

Christ Church Cathedral Hartford, Connecticut The Fourth Sunday in Lent March 30, 2025

We acknowledge the Tunxis, Sicaog, Wangunks and Poquonook people, the traditional custodians on the land on which Christ Church Cathedral is located. We pay respect to their elders, past and present. We respect their people and traditions as a continued call to live out the ministry of reconciliation to which we are called.

Welcome to our community! Wherever life is taking you, know that we are honored by your presence and invite you to experience God's life-giving grace with us at Christ Church Cathedral. As a community of faith we celebrate God's graciousness by proclaiming in word and deed that God's love is abundant and unconditional. At the Lord's Table, all baptized are welcome to receive Communion. Please turn off your cell phones once the prelude begins. Should you like to speak with a priest following the service, please contact an usher.

Hymns are in The Hymnal 1982 and Lift Every Voice and Sing II (LEVAS).

The Liturgy of the Word

Prelude ~ Andante Tranquillo

Percy Whitlock

Processional Hymn ~ 1982 Hymnal # 690 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

Cwm Rhondda

A Penitential Order

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

People God's mercy endures for ever.

Hear the commandments of God to God's people:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Honor your father and your mother.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit murder.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not steal.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

The Deacon says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister 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.

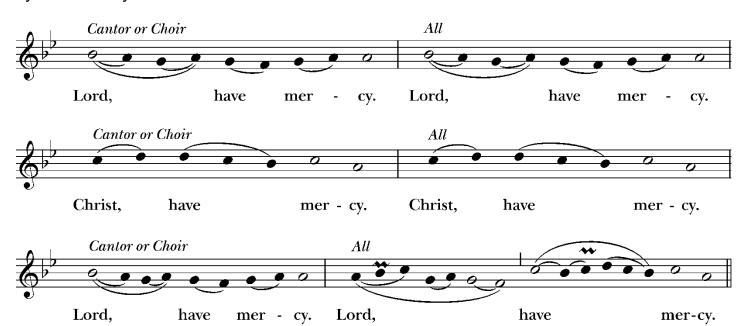
For the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Celebrant stands and says

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.**

Kyrie ~ 1982 Hymnal # S94

Mason Martens



Celebrant God be with you.
People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Collect

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the reading of Holy Scripture.

A Reading From ~ Joshua 5:9-12

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

Lector The Word of the Lord. People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 32 Beati quorum ~ Sung by the Choir

- 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!
- While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, * because of my groaning all day long.
- 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.
- 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 quide you with my eye.
- 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.
- Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; * shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

A Reading From ~ 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Lector The Word of the Lord. People Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn ~ 1982 Hymnal # 603 When Christ was lifted from the earth

St. Botolph

The Gospel ~ Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So Jesus told them this parable:

"There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands." So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might

celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

Deacon The Gospel of our Savior.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon ~ The Rev. Jay Cooke, Priest Associate

After the Sermon, the Celebrant stands. Please stand as you are able.

The Nicene Creed

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,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

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,

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who 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

Let us pray that we might turn our hearts to all that keeps us mindful of the Divine, offering our compassionate God our prayers by responding:

God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Give us a heart for your church, give us ears that hear your call to worship, and open our minds to the power of our faith community. Make your church a place of welcome, refuge, and relentless love. We pray for Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell; the Bishop of London, Sarah Mullally; and the Bishop of Dover, Rose Hudson-Wilkin, who have been delegated the official functions of the Archbishop of Canterbury while the seat is vacant. We pray for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Jeff and Laura, our Bishops; Lina, our Dean; Tony, our Canon for Latino Ministry; Bonnie, our Deacon; Julia,

our Intern; Jay, Ranjit, D, and Rebekah, our Associate Clergy; and for our Congregation Committee and Ministry Teams. We pray also for our sister diocese of Aberdeen and Orkney.

God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Turn foolish hearts from hate and division, unite us in a bond of love that will not tolerate persecution, violence, or waste. Give our leaders the desire for true service to your people and a passion for bringing peace to all nations.

God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Give wisdom and determination to us and to all people, so that we might create a sustainable future for the equitable use of the abundance of creation.

