near and surround, Trampling my life in the dust on the ground.***
- 3.) LORD, rise in anger, and be my defense. Against my enemy's rage so intense;
Rose, bring the judgement, That you have decreed. Let peoples come and with You gathered be.***
- 4.) Come back to rule over them from on high. The LORD will judge as the nations draw nigh.
My cause is right, LORD, O vindicate me; Judge me as You my integrity see.***
- 5.) O let the evil of wicked men cease, And all the righteous establish in peace;
God who is righteous examines and finds All of the depths of men's hearts and their minds.***



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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

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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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