

# Christ Episcopal Church

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March 1, 2020

## The First Sunday in Lent

### Welcome to this Place of Prayer

If you are new or visiting this congregation for the first time we invite you to fill out a Visitor's Card (found on the rack in front of you) and place it in the collect plate as it is passed. We are honored you have chosen to worship with us today and hope that you will continue your faith journey here.

This bulletin will help guide you through today's service. The abbreviation "H" stands for "Hymnal." This is the larger red book located on the shelf in front of you. That music noted as "S" followed by a number is service music, and is found in the very first pages of the Hymnal. "BCP" is our abbreviation for "Book of Common Prayer," which is the smaller red book.

### The Liturgy of the Word

#### The Great Litany *(Please stand)*

BCP 148

This series of prayers dates from 5<sup>th</sup> century. By tradition in the Episcopal Church, this litany is said or sung in procession on the first Sunday in Lent.

It was the first English language rite translated by Thomas Cranmer.

*The Litany will be led by the Choir.*

*Musical settings for the responses can be found at S 67*

*The musical setting for the Kyrie can be found at S 90*

#### The Service Begins

BCP 355

#### The Collect

*Our collective prayer for the day.*

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## The First Lesson

*Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7*

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

## The Psalm

Psalm 32

*Beati quorum*

- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!
- 2 Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile!
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning all day long.
- 4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt.
- 6 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
- 8 You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

- 9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; I will guide you with my eye.
- 10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."
- 11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.
- 12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

*Said together:*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## Second Lesson

*Romans 5:12-19*

As sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned-- sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore, just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Hymn

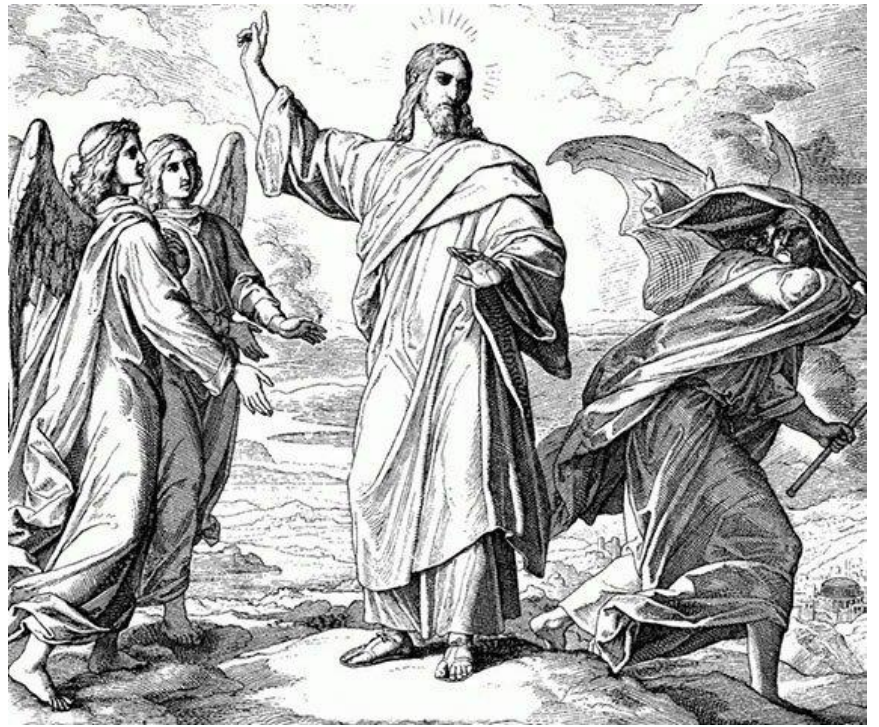
*Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us*

**H 559**

## Gospel Lesson

*Matthew 4:1-11*

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.



## The Sermon

### The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

*First composed in 325, this is the ancient statement of faith*

### The Peace

*We share the joy of the Good News!*

## The Liturgy of the Eucharist, sometimes called *the Mass*

Offertory

Lead me, Lord

Wesley

### Presentation of Gifts and Tithes

*O Father, Son, and Spirit blest,  
to thee be every prayer addressed,  
who art in three-fold Name adored,  
from age to age, the only Lord*

*from H 143, v. 5*

### Eucharistic Prayer “B”

BCP 367

Sanctus

Words in BCP, Musical Setting

S 129

Memorial Acclamation

S 138

The Lord’s Prayer

Traditional version, found on BCP 364

Agnus Dei

S 164

*Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.*

*Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.*

*Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world: give us your peace, give us your peace.*

### The Prayer of Humble Access

BCP 337

*This prayer was written for the original English Book of Common Prayer in 1549. The words come from various sources, including Biblical references, the ancient Liturgy of St. Basil, and the writings of St. Thomas Aquinas. While not typically a part of the Rite II Eucharistic service, we will use this beautiful prayer during the Lenten season.*

*The Celebrant and Congregation together say:*

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.*

### The Distribution of the Holy Sacrament

*All* baptized Christians, of any tradition, are welcome to receive the sacrament. Everyone, regardless of faith, is welcome to receive a blessing—simply cross your arms in front of you as the priest comes by. It is the tradition of this parish that 12 to 14 people at a time receive Communion at the altar rail, at which point all are dismissed together to return to their seats, and another group may move forward to the rail.

