

The Lord's Service

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 03, 2024



Christ's Church of the Hudson Valley

POST TENEBRAS LUX

GREETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS



CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 51

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

Do good to Zion in your good pleasure; build up the walls of Jerusalem.

Then will you delight in right sacrifices, in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings; then bulls will be offered on your altar. Amen.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and Eternal God, behold we come to Your word and the Sacrament of Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. As one sick we come to the Physician of life; unclean, to the Fountain of mercy; blind, to the Light of eternal splendor; poor and needy, to the Lord of heaven and earth. **Amen.**



HYMN OF PRAISE

Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended

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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

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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

PSALM 51

NEW TESTAMENT READING

HEBREWS 9:11-14



PSALTER SONG

Psalm 51 A

(lyrics on page 5)



GOSPEL READING

JOHN 6: 25-40



RESPONSE

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

SERMON

“Squeezed by God”

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

Arise, My Soul, Arise

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

*"Im lying in jail and that cell is sucking the drugs and the fight and the soul right out of me and giving it to God and God is squeezing it in his fingers, man, every last fiber of my soul in the almighty grip of the truth. And the truth is that everything I've done, every thought I've thought, every moment i've lived is garbage turned to dust and dust blown away. God, I said, forget it, I'm not even gonna pray. Squeeze my guts till you get tired, thats all I want now, because at least it's real, it's true, it's got something to do with you. So then I think I died. I think I died in jail. My life itself just left me, and who you see before you now is someone else. So i wandered like a ghost through the court system and came out with a sentence of ten years. Did seven, one day at a time. Prayed everyday and every night, but only one prayer: Squeeze till you get tired, Lord. Kill me, Lord, I don't care, as long as its you who kill me. Just got out of pelican bay prison 8 days ago, and rehab is part of my parole. And nothing to show for 36 years on this earth, except that God is closer to me than my next breath. And thats all i'll ever need or want." ~ Denis Johnson, **Starlight on Idaho***

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.

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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