God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Give strength to those who are afraid, to those who are facing diagnoses, disaster, or loss. Heal those who are ill; give peace to those who are of anxious heart or defeated spirit, that they might find wholeness of body, mind, and soul. Especially we pray for Will, Kathleen R., Connie, Joan Z, Maïa, Lee, Almeta, Camille, Gerard, Lourdes, Lenora, Ardyce, Mike R., Jennifer, Andrew, Benjamin, Adrianne, Felicity, Sherrod, Graham, Richard, Mark, Bill, Betty Jo, Michael, Jason, Andrew, Jeannie, Denise, Shelly N., Dennis, Charlene, Marcia, Sean, Mary, Andrew, David, Shaun, Thomas, Alberto, Kelley, Allison, Dina, Aubrey, Bill, Grace, Ben, Frank, Eric, Nelson, Joan, Treviana, Bob, Tyrone, Todd, Rosa, Miguel, Javon, Debbie, Julian, Rose, Samy, Eugenia, Louis, Sylvia, Anne, Harmony, Cristianne, Joslin, Mary Ellen, Sheila, Priscilla, Guale, Mercy, Deborah, Pam, and those we now name.

God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Give comfort to those who are grieving, quiet the anxieties of the dying, and grant those who have died entrance into the promise of your eternal presence.

God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant concludes with the following collect:

God of creation and salvation; you have promised to answer when we call. We offer these prayers and all intentions of our own hearts in the confidence of your promises, and we ask these through our advocate Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The Peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

The People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome and Announcements ~ The Very Rev. Miguelina Howell, Cathedral Dean

Offertory Sentence

Sometimes the road is hard and steep and laced with thorns all 'round; Sometimes my soul is troubled deep, my heavy heart bowed down; it is then that I hear my Master speak in a voice so sweet and clear: "Be still, little lamb, let your heart be glad, your Shepherd is always here."

Sometimes it seems day will never dawn and the nightwind's howl is strong; when it seems like peace is an aching dream and the winter has stayed too long; it is then that I hear my Master speak in a voice so calm and low:
"Be still, little lamb, let your heart be glad, your Shepherd loves you so."

And I dry my tears and I lift my eyes when I think of his gift so dear: my soul is still and my heart is glad. My Shepherd is always here!

Doxology ~ Praise God throughout these forty days

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The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving ~ Eucharistic Prayer C

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift 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 him thanks and praise.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

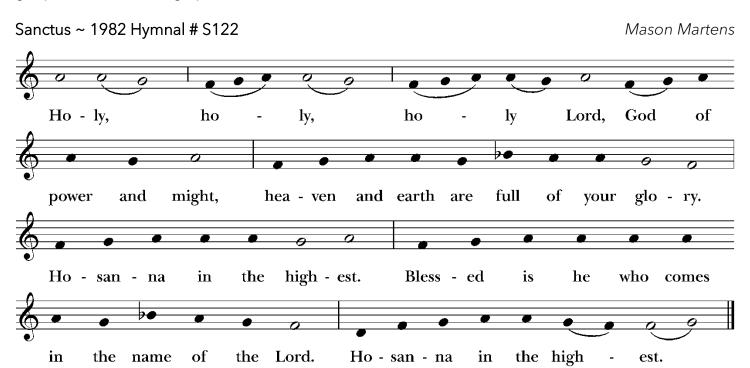
From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:



And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving, We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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,

for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

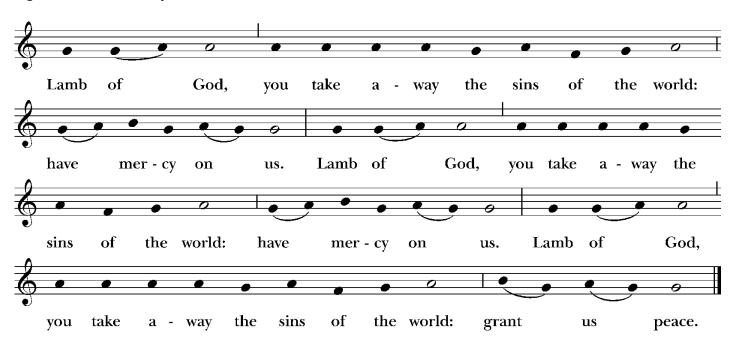
A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

Agnus Dei ~ 1982 Hymnal # S160

Mason Martens



Celebrant 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.

