

# The Lord's Service

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THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 10, 2024



Christ's Church of the Hudson Valley

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PRELUDE

GREETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS



CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 27

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

**The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;

**He will conceal me under the cover of his tent;  
he will lift me high upon a rock. Amen.**



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Heavenly Father, may we receive this day your word as well as the Bread of angels with such reverence and humility, such contrition and devotion, such purity, faith, such resolve and determination as may secure my heart's awareness of my soul's salvation. All for the glory of the triune God. **Amen.**



HYMN OF PRAISE

*A Might Fortress is our God*

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CONFESSION OF SINS

**O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent; according to Your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. Grant that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; to the glory of His holy name. 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

1 SAMUEL 21:1-6

NEW TESTAMENT READING

GALATIANS 4: 1-7



PSALTER SONG

*Psalm 51 A*

*(lyrics on page 5)*



GOSPEL READING

MARK 2:23-28



RESPONSE

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

SERMON

*“The Lord of the Sabbath”*

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.**

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION OF MEMBERSHIP VOWS

Leah and Judah Chiarot

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

*At the Lamb’s High Feast*

 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

*"He said that in any case a bad map was worse than no map at all for it engendered in the traveler a false confidence and might easily cause him to set aside those instincts which would otherwise guide him if he would but place himself in their care. To follow a false map was to invite disaster."*  
~ **Cormac McCarthy, *The Crossing***

PSALTER SONG PSALM 51 A

God, be merciful to me; on your love I rest my plea.  
By you vast abounding grace, my transgressions all erase.  
From the stain of every sin, wash and make me clean within.

For my sins before me rise, always present to my eyes.  
I have sinned against you alone. In your sight I've evil done;  
So your words are proven true, righteous are your judgements, too.

Truly, I was born in sin, sinful when conceived within.  
Surely you desire to find faithfulness in heart and mind;  
You will, deep within my heart, wisdom unto me impart.

O with hyssop sprinkle me, and from sin I clean will be;  
Wash me from its stain, and so, I'll be whiter than the snow.  
Make me hear joy's cheering voice, let the bones You crushed rejoice.





# 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.

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## MINISTER

Rev. Justin Chiarot

## SERVICE TIMES

Worship: 10:30AM

Sunday School: 12:00PM

## CURRENT MEETING LOCATION

Chapel Field Elementary School

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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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