

### This Week's Eucharistic Readings

Eucharistic Readings for Next Wednesday  
(First Wednesday in Lent—8<sup>th</sup> March, 2017)

*(Liturgical Color –Purple)*

#### Readings

**First Lesson:** Deuteronomy 9:13-21

**Second Lesson:** Hebrews 3:12-19

**Psalm:** Psalm 119:49-72

**Gospel:** John 2:23-3:15

### Eucharistic Readings for 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2017

**Second Sunday in Lent (Year A)**

*(Liturgical Color – Purple)*

#### Readings

**The Old Testament:** Genesis 12:1-4a

**Psalm:** 121

**Epistle:** Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

**The Holy Gospel:** John 3:1-17

**Intercessions:** Form V

#### Reader

Youth

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Priest

Dr. Ollie Daniels

**Corporate Communion:** Agnes Scott Guild

### **Schedule of Weekday Events**

#### WEEKDAY SERVICES / EVENTS

Day	Time	Event
1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday	7:30 p.m.	Episcopal Church Men
3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Vestry
Wednesday	11:00 a.m.	Retirees Meeting
Wednesday	12:00 p.m.	Said Eucharist, Hymns & Sermon
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal

#### RECTOR'S OFFICE HOURS

Mondays	11:00 a.m.—7:00 p.m.
Tuesdays	3:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.
Wednesdays	11:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.
Thursdays	3:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

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## The Administration of The Sacrament of Holy Confirmation Lent 1 (Year A) March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017



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#### **Mission Statement:**

*"In the Name of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit, we are a community of believers who are united in purpose to love and serve the Lord, to seek to do what is just and right and good, and to restore all people to God and each other in Christ."*

March 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 (February)	27 (February)	28 (February) SHROVE TUESDAY 7 pm Shrove Tue. Dinner	1 ASH WEDNESDAY 12 pm Mass 7 pm Mass	2	3 7pm Stations of the Cross	4
5 Lent 1 Confirmation JLS: Incarnation 5pm	6	7 7:30 pm Men's Club Meeting	8 11 am Retirees 12 pm Mass 7 pm Bible Study	9	10 7pm Stations of the Cross	11
12 Lent 2 JLS: Holy Family 5pm	13	14	15 11 am Retirees 12 pm Mass 7 pm Bible Study	16	17 7pm Stations of the Cross	18
19 Lent 3 JLS: Ascension 5pm	20 St. Joseph	21 7 pm Vestry Mtg	22 11 am Retirees 12 pm Mass 7 pm Bible Study	23	24 7pm Stations of the Cross	25 Annunciation
26 Lent 4 JLS: Transfiguration 5pm	27	28	29	30	31 7pm Stations of the Cross	
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PARISH LEADERS

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## Suggested Bible Readings for the Week



### Monday

#### Morning

Psalm 41, 52  
Deuteronomy 8:11-20

#### Evening

Psalm 44  
Hebrews 2:11-18

John 2:1-12

### Tuesday

#### Morning

Psalm 45  
Deuteronomy 9:4-12

#### Evening

Psalm 47, 48  
Hebrews 3:1-11

John 2:13-22

### Wednesday

#### Morning

Psalm 119:49-72  
Deuteronomy 9:13-21

#### Evening

Psalm 49, 53  
Hebrews 3:12-19

John 2:23-3:15

### Thursday

#### Morning

Psalm 50  
Deuteronomy 9:23-10:15

#### Evening

Psalm 19, 46  
Hebrews 4:1-10

John 3:16-21

### Friday

#### Morning

Psalm 95 & 40, 54  
Deuteronomy 10:12-22

#### Evening

Psalm 51  
Hebrews 4:11-16

John 3:22-36

### Saturday

#### Morning

Psalm 55  
Deuteronomy 11:18-28

#### Evening

Psalm 138, 139  
Hebrews 5:1-10

John 4:1-26

*“All scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.”*

*2 Timothy 3:16-17*

## Welcome to Christ Episcopal Church!!

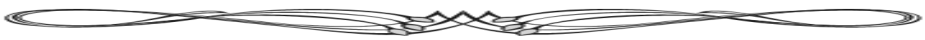
The Clergy and Members of this church welcome all of you today. We consider it a privilege to have you worship with us and sincerely hope you will receive a blessing from the service.

Dear Friends, when we enter this sacred place, let our conversation with each other cease. Take time in the silence before the Eucharist begins to make the transition from “getting here” to “being here”.

Let us center ourselves and focus on the reality of The Living God Who is in our midst.

Take these moments to recall the troubles, achievements, and gifts of grace of the past week. With thanks for our strengths and resources, offer our needs and cares in this holy place.

Let us remember all who have lived and worshipped here, all who have brought us to this time. As the community gathers may we sense the Spirit. May we be prepared to give and to receive. May we be blessed by our time here.



### Prayer(s) upon entering church:

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in us the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and we shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth. O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy your consolations. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O Eternal God, who has made all things for man, and man for your glory: Sanctify our bodies and souls, our thoughts and our intentions, our words and actions. Let our body be a servant of our mind, and both body and spirit servants of Jesus Christ; that doing all things for your glory here, we may be partakers of your glory hereafter; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Give us, our Father, a sense of your presence as we gather now for worship. Grant us gratitude as we remember your goodness, penitence as we remember our sins, and joy as we remember your love; and enable us to lift up our hearts in humble prayer and fervent praise. **Amen.**

### Prayer(s) before leaving church:

Accept, O Lord, the praise we bring to you; pardon the imperfections of our worship; write upon our hearts your holy word; and give us grace to love and serve and praise you all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



This Bulletin is intended for you to take away, to think and to pray over, and to share with others. Spare copies can be obtained from the ushers or the clergy. If you are visiting or if you are looking for a church home, please be sure to complete a visitors card before you leave. The Ushers will be happy to give you one.



