

The Lord's Service

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 14, 2024



Christ's Church of the Hudson Valley

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

GREETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

 CALL TO WORSHIP PSALM 30

Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name.

For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.

Weeping may tarry for the night

But joy comes with the morning. Amen!

 PRAYER OF THE DAY

My God, Father, and Savior, since you have been pleased to give us the grace to come through the night to the present day and this service of covenant renewal, now grant that we may employ it entirely in your service, so that all our works may be to the glory of your name and the edification of our neighbors. **Amen.**

 HYMN OF PRAISE *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* 277

CONFESSION OF SINS

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen 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, I have 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 that call upon him, to all that 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 forever and ever.

 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

Father, as you are give light to this world for the purposes of external life by the rays of the sun, so enlighten our minds by the effulgence of your Spirit, that he may guide us in the way of your righteousness and truth. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

JOEL 3:9-16

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 CORINTHIANS 2:6-16



PSALTER SONG

Psalm 23A

(LYRICS ON PAGE 5)



GOSPEL READING

MARK 4:21-34



RESPONSE

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

SERMON

“Kingdom Parables”

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 BAPTISM OF BEN AND KILLIAN GREENBERG

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

In Your Arms, Lord Jesus Christ

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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

“He taught his students that Shakespeare is vast, colossal, inexhaustible. Shakespeare he insisted, is bigger than any of us, bigger than all of us put together. He instilled in us respect, indeed a reverence, for Shakespeare’s plays, and evoked a corresponding humility in us. We were assigned various critics to read, but in the end, he used to say, ‘The critics are all bad’ —including himself. The plays were indeed the thing. Only by submitting ourselves to the texts for months and years on end would we ever approach wisdom—by entering the world of the plays, by giving ourselves up to their shaping power, by allowing Shakespeare to reconfigure our horizons and open our eyes to new realms of understanding. This is totally different from the way Shakespeare is taught now. Students are encouraged to think of themselves as competent to interpret the texts as they think best before they have allowed the text to have its way with them.” ~ Fleming Rutledge

*“The bright side of the planet moves towards darkness
And the cities are falling asleep, each in its hour, And for me, now as then,
it is too much There is too much world.” ~Ceslaw Milosz*

PSALTER SONG PSALM 23A

The LORD’s my Shepherd, leading me; I will not be in need.
He’ll make me lie in pastures green; By quiet waters lead.

And He restores my soul again; He guides the steps I take.
To walk along a righteous path, All for His own name’s sake.

Though in a valley dark as death, No evil will I fear;
Your rod and staff, they comfort me, For you are always near.

A feast You have prepared for me In sight of all my foes;
And You anoint my head with oil, My full cup overflows.

What love and goodness all my life Will follow after me;
And in the LORD’s house evermore My dwelling place will be.



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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: 10:30AM

Sunday School: 12:00PM

CURRENT MEETING LOCATION

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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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