CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL
CONNECTICUT'S CATHEDRAL

Christ Church Cathedral
Hartford, Connecticut
The Third Sunday of Lent
March 8, 2026

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 ~ Prelude on *Song 46* — *Leo Sowerby*

Processional Hymn ~ LEVAS #111 – Come, thou fount of every blessing — *Nettleton*

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 his 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.

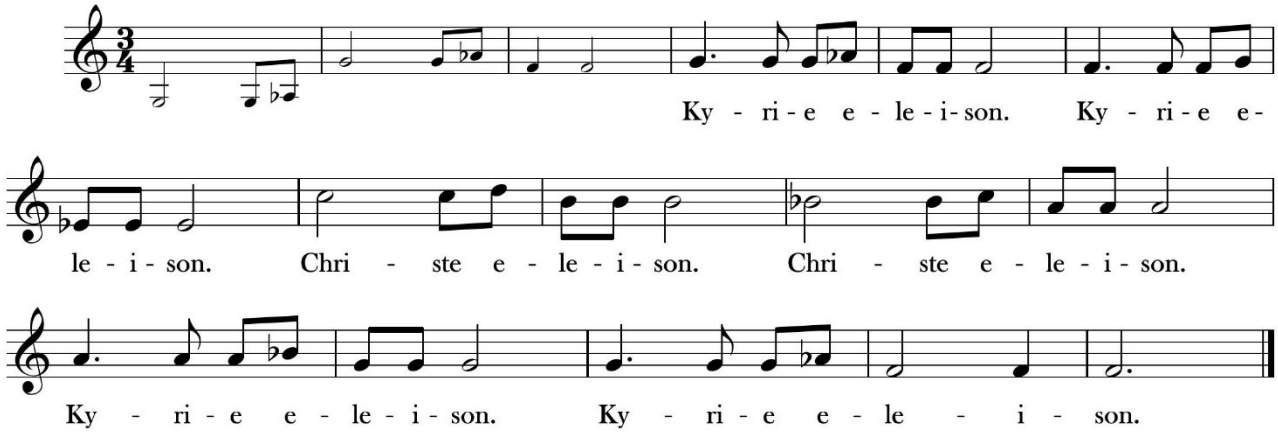
Minister and People

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 ~ Kyrie eleison *David Hurd*



Celebrant God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

The Collect

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.* **Amen.**

Please be seated for the reading of Holy Scripture.

A Reading From ~ Exodus 17: 1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

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

Psalm 95 *Venite, exultemus ~ Sung by the Choir*

1 Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

3 For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.

4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.

5 The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.

6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

7 For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

8 Harden not your hearts,
as your forebears did in the wilderness, *
at Meribah, and on that day at Massah,
when they tempted me.

9 They put me to the test, *
though they had seen my works.

10 Forty years long I detested that generation and said, *
"This people are wayward in their hearts;
they do not know my ways."

11 So I swore in my wrath, *
"They shall not enter into my rest."

A Reading From ~ Romans 5:1-11

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn ~ LEVAS #99 – My hope is built on nothing less

The Gospel ~ John 4:5-42

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

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

The Sermon ~ The Rev. Canon Rebekah Hatch, 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 to our Creator and Redeemer to turn our hearts to all that keeps us mindful of the Divine, by saying, Hear our prayer.

We pray for your church, make it a place of welcome, refuge and relentless love. We pray for the Archbishop of Canterbury, Sarah Mullally. We pray for Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Jeff and Laura our Bishops; Harlon our Interim Dean; Tony our Canon for Latino Ministry; Bonnie our Deacon; Dana, D, Jay, Kevin, Rebekah and Ranjit 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.

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

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.