# A Greeting from the Bishop

The First Sunday in Lent  
5 March 2017



My dear Father Archer and the Faithful of Historic Christ Church,

It is over two years ago now that Kate and I first saw Historic Christ Church during the Walkabouts for the election of the bishop. We were brought as a group to Coconut Grove, and although we did not have the time to stop and come in, we passed through the neighborhood and saw both the church and the nearby cemetery.

Since that time, I have tried to learn as much as I can about the parish and the Grove. I have read Carita Swanson's biography of the much-beloved Canon Gibson, as well as Mrs Gibson's autobiography, Forbearance. I know something about the important and influential place that Christ Church has held over the generations both in the life of the Church as well as in the life of our city of Miami. It is a joy to be with you for worship on Sunday morning at last.

Christ Church has been a community of fervent devotion to our Lord, a church of rich worship in our great Catholic tradition of Anglicanism, a place of nurture and renewal for young and old alike, and a centre for the struggle for equality and the improvement of all our people. This is a noble heritage, and I look forward to being a part of your life and work in the years ahead.

May God bless those whom we are confirming and whose Baptismal Covenant we are renewing today, as well as those ministers whom we are licensing and blessing. And may God continue to bless all of us, as we seek to be faithful to our calling to proclaim and to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ in a world that is so hungry for God, and for the beauty of holiness.

With love and every blessing,

+Peter

## Word Search Puzzle

Directions: Find the words in the list below, taken from our Eucharistic readings appointed for today's service:

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TREE  
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WILDERNESS  
WORSHIP



## We Are FAM-I-LY!

In addition to the procession, recognitions, hands-on workshops, missional project, and FUN we will engage in a special time of learning about the breadth and depth of the Father Abraham family.

*(Father Abraham had many sons,  
many sons had Father Abraham....)*

### In-gathering for our Missional Project:

New or gently used stuffed animals (small)  
and/or children's books, toiletries for adults and children.  
Participants will prepare simple backpacks for children and families to be distributed by AVDA (Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse).

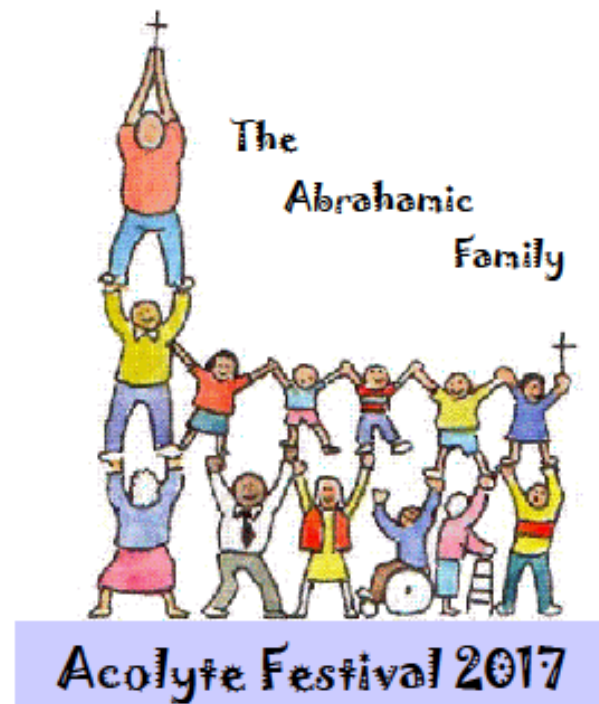
**When:** April 1<sup>st</sup> - no foolin'!

**Where:** Holy Trinity Episcopal Church  
211 Trinity Pl, West Palm Beach, FL 33401

**Register:** [www.diosef.org](http://www.diosef.org), click Registration, click Acolyte Festival  
*Adults must have SafeGuarding God's Children Certification*

**Cost:** \$20.00 per person + the in-gathering item,  
includes lunch, workshop supplies, and FUN!

**Mary's:** Email, [Mary@diosef.org](mailto:Mary@diosef.org)



## The Solemn Sung Eucharist of Holy Confirmation & The First Sunday in Lent

**Celebrant & Preacher: The Right Reverend Peter Eaton**

**Prelude:** .....

**Introit Hymn** ..... **Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost**  
*(612 Hymnal 1982, Words: Christopher Wordsworth, Music: Capetown (379 Hymnal 1940))*

Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost,  
taught by thee we covet most,  
of thy gifts at Pentecost,  
holy heavenly, love.

Prophecy will fade away,  
melting in the light of day;  
love will ever with us stay;  
therefore, give us love.

Love is kind, and suffers long,  
love is meek, and thinks no wrong,  
love than death itself more strong;  
therefore, give us love.

Faith and hope and love we see,  
joining hand in hand agree,  
but the greatest of the three,  
and the best, is love.

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

**Bishop:** If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Counsellor, to be with you for ever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; you know Him, for He dwells with you, and will be in you.

