

Morning Prayer Rite 2  
The Fourth Sunday of Lent  
March 14, 2021  
Christ Church (Episcopal),  
720 Riverside Ave, Adrian

### Opening Hymn

Hosea  
Hosea Youth Choir  
Lyrics by Gregory Norbet OSB  
Come back to me with all your heart  
Don't let fear keep us apart  
Trees do bend though straight and tall  
So must we to others' call  
Long have I waited for  
Your coming home to me  
And living deeply our new lives  
The wilderness will lead you  
To the place where I will speak  
Integrity and justice  
With tenderness  
You shall know.  
Long have I waited for  
Your coming home to me  
And living deeply our new lives  
You shall sleep secure with peace;  
faithfulness will be your joy.  
Long have I waited for  
Your coming home to me  
And living deeply our new lives

The Passing of the Peace  
Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
All: And also with you.

The Word of God  
Sentence of Scripture (Lent) BCP 76  
If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us, but if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:8, 9

The Gathering Prayer  
Creator, we give you thanks for all you are and all you bring to us for our visit within your creation. In Jesus, you place the Gospel in the center of this sacred circle through which all of

creation is related. You show us the way to live a generous and compassionate life. Give us your strength to live together with respect and commitment as we grow in your spirit, for you are God, now and forever. Amen.

(A Disciple's Prayer Book)

Confession of Sin BCP 79

Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will,

and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name. Amen

Officiant:

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.

Invitatory and Psalter

All stand

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant and People

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.

Antiphon (In Lent...) BCP 81

Officiant: The Lord is full of compassion and mercy

All: Come let us adore him.

Jubilate BCP 82

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*

serve the Lord with gladness

and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*

he himself has made us, and we are his;

we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.  
Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise; \*  
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.  
For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is everlasting; \*  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

Antiphon BCP 81

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All: Come let us adore him.

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 Confitemini Domino BCP 746

1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, \*  
and his mercy endures for ever.  
2 Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed proclaim \*  
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.  
3 He gathered them out of the lands; \*  
from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.  
17 Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; \*  
they were afflicted because of their sins.  
18 They abhorred all manner of food \*  
and drew near to death's door.  
19 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, \*  
and he delivered them from their distress.  
20 He sent forth his word and healed them \*  
and saved them from the grave.  
21 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy \*  
and the wonders he does for his children.  
22 Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

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.

A Reading from Numbers 21:4-9

4 From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. 5 The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." 6 Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. 7 The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. 8 And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." 9 So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and

put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Officiant: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Song of Mary Magnificat Luke 1:46-55 BCP 91

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \*  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.  
From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*  
the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his Name.  
He has mercy on those who fear him \*  
in every generation.  
He has shown the strength of his arm, \*  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.  
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*  
and has lifted up the lowly.  
He has filled the hungry with good things, \*  
and the rich he has sent away empty.  
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
The promise he made to our fathers, \*  
to Abraham and his children for ever.

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.

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians 2:1-10

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ-- by grace you have been saved-- and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God-- not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

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The Song of Simeon Nunc Dimittis Luke 2:29-32 BCP 93

Lord, you now have set your servant free \*  
to go in peace as you have promised;  
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \*  
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:  
A Light to enlighten the nations, \*  
and the glory of your people Israel.

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.

A Reading from the Gospel of John 3:14-21

Jesus said, "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

Officiant: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon The Rev. Dan Buchin

The Apostles' Creed BCP 96

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth;  
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.  
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. Amen.

#### The Prayers

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us pray.

Officiant and People

#### The Lord's Prayer BCP 97

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

#### Suffrage B BCP 97

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.

V. Day by day we bless you;

R. We praise your name for ever.

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;

R. Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;

R. For we put our trust in you.

V. In you, Lord, is our hope;

R. And we shall never hope in vain

#### Collect of the Day (Fourth Sunday Lent) BCP 218

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.

#### A Collect for Sundays BCP 98

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Collect for Mission BCP 101

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. Amen.

All may offer their own prayers & thanksgivings now, either aloud or in your hearts.

The General Thanksgiving BCP 101

Officiant and People:

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A Prayer of St Chrysostom BCP 102

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

### Announcements

Closing Hymn

Amazing Grace

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Amazing grace, How sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost, but now I am found,  
Was blind, but now I see.  
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed.  
Through many dangers, toils and snares  
I have already come,  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far  
And grace will lead me home.  
The Lord has promised good to me  
His word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be,  
As long as life endures.  
Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail,  
And mortal life shall cease  
I shall possess within the veil,  
A life of joy and peace.  
When we've been there ten thousand years  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we've first begun.

### Dismissal

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and  
the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.

Amen. 2 Corinthians 13:14

### UPCOMING SERVICES:

3/21 Morning Prayer Rite 2, The Rev. Dan Buchin officiating

3/28 Palm Sunday

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

3/15 Jan Buchin's birthday



3/15 Sunil Abraham's birthday  
3/18 Bob Welke's birthday  
3/21 Bishop Gibb's birthday  
3/25 Natalie Linden's birthday

**SAINTS CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:**

3/7 Perpetua & her Companions, Martyrs at Carthage, 202  
3/12 Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, 202

**CONTINUED PRAYERS:** Bob; Bobbie; Sue; Ed &

Audrey; Joyce; Bob; Donna; Jamie & Marvin; Jill; Julie; John; Donna; Kevin; Chris; Nancy; Harriet; Scott; Melissa; Kristin & Matthew; Sam & Cam; a woman with cancer; Sharon & family; Steven; Darren; Frank; Lloyd, suffering from lung cancer; Caty; Jim; Single mom with health issues, whose boyfriend is in the Army; Jon; Patricia; Lisa's family; Jennifer; Sabrina & Kalee; Ms. Butler; total surrender; Bud; Jessica's aunt; John; Margaret; our community; job recovery; Darrien; Baby D; Randy; Joyces' husband, Arnold; Paul Barth; Linda; Terry; Carrie; Lily & Violet; Margaret; Al; Vicki; Beth; Eric; Kim; Lonnie; Corky

**PRAYERS FOR** the unemployed, homeless & disenfranchised  
**IN HARM'S WAY** our service men & women suffering from PTSD

**CYCLE OF PRAYER:** Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop; Bonnie Perry, our Bishop; Moises Quezada Mota, Bishop of the Diocese of the Dominican Republic; Elizabeth Eaton, ELCA Presiding Bishop; Donald P Kreiss, ELCA Bishop, SE Michigan Synod; Craig A Satterlee, ELCA Bishop, NW Lower Michigan Synod; our Diocesan retired community household; Our Diocesan household; Christ Church, Dearborn; St John's, Plymouth; St Gabriel's, Consuelo, DR

We are keeping tabs on those who have received their vaccines, so please let us know if you have gotten yours, or have any questions...

**EUCCHARIST IN THE PARKING LOT!** More news on this as the weather warms up... stay tuned!

We welcome you to Christ Church, and look forward to meeting together in person for worship & fellowship when the pandemic is over.

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