We pray for all immigrants seeking refuge and shelter, the homeless, the sick in body or mind, the anxious of heart or defeated spirit and those who can no longer trust in themselves or others. And we remember especially those for whom we have promised to pray, **Will, Kathleen R., Joan Z, Maïa, Lee, Almeta, Camille, Gerard, Lourdes, Lenora, Ardyce, Mike R., Jennifer, Andrew, Benjamin, Adrianne, Felicity, Sherrod, Graham, Richard, Bill, Betty Jo, Michael, Jason, Andrew, Jeannie, Denise, Shelly N., Dennis, Charlene, Marcia, Sean, Diane, Andrew, David, Shaun, Thomas, Alberto, Kelley, Allison, Aubrey, Bill, Grace, Ben, Frank, Nelson, Joan, Treviana, Bob, Tyrone, Todd, Javon, Debbie, Julian, Rose, Samy, Eugenia, Louis, Sylvia, Anne, Harmony, Cristianne, Joslin, Priscilla, Guale, Mercy, Deborah, Mark C., John, Heather, Susan, Lanny, Grayson, Becky, David M., Nancy, Edgar, Goodwin, Ralph, Pam** and for those we name in our hearts.

God in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Give comfort to those who are grieving, quiet the anxieties of the dying, and grant to 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. Hear the prayers and intentions of our hearts, that in turning to you we may find new vision, new strength and new love through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. **Amen**

Healing Prayers

The Peace

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you**.

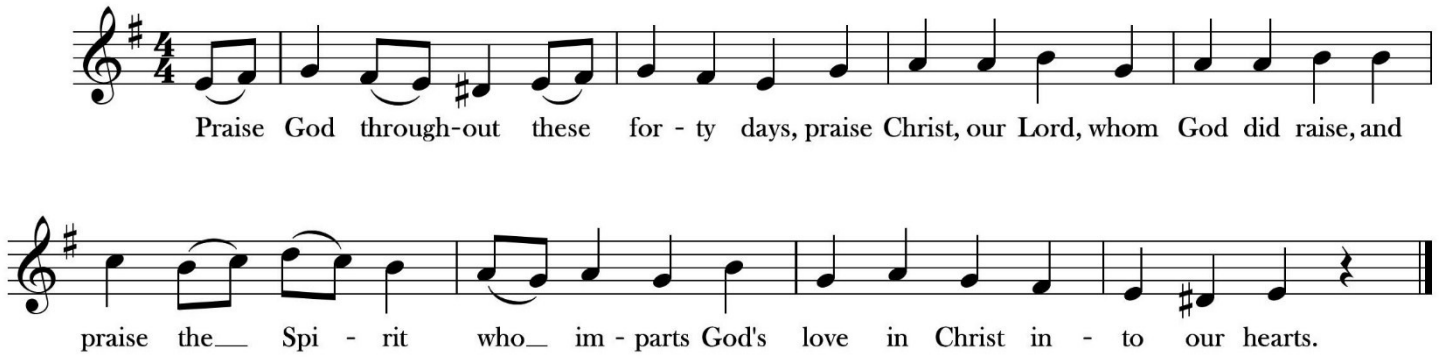
The People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome and Announcements ~ The Rev. Canon Harlon Dalton, Interim Cathedral Dean
Dr. Jilda Aliotta, Chair, Congregations Committee

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Anthem ~ Rivers of living water *Karen Marrolli*

Doxology ~ Praise God throughout these forty days *Erhalt uns, herr*



The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving ~ Eucharistic Prayer C