*John 14:15-17*

**Bishop:** Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.  
**People:** **His mercy endures for ever.**

### THE DECLARATION

**Bishop:** In Baptism we became members of Christ, children of the Heavenly Father, inheritors together of the Kingdom. This was the work of God who adopted us as His children and made us members of the family of God. We are to continue to grow in grace and in faith, to worship with the family and to respond to the living Word.

Through the laying on of hands in Confirmation, the indwelling Spirit enlightens, frees, transforms and sanctifies those who in Baptism were made God's children.

Let us therefore pray that those who now come for Confirmation may be strengthened by the power of the Holy Spirit; and that they may live in righteousness and true holiness all their days.

Bishop: There is one Body and one Spirit;  
People: **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Bishop: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;  
People: **One God and Father of all.**

Bishop: The Lord be with you.  
People: **And also with you.**

Bishop: 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.  
People: **Amen.**

**MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

**The Lesson: Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7 ..... Diane Alexander**

Reader: A Reading from Genesis chapter 2, verses 15 to 17 and chapter 3, verses 1 to 7.

<sup>2:15</sup>The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. <sup>16</sup>And the LORD God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; <sup>17</sup>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.” <sup>3:1</sup>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?’” <sup>2</sup>The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; <sup>3</sup>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.’” <sup>4</sup>But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die; <sup>5</sup>for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” <sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

**The Psalm.....Psalm 32..... Jordan Ahmedi**

- 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.

*SIMPLE THINGS*

*A Fruitful Lent: A Joyous Easter*

*By Fr. John E. Taylor (R.I.P.)*

Scarcely have we taken down the Christmas lights when Lent is upon us, arriving early this year. No longer do we observe those three Sundays – Septuagesima, Sexagesima and Quinquagesima - as a “lead in” to Lent, as in the old days. (Younger people won’t even recognize those strange-sounding names!) Ash Wednesday is upon us without preparation.

Life is sometimes like that - sorrow following hard on the heels of joy.

And now - so soon after the carols – come the purple Altar and vestments... no Gloria, Alleluias, nor flowers... the mournful Stations of the Cross... and dirge-like hymns (if we follow Hymns Ancient and Modern.) Sorrow swiftly following joy... Why does it happen like that sometimes? Only our Maker has the answer – but, remember, Good Friday is followed by Easter.

Why Lent? Why bother with Lenten rules such as adding a weekday Mass to our worship schedule – visits to the sick or aged – giving a bit more to charity – greater efforts at keeping our temper – serious commitment to daily study of God’s Word? Or do we still make such efforts, trying to follow a Lenten rule?

Why Lent? We’ve heard it over and over since childhood. More fervent Prayer to draw closer spiritually to our God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Fasting or abstinence from certain foods or other enjoyments as a sign of sorrow for our sins and to identify with Him Who fasted forty days and forty nights. Almsgiving to become more sensitive to others’ suffering, and obey Christ’s commandment to love our neighbour as ourselves. Having practised Lenten discipline enables us to continue to grow spiritually through all the Church’s Seasons.

Remember, too, that Lent was instituted as a season of preparation for Easter, Queen of Feasts – just as Advent, which we recently observed, helped us prepare for the Coming of Christ. Advent and Lent help us discern the Light at the end of the tunnel, just as this mortal life, which sometimes holds disappointment, sorrow and loss, prepares us for the fulfilment of the hereafter.

We want to greet our Risen Lord on Easter morning most spiritually uplifted, with hearts and souls most loving and adoring, and worthy to share our Saviour’s triumph over sin, suffering and death for Himself and us.

Have a fruitful Lent. A fruitful Lent makes for a joyous Easter.



Remember man  
that you are  
dust and into  
dust you shall  
return.

## Ash Wednesday

On Ash Wednesday the liturgy is intended to be a challenge to Christian people. It confronts us with the radical change in living which is the way of Christ. We are faced with sin and salvation as alternative directions for our lives – sin as separation from God, from others, from ourselves, and from the natural world; salvation as reconciliation with God, others, the natural world, and ourselves.

The liturgy on Ash Wednesday is reduced to its primary elements of Word and Sacrament. We are called to consider our mortality and, in that context, our sin and our absolute dependence on God for salvation and for life.

We may be tempted to limit our concern to our sins and our mortality, letting the ashes be the most important thing in our worship today. But the liturgy uses the ashes simply as the starting point for that which is far deeper and ultimately more important: salvation. The ashes, the penitence, the fasting – all these are but the means to the goal of Ash Wednesday, of Lent, and of all Christian living: namely, repentance, new life, and ministry to others.

"Be reconciled to God," Paul tells us. Repentance, says the prophet Joel, opens us to the discovery of God's love and mercy. Make your prayer, fasting, and ministry the marks of an inner and fundamental way of living, day in and day out, the Lord says.

Fasting which is not accompanied by an inner change in our behavior to others, especially the poor and the helpless, is condemned by God. It is those whose fast is characterized by works of mercy to others who will be blessed in their Lenten living.

On this day, the phrase, "Remember, you are dust and to dust you shall return," is turned around into, "you shall have life, and you shall have it abundantly."

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- 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.**

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.**

**The Lesson: Romans 5:12-19 ..... Sanai Clark**

Reader: A Reading from Romans Chapter 5, verses 12 to 19.

