

Christ Episcopal Church

M O U N T P L E A S A N T

The 3rd Sunday in Lent

March 8, 2026

10:30 a.m.

We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us today. This bulletin has been created from the prayers found in *The Book of Common Prayer*, and it contains most of the spoken parts of our worship. The Hymnal in your pew rack contains the hymns we will sing.

All are welcomed to our altar at Communion. Baptized Christians (in any Church) are invited to receive the Sacrament of bread and wine. If you would prefer instead to receive a blessing from the priest, you may indicate your desire for a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest.

We are glad you're here, and grateful for your contribution to our common prayer today!

The Holy Eucharist: Rite 2

Prelude If with All Your Hearts from Elijah *Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)*
Piano: Emmett Townsend | *Organ:* Jo Hethcox

THE WORD OF GOD

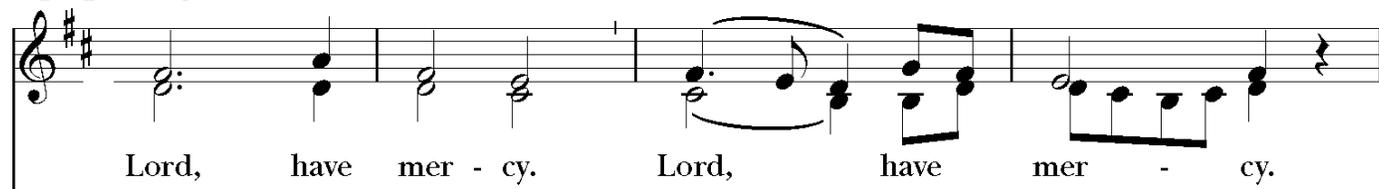
Opening Hymn: # 686 Come, thou fount of every blessing *Nettleton*
The Book of Common Prayer, p. 355

The people standing, the Celebrant says, Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
The people respond, **God's mercy endures forever.**

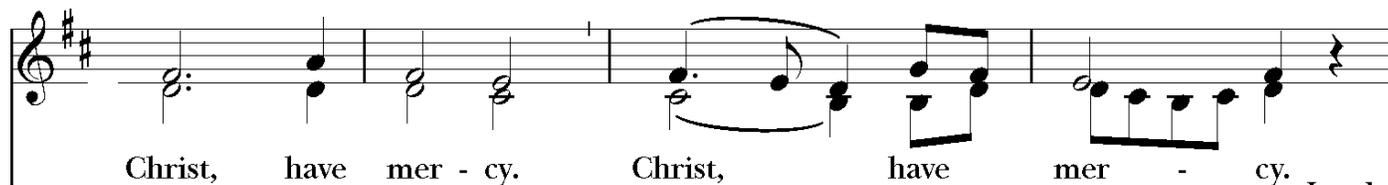
The Collect for Purity *The Book of Common Prayer, p. 355*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

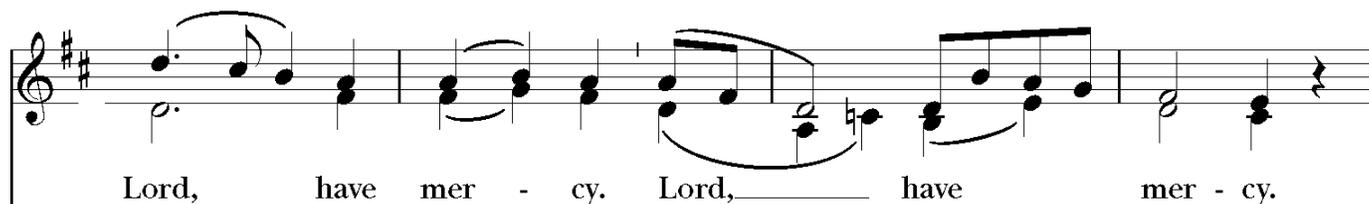
The people sing,



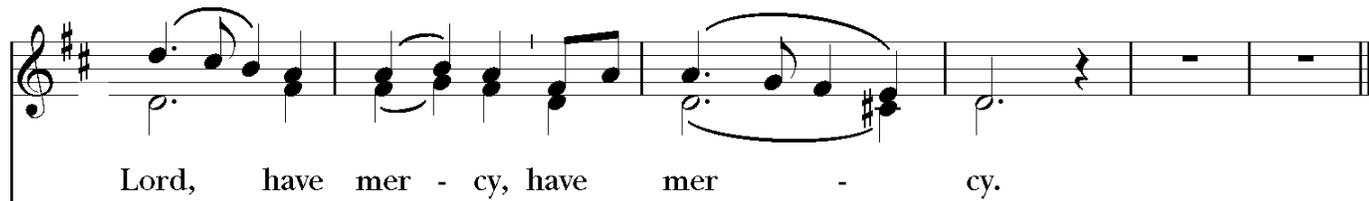
Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.



Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.



Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.



Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Lessons *The people sit for the lessons.*

1st Lesson - *The people sit. After the lesson is read, the lector says, 'The Word of the Lord.
The people respond, Thanks be to God.*

Psalm – *The people recite the Psalm according to the direction of the lector.*

2nd Lesson - *After the lesson is read, the lector says, 'The Word of the Lord.
The people respond, Thanks be to God.*

Sequence Hymn: # 467 **Sing, my soul, his wondrous love** *St. Bees*

The Gospel

*The priest reads the Gospel, first saying, 'The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to _____.*

The people respond, Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the Gospel, the priest says, 'The Gospel of the Lord.

The people say, Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed *The people stand.* *The Book of Common Prayer, p. 358*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
by the power of the Holy Spirit,**

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary and was made man.

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

With the Father and the Son, he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

The Prayers of the People *The people kneel.* *The Book of Common Prayer, p. 383*

At the end of each prayer, the intercessor will say, "Let us pray to the Lord."

The congregation will respond, "Lord, have mercy."

Silence will be offered in the midst of several petitions for the congregation to add the names of those for whom they pray, silently or aloud. The people will also have an opportunity to offer thanks for blessings.

At the end of the litany, the intercessor will pray, "In the communion of the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God."

The congregation will respond, "To thee, O Lord our God."

The Celebrant offers a concluding Collect.

The Confession and Absolution *The people remain kneeling.*

Celebrant and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace *The people stand.*

The celebrant says to the people, The peace of the Lord be always with you.

The people respond, And also with you.

The Offertory

Offertory Anthem He That Shall Endure to the End *Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)*

When the offerings are brought forward, the people sing the Doxology.

**O Father, Son, and Spirit blest,
To thee be every prayer addressed,
Who art in threefold Name adored,
From age to age, the only Lord.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving: Prayer A

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 361

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

The celebrant gives thanks for the gifts of God, and the people respond with the hymn,



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na
in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na
in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

During the Season of Lent, it is customary for people to kneel for the remainder of this prayer.

In the midst of the Great Thanksgiving, the people join in declaring the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

At the conclusion of the prayer, the people respond, Amen.

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 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.

The Breaking of the Bread *The Celebrant breaks the Consecrated Bread.*

A period of silence is kept. Then the Celebrant and people speak the Fraction Anthem:

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

The Distribution of Gifts

The celebrant then says the following invitation: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The people come forward to receive Holy Communion. Those on the right side fill in the rail from right to left (back to front). Those on the left side also fill in the rail from right to left (front to back).

Communion Hymns

Hymn # 692

I heard the voice of Jesus say

The Third Tune

Hymn # 700

O love that casts out fear

Moseley

Post Communion Prayer

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 365

After Communion, the Celebrant and People have been strengthened to stand and pray,

Eternal God, heavenly Father,

you have graciously accepted us as living members

of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,

and you have fed us with spiritual food

in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.

Send us now into the world in peace,

and grant us strength and courage

to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart;

through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

The celebrant blesses the people.

Closing Hymn: # 455

O Love of God, how strong and true

Dunedin

The Dismissal

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 366

Priest: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude Prelude in D Minor, Opus 37

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)



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Our Prayers

Thanksgivings

Please share with Fr. Furman any graduations, marriages, births, adoptions, or other special life events if you would like us to include them verbally in our thanksgivings during The Holy Eucharist.

We give thanks for:

The people and ministries of Christ Episcopal Church.

Healing

Please share your name with Fr. Furman if you are preparing for, or recovering from, surgery or other therapies and would like to be remembered verbally during The Holy Eucharist.

We pray for all those who are sick or suffering, or in any need or trouble, including:

Cathy Boyd	Jeffrey Smith, cousin of Kaitlyn Murray
Bonny Collins	Sharron Huza, friend of Kaitlyn Murray
Capers Cross	Brenda Beaudry, aunt of Dylan Murray
Charles Farmer	Yvonne Dickson, mother of John Dickson
Jack Jansta	Elee Bassett, friend of Jennie Scudder-Levin
Carol McDonnell	Molly Begle, granddaughter of Caroline Gendelman
Alex Mitchell	Anna Clifford, friend of the Buchanan family
Margaret Passailaigue	Carol Stephens, sister-in-law of Taylor & Judy Stephens
Jeanne Robinson	Katy Jurkiw, daughter of Suzy & Allyn Jones
Carly Wilkins	Sarah Paxton, daughter of Ralph and Andrea Knupp
Ed Wyatt	Charlie & Malinda Tulloh, friends of Marianna MacIntyre
Keith Cox, relative of Anne Kilpatrick	Nicole Foster, cousin of Cheri McCusker
Ted Smith, brother of Claire Burt	Olivia Nachman, cousin of Natalie Bily
Sandy Hobbs, friend of Carolyn Moon	Joe Padgam, son-in-law of Dan & Sunsan Sokoloski
Carrie Davis, friend of Cheri McCusker	Kayle Kelly, friend of Ilameta Moore
Jon Andrew Allan, father of Julie Allan	Chuck Burks, friend of Carrie Dolin
Marty DeWitt, friend of Suzy Jones	Jay Lanz, brother of Graham Lanz
Sherry Blatt Hooper, friend of Lee Early	

Repose

Please share with Fr. Furman the names of any relatives or friends who have died, and we will include them in our verbal prayers for repose during The Holy Eucharist.

We pray for those who have died, including:

The Rev. Chris Huff, a beloved priest of our diocese



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