

The Lord's Service

THE THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 19, 2023



Christ's Church of the Hudson Valley

POST TENEBRAS LUX

GREETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

 CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 11

The Lord is in his holy temple; the Lord's throne is in heaven.

His eyes see, his eyelids test the children of man.

For the Lord is righteous; he loves righteous deeds.

The upright shall behold his face. Amen.

 PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you pour out the spirit of grace and supplication on all who desire it. Deliver us from cold hearts and wandering thoughts, that with steady minds and burning zeal we may worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

 HYMN OF PRAISE

It is Well With My Soul

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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

God spoke all these words, saying: I am the Lord your God, you shall have no other gods before me.

Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done that which is evil in thy sight.

You shall not make for yourself graven images...you shall not bow down to them or serve them.

O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.

O Lord, open thou my lips, and my mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

How lovely is thy dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

Honor your father and your mother.

Remember not the sins of my youth, or my transgressions; according to thy steadfast love remember me, for thy goodness' sake, O Lord!

You shall not kill.

Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any wicked way in me.

You shall not commit adultery.

Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.

You shall not steal.

Have mercy on me, O God, blot out my transgressions.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Put false ways far from me; and graciously teach me thy law!

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant, or his maidservant, or his ox, or his ass, or anything that is your neighbor's.

Incline my heart to thy testimonies, and not to gain! Deliver me from all my transgressions.

The Lord is near to all who call upon him, to all who call upon him in truth. He fulfills the desire of all who fear him, he also hears their cry, and saves them.

My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord, and let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.

 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

PSALM 23

NEW TESTAMENT READING

PHILIPPIANS 4:1-9

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

 GOSPEL READING JOHN 16:25-33

 RESPONSE

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

SERMON

“A Peace That Surpasses All Understanding”

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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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.

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.*



HYMN OF DEPARTURE

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

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 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

*"After the torchlight red on sweaty faces. After the frosty silence in the gardens.
After the agony in stony places The shouting and the crying
Prison and palace and reverberation Of thunder of spring over distant mountains
He who was living is now dead We who were living are now dying With a little patience
Here is no water but only rock Rock and no water and the sandy road
The road winding above among the mountains Which are mountains of rock without water
If there were water we should stop and drink Amongst the rock one cannot stop or think Sweat is dry and feet are
in the sand If there were only water amongst the rock Dead mountain mouth of carious teeth that cannot spit
Here one can neither stand nor lie nor sit There is not even silence in the mountains
But dry sterile thunder without rain There is not even solitude in the mountains
But red sullen faces sneer and snarl From doors of mudcracked houses
If there were water And no rock If there were rock And also water And water
A spring A pool among the rock If there were the sound of water only
Not the cicada And dry grass singing But sound of water over a rock
Where the hermit-thrush sings in the pine trees Drip drop drip drop drop drop drop
But there is no water." ~ T.S. Elliot "The Wasteland"*

"Datta. Dayadhvam. Damyata. Shantih shantih shantih." ~ T.S. Elliot "The Wasteland."

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

Rev. 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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