<sup>5:12</sup>As sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned-- <sup>13</sup>sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. <sup>14</sup>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. <sup>15</sup>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. <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>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. <sup>18</sup>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. <sup>19</sup>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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**



Sequence Hymn .....O Jesus, I have promised  
(655 Hymnal 1982, Words: John Ernest Bode, Music: Day of Rest (570 Hymnal 1940))

O Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end:  
be thou ever near me,  
my Master and my friend;  
I shall not fear the battle,  
if thou art by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway,  
if thou wilt be my guide.

O let me hear thee speaking  
in accents clear and still,  
above the storms of passion,  
the murmurs of self-will;  
O speak to reassure me,  
to hasten or control;  
O speak, and make me listen,  
thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou hast promised  
to all who follow thee,  
that where thou art in glory  
there shall thy servant be;  
and, Jesus I have promised  
to serve thee to the end;  
O give me grace to follow,  
my Master and my friend.

The Holy Gospel:..... Matthew 4:1-11

Priest: The Lord be with you.  
All: And also with you.  
Priest: A reading from the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew,  
the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter, beginning at the 11<sup>th</sup> verse.  
All: Glory to you Lord Christ.

<sup>4:1</sup>Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup>He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. <sup>3</sup>The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” <sup>4</sup>But he answered, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” <sup>5</sup>Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, <sup>6</sup>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.’” <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” <sup>8</sup>Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; <sup>9</sup>and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’” <sup>11</sup>Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord. All: Praise to you Lord Christ.

Sermon: .....Bishop Peter Eaton

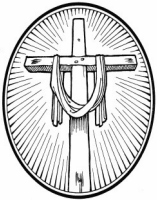
*During the singing of the following hymn, those persons to be confirmed and reaffirm their faith take their place before the bishop.*

Stations of The Cross

The Schedule of Stations of The Cross is as follows:



Friday March 10<sup>th</sup> 2017 at 7:00 p.m.  
Friday March 17<sup>th</sup> 2017 at 7:00 p.m.  
Friday March 24<sup>th</sup> 2017 at 7:00 p.m.  
Friday March 31<sup>st</sup> 2017 at 7:00 p.m.  
Friday April 7<sup>th</sup> 2017 at 7:00 p.m.



All are invited to come out and share in this wonderful meditation on the road Our Lord walked to win our salvation!

ECW South Dade Deanery Spring Meeting

When Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>  
Where: Church of the Ascension  
Time: 9:00 a.m.



Please see Randy Spratling, treasurer or Sandra Martin, assistant treasurer for registration.  
The Right Rev. Peter Eaton will be the celebrant for the Eucharist.

Some Lenten Activities for Adults to Share with Children

1. Make a Prayer Chain: List 40 intentions or people on 40 slips of paper. Link them together into a chain. Rip one off each morning of Lent and pray for that need.
2. Bury the Hallelujah: Explain why we don't proclaim hallelujah during Lent. To symbolize, write out hallelujah on paper and bury it in the yard or put it away in a box.
3. Temptation Cookies: While baking cookies, tell your children about the temptation of Jesus in the desert. When the cookies are done, leave them on the table, but they cannot eat them until the next day. Talk about how tempting this might be and what we can do to resist temptation.
4. Memorize a Prayer: The Act of Contrition would be a good one for Lent, but if your kids already know it, pick a prayer they are unfamiliar with.
5. Children's (or regular) Stations of the Cross: Visit one, Read one, Color one, etc.
6. Pick a Service Activity: It can be something small like paying for the person behind you in line at lunch, or do something bigger like visiting a nursing home to chat with residents. Talk about the Corporal Works of Mercy today.
7. Take Stock of Sacrifices: Write a journal or talk about how your sacrifice is going this Lent. What can you do better? What are you doing well?
8. Make Hot Cross Buns: They symbolize Christ's suffering on the cross.
9. Plant Something: Plant flowers, a plant or Easter grass, take care of it and watch it grow. Talk about new life and rising from the grave.
10. Make an Easter Basket for a Neighbor: Fill it with your favorite treats and surprise your neighbor with your gift. Don't forget to add a prayer card!
11. Read the Story of the Last Supper: Either read it straight from Scripture or find a kid's version. Either way, prepare a nice meal for dinner, and read and discuss the story while you eat.



Notices and Announcements

Welcome!



As a Parish Family we bid a warm welcome to our Diocesan Bishop, the Right Reverend Peter Eaton and his wife Kate, who are with us today as they make their first official visit to our parish. Bishop Eaton has also come to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation, license our Lay Eucharistic Ministers and Visitors, meet with the Vestry, and to get to know us and the parish a little better.

We assure them of our thoughts and prayers as they exercise leadership over our diocese!

Thank You!!

THANK YOU!! to all of the participants of the EYC Black History presentation on Sunday, February 26, 2017 “We Shall Overcome - The Story of a Song” by Debbie Levy: Eryn Latty; Dajon Clark; Donovan Ferguson; Donyelle Ferguson; Jordan Ahmedi; Vonte Brooks; Rachari Wildgoose; Donald Ferguson; Beyonce Davis; Sanai Clark; Asia Gilbert; and Danny Ogletree.

Thank you also to those behind the scenes Mrs. Ida Latty; Mrs. Dianne Williams; Mr. Warren Hamm; Fredricka Brown; Jihong Park; and Andrea Honore`.