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

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

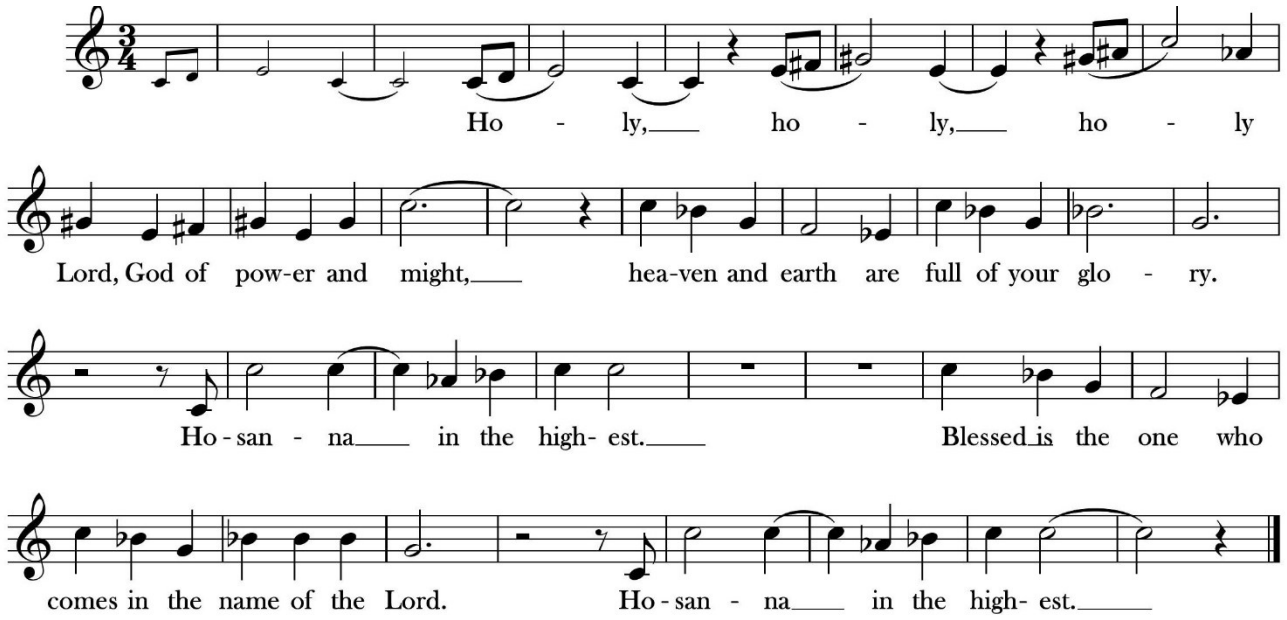
At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.
By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill.; intuition, compassion, and creativity. 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:

Sanctus ~ *David Hurd*



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 Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; Sarah, Rebekah, Leah, and Rachel; God whose Son is 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, 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 pray,

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.

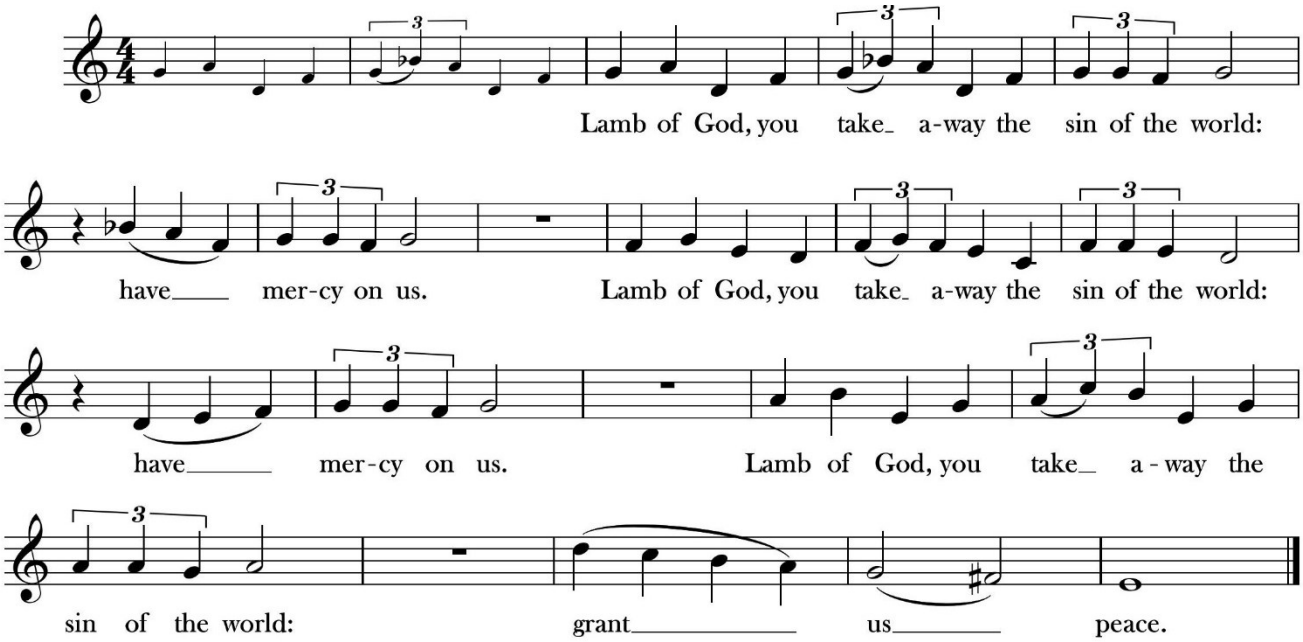
The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

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

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.

