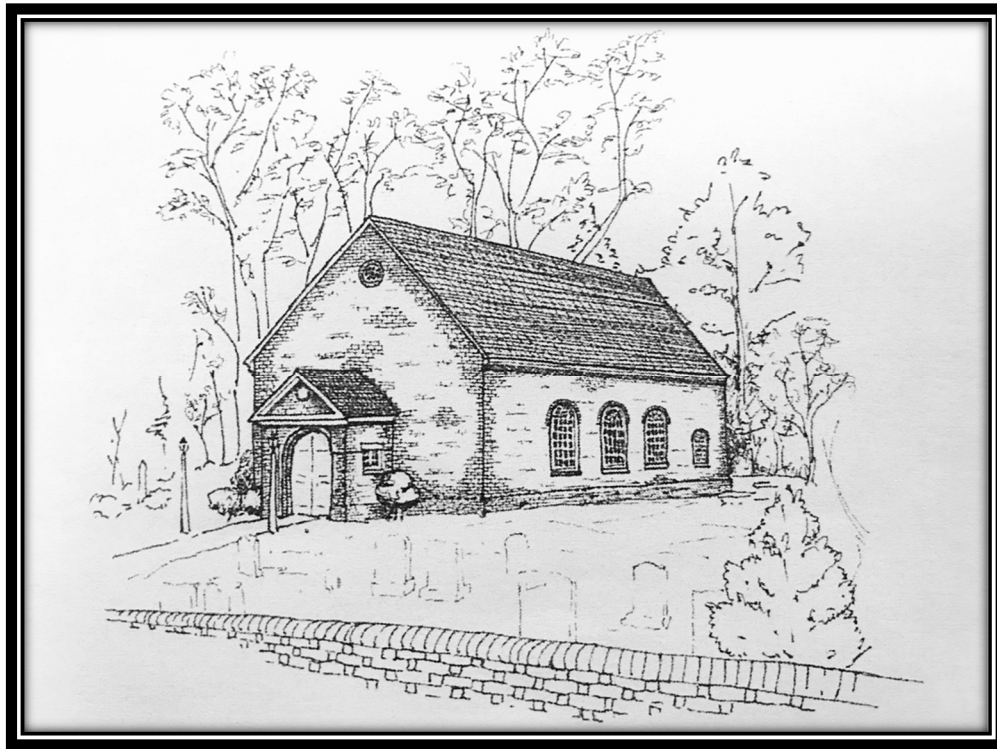


Welcome to Christ Church Parish  
*(Episcopal)*  
*March 23, 2025*  
*10:30 a.m.*  
*The Third Sunday in Lent*



*Founded in 1666*

*Before the service, speak to God in the silence of your heart.  
During the service, let God speak to you through  
Word and Sacrament.  
After the service, speak with your neighbor!*

**Christ Church Parish Mission Statement**

*We are a family of faith,  
growing in Christ through worship, learning, and  
service, who strive to love God  
and to love our neighbors as ourselves.*

Holy Eucharist: Rite II – March 23, 2025

The Third Sunday in Lent

Opening Voluntary (Flutist – Monica Melendez) “Sicilienne” by Gabriel Faure

Opening Hymn 648 *Go Down Moses* “When Israel was in Egypt Land”

Decalogue BCP Page 350

Opening Sentences BCP Page 355

The Trisagion (Hymnal S-102) BCP Page 356

THE WORD OF GOD

The Collect of the Day BCP Page 218

First Lesson Exodus 3:1-15

Anthem at the Psalm (Soloist – Darby Lancaster)

“For You My Soul Is Thirsting”

Second Lesson 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Sequence Hymn 439 *Wondrous Love* “What Wondrous Love Is This”