St. Theresa’s Guild Directory Project

ST. THERESA'S GUILD has begun its final stage of the review process for its Church Directory project. In an effort to allow an opportunity for all of our interested church members to review their ads, contact information, and pictures, we will extend this process to the following dates ONLY: Sunday, March 12, 2017 and Sunday, March 19, 2017.

Joint Lenten Services

As we all know, during the season of Lent we join together with a few of the other churches in our Diocese on Sunday evenings at 5:00 p.m. to do three things:

- 1. To share in worship
- 2. To honor and recognize the contributions and ministry of various persons
- 3. To make a sacrifice and raise funds together for those who are in need.

The Schedule of Our Annual Joint Lenten Services is as follows:

Service	Church	Date
1 <sup>st</sup>	The Church of the Incarnation	Sunday March 5 <sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Holy Family Episcopal Church	Sunday March 12 <sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Church of the Ascension	Sunday March 19 <sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.
4 <sup>th</sup>	Church of the Transfiguration	Sunday March 26 <sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.
5 <sup>th</sup>	St. Agnes’ Episcopal Church	Sunday April 2 <sup>nd</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

Each church has been challenged to raise at least \$3,000 at these services which is used to help the less fortunate both at home and abroad.

Hymn ..... Holy Spirt, Lord of love,  
(349 Hymnal 1982, Words: William D. Maclagen, Music: Salzburg (135 Hymnal 1982))

Holy Spirit, Lord of love,  
who descended from above,  
gifts of blessing to bestow  
on your waiting Church below,  
once again in love draw near  
to your servants gathered here;  
from their bright baptismal day  
you have led them on their way.

When the sacred vow is made,  
when the hands are on them laid,  
come in this most solemn hour  
with your strengthening gift of power.  
Give them light, your truth to see;  
give them life, your own to be;  
daily power to conquer sin;  
patient faith, the crown to win.

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates for Confirmation and Reaffirmation

The Bishop says

Bishop: The Candidate (s) will now be presented.  
Presenters: I present these persons for Confirmation, and to reaffirm their baptismal vows.

The Bishop asks the candidates

Bishop: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?  
Candidates: I do.  
  
Bishop: Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?  
Candidate: I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

After all have been presented, the Bishop addresses the congregation, saying:

Bishop: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?  
People We will.

The Bishop then says these or similar words:

Bishop: Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Bishop: Do you believe in God the Father?  
People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
  
Bishop: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?  
People: 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.

Bishop: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: **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.**

Bishop: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

**Prayers for the Candidates..... Hiram Williams**

*The Bishop then says to the congregation*

Bishop: Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

Leader: Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.  
People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*In thanksgiving to God...*

**Candles** are burning in thanksgiving for the natal anniversary of Fr. **Jonathan Archer** by the Wardens, Vestry and Congregation of Christ Episcopal Church.

**Candles** are burning in thanksgiving for the natal anniversary of **Dr. Mona Bethel Jackson** by her loving husband Herman Jackson.

**Wine** for the month of March is given in thanksgiving for the natal anniversary of **Dr. Mona Bethel Jackson** by her husband, Herman Jackson; her sons and daughters-in-law, Keane (Kelsey) and Herman II (Cassie); and her grandchildren, Christopher, Jalil, Herman III, Kailyn and Keane II.



*News  
from the*



**March is Chronic Kidney Disease Month.**

- CKD is a progressive loss in kidney function over a period of months or years.
- Early chronic kidney disease has no signs or symptoms.
- Chronic kidney disease usually does not go away. It can be treated.
- The earlier you know you have it, the better your chances of receiving effective treatment.
- Kidney disease can progress to kidney failure.
- High blood pressure (hypertension) and diabetes are the most common causes of kidney disease.
- Sometimes CKD is inherited. And, some drugs can cause CKD especially some pain-killing drugs taken over a long time.
- There is no cure for chronic kidney disease. The main treatments are a proper diet and medications and for those who reach ESRD, (end stage renal disease), long term dialysis treatment or kidney transplantation.
- For more information go to [www.kidney.org](http://www.kidney.org) or call (855) 653-2273.

**March is National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month.**

- Colorectal Cancer is preventable, treatable and beatable. It is a cancer of the colon or rectum.
- With certain types of screening, this cancer can be preventable by removing polyps.
- Several screening tests detect colorectal cancer, when it can be easily and successfully treated.
- You might be at an increased risk if you are age 50 or older, smoke or use tobacco, are overweight or obese, especially if you carry fat around your waist, are not physically active, drink alcohol in excess (especially if you are a man), eat a lot of red meat or processed meat, have a personal or family history of colorectal cancer or benign (not cancerous) colorectal polyps.
- Treatment involves surgery, chemotherapy or radiation.
- For more information call (800) 227-2732 or email at [pcf@preventcancer.org](mailto:pcf@preventcancer.org).

*For members of our church who are members  
in the armed forces*



There are members of our congregation who are serving God and  
country in the armed forces:

Richard Howell, Jr., Ronald McKinney, Jr.,  
Stacy White & Rashad Williams.

Let us pray for peace, their well-being, and for their safe return to us.

*For members of our church who are away in  
school, college or university*

Let us remember in our prayers those persons who have left us to pursue higher education:

Vernon A. Brooks, Davon Clark, Deveni Gibson, Deisha Giles,  
Brooke Spratling, Jasmine White & Morgan Williams.