Agnus Dei *David Hurd*



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 ~ 1982 Hymnal #439 – What wondrous love is this *Wondrous love*

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:

Keep this your family, Lord, with your never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of your heavenly grace, they may be upheld by your divine protection; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn ~ 1982 Hymnal # 495 - Hail, thou once despised Jesus *In babilone*

The Dismissal

Postlude – In the cross of Christ, I glory *David Cherwien*

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Upcoming Events

Sunday Worship - February – Regular Worship services – 8 AM Eucharist (spoken); 9 AM Formation;10 AM Eucharist (with music); 12 PM Church Street Eats; and 12:30 PM Eucharist (Spanish)

Lenten Drive for CT State Capital College continues through February and March (Collecting flour, sugar, oil, condiments, and salt and pepper)

Please join Canon Hatch today for the Formation Series: 30 minutes with the Preacher

Saturday, March 14 – Spanish Speaking Lenten Retreat – Retiro de Cuaresma (CCC & ECCT) 9 AM to 3 PM

Tuesday, March 17 NOTE THIS CHANGE – Congregations Committee meeting 6PM in person

Holy Week 2026 Schedule

Palm Sunday, March 29

Sunday of the Passion & Holy Eucharist:

10:00am – Combined Bilingual Service

Holy Tuesday, March 31

ECCT Renewal of Clergy Vows

Holy Wednesday, April 1

5:00pm– Stations of the Cross (Spanish)

6:00pm -Walking the Labyrinth (English)

Maundy Thursday, April 2

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

5:00 pm (Spanish
6:30pm (English)

Good Friday, April 3

12:00pm Stations of the Cross (English)

5:00pm Good Friday liturgy (Spanish

6:30pm Good Friday liturgy (English)

Easter Eve, April 4

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

Easter Sunday, April 5

Holy Eucharist of the Resurrection:

8:00am (English, spoken)
10:00am (English, sung)
12:30pm (Spanish, sung)

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The Ven. Bonnie Matthews, Cathedral Deacon
The Rev. Dana Campbell, The Rev. Jay Cooke, the Rev. Canon Rebekah Hatch, the Rev. Canon D Littlepage, the Rev. Canon Ranjit K. Mathews, and the Rev. Canon Kevin Olds, Priest Associates
Dr. Jilda Aliotta, Chair of Congregation Committee
John Decker, Vice-Chair of Congregation Committee

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	The Rev. Canon Harlon Dalton, Interim Cathedral Dean
Preacher	The Rev. Canon Rebekah Hatch, Priest Associate
Assisting	The Ven. Bonnie Matthews, Cathedral Deacon
Psalm Leader /Altar Server	John Scott
Intercessor /Verger	Jilda Aliotta
Lector	Nancy Jacobs

Serving at 10:00 a.m.

Celebrant	The Rev. Canon Harlon Dalton, Interim Cathedral Dean
Preacher	The Rev. Canon Rebekah Hatch, Priest Associate
Assisting	The Rev. Ramon Antonio Garcia, Canon for Latino Ministry
	The Ven. Bonnie Matthews, Cathedral Deacon
Clergy Verger & Altar Server	Marcia Barnett
Dean's & Gospel Verger	Peggy Ornell
Crucifer	John Scott
Virtual Vergers	Richard Baraglia and Deborah Simmons
Digital Evangelist	Samuel Hernandez
First Lector	Pat Wrice
Second Lector	Vernell Davis
Ushers	Gilbeean Scott & Carlene Taylor
Guild	Gilbeean Scott, Sheila Green, David Marcano, and Nagda and Ramon Echavarria
Choir	Kelley Kelly, Sarah Marze, Viola Mullin, Scott Patrick, Phoenix Sheerin, Kristen Williams

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