Gluten free wafers are available to those who request them.

## Communion Hymns

<i>O saving Victim, open wide</i>	H 311
<i>O love, how deep, how broad, how high</i>	H 448
<i>My God, thy table now is spread</i>	H 321

Our Prayer after Communion BCP 365

Hymn *A mighty fortress is our God* H 688

## The Dismissal

We are dismissed from this gathering to go into the world to spread the Good News and the love of Christ!

We respond to this instruction with: *Thanks be to God!*

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Following our service will be Coffee Hour, hosted today by Sheila Brooks and Mary Catherine Williams. This is a time for us to have fellowship, share our joys and sorrows, and get to know one another. It is very much an extension of the communal feast we share in the Holy Eucharist. Please join us!

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## Participants in Today's Liturgy

<u>Acolyte</u>	Becky Beckett	Will Puckett
<u>Lectors</u>	Brian McCoy	Becky Beckett
<u>Chalicians</u>	Becky Beckett	Bill Denney
<u>Altar Guild</u>	Becky Beckett	Patty Richardson
<u>Nursery Help</u>	Martha Linkous	

Vestry Member of the Month: Elizabeth Clement

**Birthdays This Week:** John Brannon, Gladys Fortune, John Georgis, Catherine Beemer, Ted Lewis

**Last Sunday's Attendance** 62

## **Please keep the following in your prayers:**

Dorene Dimes, Bonnie Taylor, Joe Sanders, Lee Puckett, Sr., Mabeline & Elton Robinson, Bea Paine, Lynn Burney, Marilyn Denney, Donna Fortune, Bob and Peggy Walk, Susan Jewell, John Kersey, Martha Linkous, Sarah Irwin, Janet Slager, Kelly Cox, Mike McLeod, Maxine Stevenson, Dean Farmer, Bob Moore, Haddon Lazenby, Miffi Williams, Jack Burchette, Nick, JL, Victor Bowman, Cis Barrett, Linda Jones

## **Calendar of Events**

Sunday – March 1	Financial Committee meeting after Church
Wednesday – March 4	Lenten Service (1662 BCP) 7:00pm
Sunday – March 8	Parish Life Committee meeting after Church
Wednesday – March 11	Union Mission 4:30pm
Sunday – March 15	Bagging Groceries after Church
Tuesday – March 17	DOK meeting 10:30am
Wednesday – March 18	Men's Dinner 6:00pm
Thursday – March 19	Food Pantry 9:00am – 11:00am
Monday – March 23	Building and Grounds Committee meeting in the Library 5:00pm
Wednesday – March 25	Union Mission 4:30pm

## **Announcements:**

Financial Committee meeting: There will be a Financial Committee meeting after Church on Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. Interested people are invited. Thanks, Frank.

Parish Life Committee meeting: There will be a Parish Life Committee meeting on Sunday, March 8th for anyone interested in helping with events which take place within the church. Please make every effort to attend...lots going on! If you cannot attend, please let Linda Ammar know that you are interested in helping.

Outreach Committee Meeting: There will be a meeting of those parishioners interested in serving on the Outreach committee immediately following the grocery bagging after church on March 15. See you there! Don Kersey

Nursery Help: Please consider signing up to assist with our Sunday morning nursery. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. For more information please see Fr. Chad or Elizabeth Clement.

Lenten Wednesday Series: Join us Wednesday evenings in Lent for a variety of worship opportunities. These worship experiences include an instructed eucharist, a service from the 1928 BCP and more. Services will begin at 7:00pm each Wednesday and will be followed by a simple Fellowship hour. A full schedule will be published next week!



The Building and Grounds committee: The Building and Grounds committee will have a meeting on March 23 at 5pm in the library. If you are interested in this very important ministry for our church, consider being a part of it. If you have a chance, feel free to walk through the church inside and outside to see anything that you think needs our attention. Please email our Junior Warden, Tom Coughlan, at [trapper\\_1948@yahoo.com](mailto:trapper_1948@yahoo.com) if you would like to be on this committee or you see things that need attention.

Church Directory to be Published: The 2020 edition of the Christ Church Directory will be published the week of March 23. Directory information is posted on the bulletin board by the Coffee Area. Please take a moment to make sure your information is correct. Thank you!

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Life Changing.

# TEEN MISSION WEEK IN MCDOWELL COUNTY

June 28-July 3

Lead by Parr and Mother Susan Claytor, who  
have years of mission experience.  
Rising 6th through 12th graders.

[www.highlandeducationalproject.org](http://www.highlandeducationalproject.org)

Visit the website's volunteer link  
for details and registration form.



## Clergy, Staff, and Wardens of this Parish

the Rev. Chad Slater  
Ms. Emma Bennett  
Mr. Terry E. Whittington, Jr.  
Mrs. Vanessa Hall  
Mrs. Susan Jewell  
Mrs. Becky Beckett  
Mr. Tom Coughlan

Rector  
Parish Administrator  
Organist & Choirmaster  
Sexton  
Nursery Attendant  
Senior Warden  
Junior Warden