Let us pray both for their safety and success.

*For those celebrating birthdays and  
anniversaries this week...*

**Birthdays:**

Mar 5<sup>th</sup>: Khary Davies.  
Mar 6<sup>th</sup>: Bettys Hanna, Jason Johsnon, Rashad Thomas, Cherise Fortella.  
Mar 7<sup>th</sup>: Fr. Jonathan Archer, Dr. Mona Jackson, June U. Allen.  
Mar 8<sup>th</sup>: Moesha Bullard, Deantea Cartwright, Louise Sands.  
Mar 9<sup>th</sup>: Kenneth Moultrie, Kelni Brown, James C. McCray, Kimberly Hillery.  
Mar 10<sup>th</sup>: Lailah R. Rutledge, Mary Bullard, Anthony Davies Sr., Charles Davies.  
Mar 11<sup>th</sup>: Peter Davies, Gregory Thomas, Venda West.

**Let us pray:**

**W**atch over these your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them  
wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when  
discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your  
peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our  
Lord. **Amen.**



Leader: Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*A period of silence follows.*

*Then the Bishop says*

Bishop: Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son  
Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the  
sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these  
your servants the covenant you have made with them at their Baptism. Send  
them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before  
them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: **Amen.**

**Those to be Confirmed:**

Jordan Ahmedi  
Dorothy Alexander  
Antavius Howell  
Rachad Wildgoose Jr.

Diane Alexander  
Sanai Clark  
Eryn Latty  
Shaylon Wilson

*The Bishop lays hands upon each one and says:*

Bishop: Defend, O Lord, your servant *N.* with your heavenly grace, that *he/she* may  
continue yours for ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more,  
until he/she comes to your everlasting kingdom.

People: **Amen.**

Those Reaffirming their Faith

N'lyssa Bullard

Danny Olgetree

Jodye Scavella

*The Bishop lays hands upon each one and says:*

**Bishop:** N., may the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you, direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom.

**People:** Amen.

*The Bishop concludes with this prayer*

**Bishop:** Almighty and everlasting God, let your fatherly hand ever be over *these* your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with *them*; and so lead *them* in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that *they* may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People:** Amen.

**Presentation and Examination of those to be Licensed and Commissioned as Eucharistic Ministers and Visitors**

*Those to be Licensed and Commissioned as Eucharistic Ministers and Visitors take their place before the bishop.*

**Presenter:** I present to you these persons who have been chosen and licensed to administer Holy Communion in this church, and to the sick and infirmed.

*The Bishop says*

**Bishop:** Dear friends in Christ,  
These persons are to be entrusted with the administration of the Holy Eucharist in the name of God and of this congregation to those who worship in this place as well as those who by reason of illness are unable to be present when we Celebrate the Holy Eucharist in this place.

Brothers and Sister, in this ministry, you must be examples of Christian living in faith and conduct; you must strive to grow in holiness through this sacrament of unity and love. Remember that, though we are many, we are one body because we all share the one bread and cup.

As ministers of Holy Communion be, therefore, especially observant of the Lord's command to love your neighbor. For when Jesus gave his body as food to his disciples, he said, "This is my commandment, that you should love one another as I have loved you."

*Let us pray...*

***For members of our church who are confined to home***

There are many people in our church who because of their illness are confined to home and are in need of our prayers. It is our Christian duty to pray for and visit the sick and confined.

**Sisters:** Donna Baptiste, Ellen Bethel, Leonora Burnette, Johnnie M. Culmer, Viola Culmer, Helena Curry, Alexine DeLancy, Ethel Fife, Charlie Mae McKellar, Hattie Wright & Marion Culmer Wright.

**Brothers:** Benjamin Gibson, Richard Howell Sr., & Clinton Williams.

***For members of our church and the wider community  
who have requested our prayers***

There are also many people in our church and community who are sick and/or in need of our prayers. Here is a list of persons to whom you might also add a bit of sunshine by a call, a card, or a visit.

**Sisters:** Dorothy Alexander, Alvetia Anderson, Lorraine Bethel, Elnora Boyd, Juliette Brewster, Doris Brown, Mary Cambridge, Orie Clarke, Mary Lindsay Dixon, Teri Jo Dumas, Vernetta DuPuch, Pansy Graham, Ernestine Hudson, Lynette Latty, Dorothy McCoy, Roslyn Poole, Margaret Robbins, Darlene Robinson, Lillian Smith, Sharne' Solomon, Robyn Stringer, Lexie Taylor, Sandra Tucker, Dr. Freddie Young & Teri Zucker.

**Brothers:** Trevis Abner, William Donald Christie, Donald Clark, Tyler Cousins, Wyatt Cousins, Willie C. Daniels, Tyler Edwards, Herman Jackson, II, Lazarius T. Johnson, Clevans Ramsay & Philip Roberts.

Oftentimes we ask for persons to be placed on the prayer list and forget to have them removed as necessary. Please contact the Rector to have names inserted or deleted when necessary. Thank you for your cooperation.

***With thanksgiving for the life, work, and witness, and  
repose of the souls of those whose deaths  
we remember this week***

Yvonne Gaitor (5<sup>th</sup>), Ellen L. Williams, Troy Thompson, William N. Oliver II (6th), Willie D. Carter, Armentha W. Roberts, Sarah Bethel, , Sharon "Sherry: Dupuch, Hilda Dupuch (7th), Carl Brown, Jean B. Brown (8th), Eddie Cason, Harcourt Gobson (10th), Jay Willie Bently, Louis R. Cambridge (11th)

May they Rest in Peace!



