March 21, 2021

Lent 5 Morning Prayer with Communion

For this service, Christ Church is using ACNA 1552 Order & BCP 2019.

The congregational responses are in **bold italic** print. *Please join us in saying the responses.*

Welcome



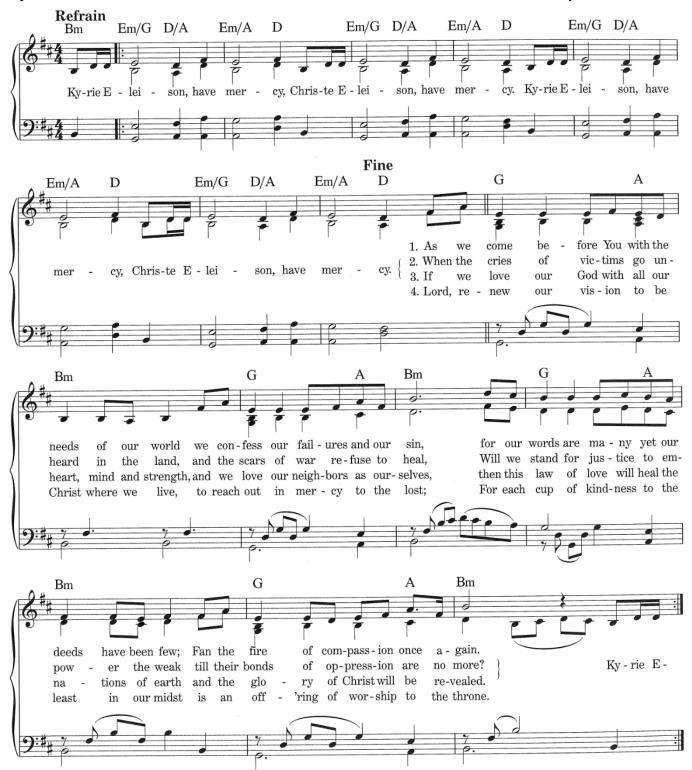
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Jesus said, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. *Mark 8:34*

Introduction

The people sit. **Kyrie Eleison, vss. 2 & 4**

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The Confession and Absolution

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and apart from your grace, there is no health in us. O Lord; have mercy upon us. Spare all those who confess their faults. Restore all those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Psalm 138 (Lector prays verses; congregation joins in refrain.)

Your loving kindness, O Lord, endures for ever. Your loving kindness, O Lord, endures for ever.

- 1. I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; even before the gods will I sing praises to you.
- 2. I will worship toward your holy temple and praise your Name because of your lovingkindness and truth, for you have magnified your Name and your word above all things.
- 3. When I called upon you, you heard me and gave me increase of strength. Refrain: Your loving kindness, O Lord, endures for ever.
- 4. All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth.
- 5. They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, that great is the glory of the Lord.
- 6. For though the Lord be high, yet he has respect for the lowly; as for the proud, he beholds them from afar.

Refrain: Your loving kindness, O Lord, endures for ever.

- 7. Though I walk in the midst of trouble, yet shall you refresh me; you shall stretch forth your hand upon the furiousness of my enemies, and your right hand shall save me.
- 8. The Lord shall make good his loving-kindness toward me; your mercy, O Lord, endures for ever; despise not the works of your own hands. Refrain: Your loving kindness, O Lord, endures for ever.

Lord our God, supreme over all things, look upon the humble and lowly and put new strength into our souls to complete your purpose for us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lesson

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

The people stand. Sequence Hymn

Thy Word, v. 1

Grant and Smith

Mark 3:31 – 35

Refrain

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Verse 1

I will not forget your love for me and yet, my heart forever is wandering.Jesus be my guide, and hold me to your side, I will love you to the end.

Refrain

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The Children's Blessing & Prayer (9:30 service only)

The Sermon

Rev. Gene Sherman

"Knowing Your History!"

The people stand.

The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

The Lord be with you. *And with your spirit.* Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

The people are invited to add their own intercessions and thanksgivings.

The Christ Church Little Churches,

Those serving through leadership,

Those looking for forgiveness,

Those misled by the false gods of this present age,

All who are hungry,

For the sick in body, mind, and spirit, that they may know your power to heal,

We remember those who have died in Christ.