The celebrant leads a prayer for spiritual communion for those worshipping online.

Act of Spiritual Communion

God of love and grace, of justice and peace, we give you thanks that in the Sacrament of the altar you assure us of your presence within us and within the body of Christ, the faithful through all the generations; grant that we who have witnessed anew these holy mysteries, though unable to receive the physical elements of the Sacrament, may be moved by your indwelling Spirit ever more fully to embody your holy and life-giving presence, until we are gathered at last into the fullness of your eternal glory; through Christ our Risen Lord. Amen.

All baptized Christians, regardless of age or denomination, are welcome to receive Holy Communion. When coming forward to receive Holy Communion, please follow the direction given by the ushers. If you are unable to come to the front, please let an usher know and the Sacrament will be brought to you.

Communion Hymn ~ LEVAS II # 137 Just as I am, without one plea (vv.1, 2, 5, 6)

Prayer after Communion

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Solemn Prayer Over the People

In Lent, in place of a seasonal blessing, a solemn Prayer over the People is used, as follows:

The Deacon says

Bow down before the Lord.

The people kneel as able, and the Celebrant says the following prayer:

Look down in mercy, Lord, on your people who kneel before you; and grant that those whom you have nourished by your Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn ~ LEVAS II # 111 Come, thou fount of every blessing

The Dismissal

Postlude ~ Amazing Grace

Christopher Pardini

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Weekly Offerings in Lent

Wednesdays at 6:00pm: Lenten Meals - The Temptations of Jesus

Join us on Wednesday evenings in the Church Street Eats dining room for hearty soup and bread accompanied by a study session on the theme of "The Temptations of Jesus", hosted by Dean Lina, Louis Ruddock, Deacon Bonnie, and Theresa Greaves. *Runs through April 9*.

Thursdays at 5:00pm: Dwelling in the Word & Faith in the Public Square

For the season of Lent, we will join together via Zoom on Thursdays to meditate on the Gospel of the Sunday, share prayers of intercession, and participate in conversation facilitated by Dr. Jilda Aliotta.

Please check the e-news or contact gregory@cccathedral.org to receive the Zoom link.

All are welcome!

Sundays following the 10:00am service: Sunday Lenten Series - The Interior Castle

Let us explore the beauty and capacity of our souls through a modern update of Teresa of Avila's spiritual guide by M. B. Anderson (The Interior Castle, Root Classics, 2022). This paraphrased version stays true to the text, but simple structure and contemporary word choices make it easier to understand. The result is a personal dialogue between readers and a dynamic, thoughtful woman who loved God deeply and wrote about it passionately. We encourage you to purchase the book at a local bookstore; a library version will be available onsite.

Holy Week 2025

Palm Sunday, April 13

Liturgy of the Palms & Holy Eucharist:

8:00am (English, spoken)

10:00am (English, sung)

12:30pm (Spanish, sung)

Holy Wednesday, April 16

6:00pm Walking the Labyrinth (English) 7:30pm Stations of the Cross (Spanish)

Maundy Thursday, April 17

Maundy Thursday Eucharist, with the ceremony of foot-washing and the stripping of the altar:

6:00pm (English)

7:30pm (Spanish)

Good Friday, April 18

12:00pm Stations of the Cross in the City (English)

6:00pm Good Friday liturgy (English) 7:30pm Good Friday liturgy (Spanish)

Easter Eve, April 19

7:30pm The Great Vigil of Easter and Regional Confirmations (English)

Easter Sunday, April 20

Holy Eucharist of the Resurrection:

8:00am (English, spoken)

10:00am (English, sung)

12:30pm (Spanish, sung)



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Since 1762, this Christian community has gathered for worship. To learn more about the ministries we share in this place, you are invited to speak to the clergy or parishioners after the service.

Serving at 8:00 a.m.

Celebrant & Preacher The Rev. Jay Cooke, Priest Associate

Psalm Leader / Verger John Scott Intercessor / Altar Server Jilda Aliotta Lector Tom Smith

Serving at 10:00 a.m.

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