THE BLESSING

Bishop: The Lord be with you.  
People: And also with you.

Bishop: Our help is in the name of the Lord.  
People: The maker of heaven and earth.

Bishop: Blessed be the name of the Lord.  
People: From this time forth for evermore.

Bishop: The Holy Spirit of God lead you into all truth, give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord and to proclaim the word and works of God:

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you for ever.

People: Amen, Amen, Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

Bishop: Go in peace and serve the Lord.  
People: In the name of Christ. Amen.

Notices & Announcements .....

Post Communion Hymn:.....“In the cross of Christ I glory,”  
(441 Hymnal, Words: John Bowring, Music: Rathbun)

1. In the cross of Christ I glory,  
towering o’er the wrecks of time;  
all the light of sacred story  
gathers round its head sublime.

3. When the sun of bliss is beaming  
light and love upon my way,  
from the cross the radiance streaming  
adds new luster to the day.
2. When the woes of life o’er-take me,  
hopes deceive, and fears annoy,  
never shall the cross forsake me:  
lo, it glows with peace and joy.

4. Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,  
by the cross are sanctified;  
peace is there that knows no measure,  
joys that through all time abide.
5. In the cross of Christ I glory,  
towering o’er the wrecks of time;  
all the light of sacred story  
gathers round its head sublime.

Postlude: .....

The Congregation is invited to share in table fellowship immediately following this service in Gibson Hall.

Please be seated and you will be served.

You have already joined with those who were confirmed in renewing your baptismal commitment. I now further ask you these questions:

Will you undertake the office of Eucharistic Minister/Visitor in order to build up Christ’s Body, the Church?  
Answer: I will.

Bishop: Will you faithfully and reverently execute the duties of your ministry to the honor of God and the benefit of the members of this congregation?  
Answer: I will.

Bishop: Will you administer the Holy Communion with the utmost care and reverence?  
Answer: I will.

The bishop then addresses the congregation:

Bishop: Will all you who witness these promises do all in your power to support these persons in their performance of this special ministry in the life of our parish?  
People: We will.

Bishop: Let us pray:  
Almighty God, look with favor upon these your servants whom you have called to be Eucharistic Ministers and Visitors in your church; and grant that they may administer your Word and Sacraments with steadfast reverence and devotion, and that being strengthened by the same, their ministry and lives might continually bear witness to, and be channels of your Love, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Eucharistic Ministers:

Paul Brown  
Nathaniel Francis  
Aaron Latty  
Keith Nelson  
James Williams (renewal)

Ollie Daniels (renewal)  
Kenneth Hall  
Ronald McKinney  
Thomas Sands (renewal)  
Joyce Williams

Eucharistic Visitors:

Nathaniel Francis  
Aaron Latty  
Thomas Sands (renewal)

Kenneth Hall  
Keith Nelson  
Joyce Williams

Bishop: In the name of God and of this congregation, I commission you as Eucharistic Minister/Visitor in this church.  
People: Amen.

*The service continues with the peace. All stand.*

Bishop: The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
People: **And also with you.**

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

*N.B. At the ringing of the chimes please return to your seats.*

**The Blessing of the Communion visitation kits and a stole**

**THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

Bishop: Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his Name. But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. *Hebrews 13:15-16*

**Offertory Hymn ..... Onward, Christian soldiers,**  
*(562 Hymnal 1982, Words: Sabine Baring-Gould, Music: St. Gertrude)*

1. Onward, Christian soldiers,  
marching as to war,  
with the cross of Jesus  
going on before!  
Christ, the royal Master,  
leads against the foe;  
forward into battle,  
see, his banners go.

**Refrain:**  
***Onward, Christian soldiers,  
marching as to war,  
with the cross of Jesus  
going on before!***

2. At the sign of triumph  
Satan's host doth flee;  
On, then, Christian soldiers,  
on to victory!  
Hell's foundations quiver  
at the shout of praise;  
Christians, lift your voices,  
loud your anthems raise.

**Refrain:**

3. Like a mighty army  
moves the Church of God;  
Christians, we are treading  
where the saints have trod;  
we are not divided,  
all one body we,  
one in hope and doctrine,  
one in charity.

**Refrain:**

4. Crown and thrones may perish,  
kingdoms rise and wane,  
but the Church of Jesus  
constant will remain;  
gates of hell can never  
'gainst that Church prevail;  
we have Christ's own promise,  
and that cannot fail.

**Refrain:**

5. O give thine own sweet rest to me,  
That I may speak with soothing power  
A word in season, as from thee,  
To weary ones in needful hour.

6. O fill me with thy fullness, Lord,  
Until my very heart o'erflow  
In kindling thought and glowing word,  
Thy love to tell, thy praise to show.

7. O use me, Lord, use even me.  
Just as thou wilt, and when, and where.  
Until thy blessed face I see,  
Thy rest, thy joy, thy glory share.

**Communion Hymn ..... Higher Ground**  
*(165 LEV II, Words: Johnson Oatman, Jr., Music: Charles H. Gabriel)*

1. I'm pressing on the upward way,  
New heights I'm gaining every day;  
Still praying as I'm onward bound,  
"Lord, plant my feet on higher ground."