Gospel Luke 13:1-9

The Sermon The Rev. Randi Hicks Rowe

The Nicene Creed BCP Page 358

The Prayers of the People: Form III BCP Page 387

The Confession and Absolution BCP Page 360

The Peace BCP Page 360

Offertory (Flutist- Monica Melendez) “Wondrous Love” Arr. Steve Lancaster

The Great Thanksgiving: Prayer A BCP Page 361

Sanctus- Cantor (Hymnal S-122) “Mason Martens”

Lord’s Prayer BCP Page 364

The Breaking of the Bread BCP Page 364

Fraction- Cantor and Congregation (Hymnal S169) “My Flesh Is Food Indeed”

Communion Voluntary “If You Trust in God To Guide You”

by Timothy Albrecht

Communion Hymn 149 *Old 124<sup>th</sup>* “Eternal Lord of Love”

The Post Communion Prayer BCP Page 365

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn 561 *Morning Light* “Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”

Dismissal: Let us go forth in the name of Christ

People: *Thanks be to God.*

## 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.*

## The First Lesson

## Exodus 3:1-15

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you':

This is my name forever,  
and this my title for all generations."

## Psalm 63:1-8

*Deus, Deus meus*

- 1 O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; \*  
**my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,  
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.**
- 2 Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, \*  
**that I might behold your power and your glory.**

- 3 For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; \*  
**my lips shall give you praise.**
- 4 So will I bless you as long as I live \*  
**and lift up my hands in your Name.**
- 5 My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, \*  
**and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,**
- 6 When I remember you upon my bed, \*  
**and meditate on you in the night watches.**
- 7 For you have been my helper, \*  
**and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.**
- 8 My soul clings to you; \*  
**your right hand holds me fast.**

## **The Epistle**

## **1 Corinthians 10:1-13**

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

## **The Gospel**

## **Luke 13:1-9**

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them--do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did." Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

## **Please Remember in Your Prayers This Week**

Those on our Prayer List: Lurlene Samuel, Robin Wells, Jim Padgett, Ann Donoff, Joyce Reisinger, Taylor Johnson, Colt Johnson, Br. Christopher Hamlett, Joanne Bruce, Lucille Redmon, Lovey Jane Long, Tim Schwartz, Denise Brown, Louise Woods, Cyndy Bristow, Levi, Elizabeth Foley, Andrea Mac-Fall, John Wilson, Garry Clay, Helen Tarran, Barbara Cockrell, John Hilliard, Bruce Forsberg, Bill Brown, Dolly Cronk, Ellen Johnson, Linda Irwin, Jim Dudley, Diane Martin.

We give thanks to Jewel Ray and Fernando Melendez, who are celebrating their birthdays this week, and Charlie and Bev Hart and Bill and Cean Cawthorn, who are celebrating their anniversary.

We pray for our Diocese, and in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Shrine Mont Camps, The Rt. Rev. E. Mark Stevenson, The Rt. Rev. Gayle Elizabeth Harris, and all Bishops participating in the House of Bishops meeting.

**PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE**

**Holy Eucharist: Rite I 8:00 a.m.**

Celebrant/Sermon	The Rev. Randi Hicks Rowe
Deacon	The Rev. Peg Moncure
Acolyte/Lector	Lindsay Adkins
Usher	Barbara Shaw

**Holy Eucharist: Rite II 10:30 a.m.**

Celebrant/Sermon	The Rev. Randi Hicks Rowe
Deacon	The Rev. Peg Moncure
Organist -	Libby Boyer
Gosp. Bk. Bearer / Prayers / Euch. Min.	Harriette Floyd
Lector	Pat Anderson
Crucifer / Acolyte	Jeff McClelland
Ushers	Kathryn & Joey Humphreys
Altar Guild	Karen Gorin, Judy Quilter Judi Snider, Ann Padgett
Flower Guild	Cindy Naylor, Mary Anne Haris-White
Tech Team	Greg Grichtmeier, Ann de Peyster, Mike Floyd, Jeff Loustaunau, Rusty Spears, Monica Melendez, & Jack Fackler

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