Let us commend the world, for which Christ suffered, to the mercy and protection of God. *Amen.*

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you. *And with your spirit. Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

Announcements / Birthdays / Anniversaries

Birthdays:

Marie Tench 3/25

Anniversaries:

Jim & Carol Stefano	3/26 (33 yrs)
Jim & Mary Harmer	3/26 (24 yrs)
Jim & Bev Chiara	3/26 (44 yrs)

Question for Week 13

The New City Catechism

Can anyone keep the law of God perfectly?

Since the fall, no mere human has been able to keep the law of God perfectly, but consistently breaks it in thought, word, and deed.

(Romans 3:10-12)

None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one sees for God. All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one.

Offertory

Please stand. **Doxology**

Hymn 380, v. 3

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The people remain standing. **THE HOLY COMMUNION** The Lord be with you. *And with your spirit.*

Lift up your hearts. *We lift them to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *We rejoice in him as is right and required.*

Scripture teaches us always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore, with Angels and Archangels, and with all the saints in heaven, we praise and magnify your glorious name, forever praising you and saying:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

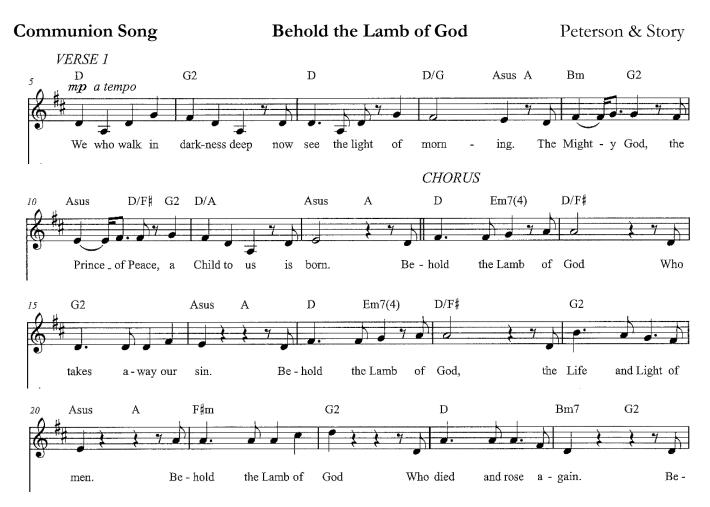
The people sit or stand.

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen. All praise and glory belong to you, God our heavenly Father, because of your tender mercy you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, offering, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and instituted, and in his Holy Gospel commanded us to continue a perpetual memory of his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, and grant that we, receiving this bread and wine according to your Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me." *Amen.*





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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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

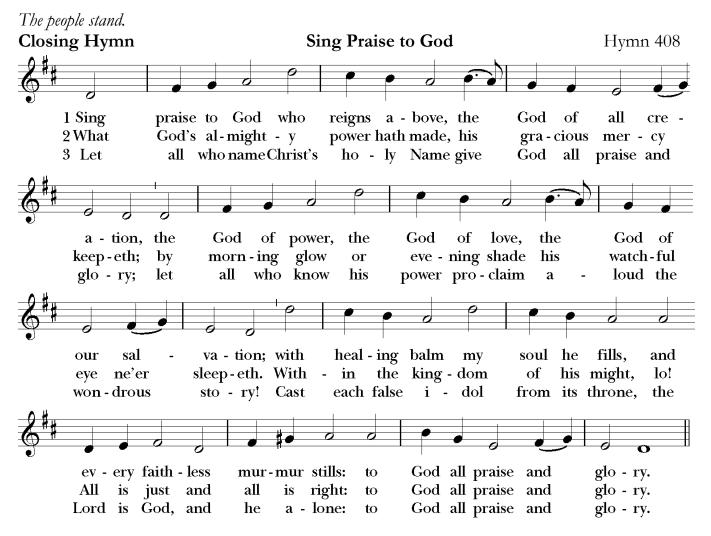
O Lord and heavenly Father, we your humble servants entirely desire your fatherly goodness to mercifully accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; asking you to grant that by the merits and death of your Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all your whole Church may obtain forgiveness of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present to you, O Lord, ourselves, our souls, and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice; humbly pleading, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may be filled with your grace and heavenly blessing.

And although we are unworthy, because of our many sins, to offer you any sacrifice, yet we pray that you will accept this, the duty and service we owe, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

By him, and with him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory to you, Almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

The Blessing The people respond: **Amen.**



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Let us bless the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Easter Flowers – We are now taking requests for Easter flowers which may be given in memory of a loved one or as a thank offering in honor of a person or event. The suggested offering is \$10. **Our deadline is Sunday, March 28**th. Request forms are in the narthex.