**Refrain:**  
***Lord, lift me up and let me stand,  
By faith, on Heaven's tableland,  
A higher plane than I have found;  
Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.***

2. My heart has no desire to stay  
Where doubts arise and fears dismay;  
Though some may dwell where those abound,  
My prayer, my aim, is higher ground.

**Refrain:**

3. I want to live above the world,  
Though Satan's darts at me are hurled;  
For faith has caught the joyful sound,  
The song of saints on higher ground.

**Refrain:**

4. I want to scale the utmost height  
And catch a gleam of glory bright;  
But still I'll pray till heav'n I've found,  
"Lord, plant my feet on higher ground."

**Refrain:**

**Post Communion Prayers**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**People: 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.**

**People: We thank you, our God and Father for those who in Confirmation have made a confession of their faith and have been welcomed into the communicant life of the Christian Family. Help us to encourage them in the way of Christ by our prayers, our friendship and our example that they may fully grow up into Him and continue steadfastly in the worship and fellowship of the church to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

And then for those, our dearest and our best,  
by this prevailing Presence we appeal;  
O fold them closer to thy mercy's breast!  
O do thine utmost for their soul's true weal!  
From tainting mischief keep them pure and clear,  
and crown thy gifts with strength to persevere.

And so we come; O draw us to thy feet,  
most patient Savior, who canst love us still!  
And by this food, so awesome and so sweet,  
deliver us from every touch of ill:  
in thine own service make us glad and free,  
and grant us never more to part with thee.

**Communion Hymn ..... I am the bread of life**  
*(335 Hymnal, Words: Suzanne Toolan, Music: I Am the Bread of Life)*

1. I am the bread of life,  
They who come to me shall not hunger,  
They who believe in me shall not thirst  
No one can come to me  
Unless the Father draw them.

**Refrain:**  
*And I will raise him up,  
and I will raise him up  
And I will raise him up on the last day*

2. The bread that I will give  
is my Flesh for the life of the world  
and they who eat of this bread  
they shall live forever  
They shall live forever.

**Refrain:**

3. Unless you eat of the flesh  
of the Son of Man  
And drink of His blood,  
You shall not have life within you.  
You shall not have life within you

**Refrain:**

4. I am the resurrection,  
I am the life.  
They who believe in me,  
even though they die,  
They shall live forever.

**Refrain:**

5. Yes, Lord we believe  
that you are the Christ  
the Son of God  
Who has come  
into the world.

**Refrain:**



**Communion Hymn..... Lord, Speak to me**  
*(43 HOP, Words: George Hews, Music: Holley)*

1. Lord, speak to me, that I may speak  
In living echoes of thy tone;  
As thou has sought, so let me seek  
Thine erring children lost and lone.

2. O lead me, Lord, that I may lead  
The wand'ring and the wavering feet;  
O feed me, Lord, that I may feed  
Thy hung'ring ones with manna sweet.

3. O strengthen me, that while I stand  
Firm on the Rock, and strong in thee,  
I may stretch out a loving hand  
To wrestlers with the troubled sea.

4. O teach me, Lord, that I may teach  
The precious things thou dost impart;  
And wing my words, that they may reach  
The hidden depths of many a heart.

5. Onward, then, ye people,  
join our happy throng;  
blend with ours your voices  
in the triumph song:  
glory, laud, and honor,  
unto Christ the King;  
this through countless ages  
we with angels sing.

**Refrain:**

**The Doxology**

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.

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Bishop: The Lord be with you.  
**People: And also with you.**  
Bishop: Lift up your hearts.  
**People: We lift them to the Lord.**  
Bishop: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Bishop: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to  
you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and  
daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to  
guide us into all truth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and  
with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the  
glory of your Name:

**People: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might!**  
**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might!**  
**Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory,**  
**Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!**  
**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!**  
**Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!**

*Please kneel.*

Bishop: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and,  
when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your  
mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature,  
to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: 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 for the remembrance of me."

Bishop: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People: **Jesus Christ has died, Jesus Christ is risen, Jesus Christ will come again.  
Oh, oh, oh, deep in my heart, I do believe that Jesus Christ will come again!**

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Bishop: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

People: **Amen.**

Bishop: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

People: **Our Father, which 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, for ever. Amen.**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

People: **Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Bishop: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

**AGNUS DEI**

People: **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.**

**Communion Hymn .....Here I Am Lord**

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard My people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin,  
My hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear My light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

**Refrain:**  
***Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord?  
I have heard You calling in the night.  
I will go Lord, if You lead me.  
I will hold Your people in my heart.***

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have born my peoples pain.  
I have wept for love of them,  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
Give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak My word to them,  
Whom shall I send?

**Refrain:**  
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them,  
My hand will save  
Finest bread I will provide,  
Till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give My life to them,  
Whom shall I send?

**Refrain:**



**Communion Hymn ..... And now, O Father, mindful of the love**  
*(337 Hymnal, Words: William Bright, Music: Unde et Memores)*

And now, O Father, mindful of the love that bought us, once for all, on Calvary's tree, and having with us him that pleads above, we here present, we spread forth to thee that only Offering perfect in thine eyes, the one true, pure, immortal sacrifice.

Look Father, look on his anointed face, and only look on us as found in him; look not on our misusings of thy grace, our prayer so languid, and our faith so dim: for lo! between our sins and their reward we set the passion of thy Son our Lord.