

The Lord's Service

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

FEBRUARY 18, 2024



Christ's Church of the Hudson Valley

POST TENEBRAS LUX

GREETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS



CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 20

May the Lord answer us in the day of trouble!

May the name of the God of Jacob protect us!

May He send us help from the sanctuary

and give us support from Zion!



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

Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling

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CONFESSION OF SINS

O King and Father, your Son died and was raised up in power. Now enable us to die to our sin in repentance so we may rise to new life in Him. We confess to you: Lord, though you should guide us, we inform ourselves; though you should rule us, we control ourselves; though you should fulfill us, we console ourselves. We think your truth too high, your will too hard, your power too remote, your love too free. But they are not! And without them, we are of all people most miserable. Now heal our confused minds with your word, heal our divided wills with your law, heal our troubled consciences with your love, heal our anxious hearts with your presence, all for the sake of your Son, who loved us and gave himself for us. 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

Jesus opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

Blessed are the poor in spirit,

For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,

For they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,

For they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

For they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful,

For they shall receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,

For they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,

For they shall be called sons of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake,

For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you

And utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

Rejoice and be glad for your reward is great in heaven,

For so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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

Creator of all things, true Source of light and wisdom, lofty origin of all being, graciously let a ray of your brilliance penetrate into the darkness of my understanding and take from me the double darkness in which I have been born, an obscurity of both sin and ignorance. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

ISAIAH 35

NEW TESTAMENT READING

2 CORINTHIANS 2:12-17



PSALTER SONG

Psalm 90 B

(lyrics on page 5)



GOSPEL READING

MARK 2:1-12



RESPONSE

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

SERMON

“Paralyzed Faith”

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

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

*We will feast in the house of Zion.
We will sing with our hearts restored.
He has done great things, we will say together.
We will feast and weep no more.*

*We will not be burned by the fire.
He is the Lord, our God.
We are not consumed by the flood.
Upheld, protected, gathered up.*

[Refrain]

*In the dark of night, before the dawn,
My soul, be not afraid.
For the promised morning, oh, how long?
O God of Jacob, be my strength.*

[Refrain]

*Every vow we've broken and betrayed.
You are the faithful One.
And from the garden and to the grave.
Bind us together, bring shalom.*

[Refrain]

HYMN OF DEPARTURE

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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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.*

QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"I don't know what sort of world she will live in and I have no fixed opinions concerning how she should live in it. I only know that if she does not come to value what is true above what is useful it will make little difference whether she lives at all." ~ All the Pretty Horses — Cormac McCarthy

*"The recognition of complicity is the beginning of innocence.
The recognition of necessity is the beginning of freedom.*

*The recognition of direction of fulfillment is the death of the self,
And the death of the self is the beginning of selfhood.*

All else is surrogate of hope and destitution of spirit." ~ Brother of Dragons - Robert Penn Warren

PSALTER SONG PSALM 90B

**O teach us how to count our days
And set our hearts on wisdom's way.
How long, O LORD? O now return
And for Your servants show concern.
Each Morning fill us with Your grace;
We'll sing for joy through all our days.**

**As many days as we have spent
Under affliction you have sent,
For all the years we evil knew,**

**Now make us glad; our joy renew.
Your work to all Your servants show;
Your glory let their children know.**

**On us may there be shed abroad
Good favor from the Lord our God.
What our hands made, establish sure,
So that our labors may endure;
Yes, may the labor of our hands
Be made by you to ever stand.**



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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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