Gifts for the Homebound – A big shout out to Jane & Peggy for organizing and assembling the Easter gifts for the homebound. If there are any Easter gifts left to distribute, please take one or more and deliver it today! As always, this congregation is the **BEST**!!!

Community Resource Services (CRS) Easter Drive – Thank you so much for your generosity. We were able to purchase 60-\$25 restricted Giant Eagle gift cards for CRS to distribute to their recipients!

Emotionally Healthy Relationships Begins Today, March 7th!

Have you ever wondered why we recycle the same problems in the church year after year? Broken relationships, unresolved conflicts, inability to speak the truth, pretending things are fine because we are concerned about being nice. Week after week we hear sermons about loving better, but little changes in people's lives.

We spend a lot of money to learn, and become competent in our careers, but few of us have learned the skills or gained the competency to love others well.

Barna research suggests that 85% percent of Christians are stuck, stagnant in their spiritual lives. Most discipleship approaches do not include the necessary tools to mature us as followers of Jesus Christ who love God, ourselves, and others well.

Emotionally Healthy (EH) Relationships will guide you and others into an experience of discipleship that will deeply change your life. As we enter March and April at Christ Church, we will be in our Little Churches going deep in the issue of loving others as Christ loved us! *There are 2 books in this series – which can be purchased through Amazon.com, or Christianbook.com. The name of the book is "Emotionally Healthy Relationships Participant's Pack: Discipleship that Deeply Changes Your Relationship with Others" by Pete Scazzero and Geri Scazzero.*

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Christ Church Jerusalem Giving Day

In the heart of the Old City of Jerusalem is an Anglican Church named Christ Church, built in 1849. This church was built for many reasons but, most importantly, the founders had a great love and concern for the Jewish people and wanted to share with them the "Good News of Jesus, the Messiah."

Today Christ Church is an evangelical Anglican congregation that worships in this historic church in the Old City of Jerusalem. The congregation, comprised of expatriates who have come to serve in Israel or the West Bank along with local believers (both Jews and Arabs), welcomes visitors and tourists to its worship services.

In addition, their B&B Guest House sits inside the walls of the historic Old City of Jerusalem too, and offers both Israelis and pilgrims a haven for resting, exploring the Land, and seeking an encounter with God. Annually, the B&B hosts many thousands of visitors from abroad, but it has been shut down since Covid began over a year ago which has really taken a toll on their financial resources. Their local members are struggling, and the needs of the community continue to grow! For more information, please go to www.christchurchjerusalem.org.

In the Anglican tradition, Good Friday donations are considered a special offering for Christ Church Jerusalem. This year, CCW is designating all offerings received at both Good Friday services for this purpose. If donating by check, make your check payable to Christ Church Westshore and reference "Good Friday offering" on the memo line. You may also donate online, by clicking the Give Now button on our website and selecting "Good Friday Offering" from the additional funds drop-down list. Good Friday online gifts may be made at any time through Easter Sunday. Thank you for supporting Christ Church Jerusalem with your generous gift.

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Sunday, March 28th – Palm Sunday 8:00, 9:30 & 11:15 am Communion Services

Wednesday, March 31st 10:30 am Communion Service, Auburn Hall

Thursday, April 1st – Maundy Thursday 7:30 pm Communion Service, Anchor Church

Friday, April 2nd – Good Friday

12:00 Noon & 7:30 pm, Anchor Church (2:00-5:00 pm, Private confession with Gene*)
*30-minute increments, by appointment only gsherman@christchurchwestshore.com

Sunday, April 4th – Easter Sunday 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am Communion Services *Childcare provided at 9:30 & 11:15 am

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³¹And his mother and his brothers came and standing outside they sent to him and called him. ³²And a crowd was sitting around him, and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers are outside, seeking you." ³³And he answered them, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" ³⁴And looking about at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵For whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother."

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2021 Financials

Through Sunday	3/14/2021
Current Month Budget	\$29,750
Current Month Actual	\$13,229
YTD Budget	\$102,050
YTD Actual	\$87,139
Annual 2021 Budget	\$400,000

Attendance for 3/14/2021
8:00 a.m. — 15
9:30 a.m. — 39
11:15 a.m. — 24
Wednesday — 9
Online — 33