

Christ Church Trumbull  
*The Fourth Sunday in Lent*  
March 27, 2022

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**Opening Hymn 143** “The Glory of these Forty Days”

The glory of these forty days  
we celebrate with songs of praise;  
for Christ, by whom all things were made,  
himself has fasted and has prayed.

Alone and fasting Moses saw  
the loving God who gave the law;  
and to Elijah, fasting, came  
the steeds and chariots of flame.

So Daniel trained his mystic sight,  
delivered from the lions’ might;  
and John, the Bridegroom’s friend, became  
the herald of Messiah’s name.

Then grant us, Lord, like them to be  
full oft in fast and prayer with thee;  
our spirits strengthen with thy grace,  
and give us joy to see thy face.

O Father, Son, and Spirit blest,  
to thee be every prayer addressed,  
who art in three-fold Name adored,  
from age to age, the only Lord.

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*All* **His mercy endures forever.**

**Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.**

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

## **Litany of Penitence**

*The Celebrant and People together, all kneeling*

**All Most holy and merciful Father:  
We confess to you and to one another,  
and to the whole communion of saints  
in heaven and on earth,  
that we have sinned by our own fault  
in thought, word, and deed;  
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

**All Have mercy on us, Lord.**

We have been deaf to your call to serve, as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

**All Have mercy on us, Lord.**

We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives,

**All We confess to you, Lord.**

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,

**All We confess to you, Lord.**

Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

**All We confess to you, Lord.**

Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

**All We confess to you, Lord.**

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

**All We confess to you, Lord.**

Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done: for our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

**All Accept our repentance, Lord.**

For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

**All Accept our repentance, Lord.**

For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

**All Accept our repentance, Lord.**

Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us;

**All Favorably hear us, for your mercy is great.**

Accomplish in us the work of your salvation,

**All That we may show forth your glory in the world.**

By the cross and passion of your Son our Lord,

**All Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

*Celebrant* 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.

**All Amen.**

*Celebrant* Lord have mercy.

**All Christ have mercy.**

*Celebrant* Lord have mercy.

*The Celebrant says to the people*

The Lord be with you.

**All And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Celebrant* 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.

*All* Amen.

**The First Lesson..... 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 encamped 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.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

*All* Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 32 (said responsively by whole verse)**

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,  
whose sin is covered.

**Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity,  
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

While I kept silence, my body wasted away  
through my groaning all day long.

**For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;  
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

Then I acknowledged my sin to you,  
and I did not hide my iniquity;

**I said, ‘I will confess my transgressions to the LORD’,  
and you forgave the guilt of my sin.**

Therefore let all who are faithful  
offer prayer to you;

**At a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters  
shall not reach them.**

You are a hiding-place for me;  
you preserve me from trouble;  
you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.

**I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go;  
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.**

Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding,  
whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle,  
else it will not stay near you.

**Many are the torments of the wicked,  
but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the LORD.**

Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, O righteous,  
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

**The Epistle ..... 2 Corinthians 5:16-21**

From now on, therefore, 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. So 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.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*All* **Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn 686 "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"**

Come, thou fount of every blessing,  
tune my heart to sing thy grace!  
Streams of mercy never ceasing,  
call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,

sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount! O fix me on it,  
mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I find my greatest treasure;  
hither by thy help, I've come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,  
safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
wandering from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger,  
interposed his precious blood.

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

*Celebrant*    The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.  
*All*            **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, ‘This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.’

So he told them this parable:

Then Jesus said, ‘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 travelled 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.” ’

*Celebrant*    The Gospel of the Lord.  
*All*            Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**The Sermon.....**Pastor Jane Jeuland

### **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:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.**

**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 and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He 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**

*Reader* As we begin this time of prayer for one another, our community, and our world, I invite any prayer requests for traveling, birthdays, anniversaries, or healing.

*Reader prays for all prayer requests.*

*Prayer Leader* In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, we pray to you, O Lord.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord.

**All Lord, have mercy.**



For the peace of the world, for an end to war, gun violence, and racism, and for the protection of all who are in harms way, we pray to you, O Lord.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

For all who live and work in this community, we pray to you, O Lord.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, those who suffer, and for all who have commended themselves to our prayers especially Justin, Evan, Grace, Anna, Max, Roger, Ellie, Rob, Doug, Sal, Maggie, Joanne, Stephen, Leslie, Diane, Amanda, Linda, Dorothy, Albert, Bill, Tom, Peter, Sue, Ray, Susie, Craig, Sophia, Ron, and Debbie we pray to you, O Lord.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died especially Eloise B. Woods, that they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

**All To you, O Lord our God.**

*Silence then Celebrant offers prayer for Ukraine and this concluding prayer:*

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept our prayers and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

## **The Peace**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All And also with you.**

## **Announcements**

### **Two Lenten Spiritual Growth Series:**

**The Way of Love:** Wednesday evenings in Lent - 7-8pm, facilitated by Dylan Mello of the SW Region and Mary Perry. Register here (copy and paste link into a browser):

<https://episcopalct.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwscuyhqD8pHdLj4kK1WwkzEkU%20WfY7M17Pm>

**Science of Well-Being:** at Christ Church Sundays in Lent 10:30-11:30am, facilitated by Pastor Jane who encourages everyone to sign up and take the Yale University course "The Science of Well-Being" through Coursera. We will meet Sundays during Coffee Hour either via zoom or in-person to informally discuss what we have learned while taking the course. Sign up here: (copy and paste link into a browser): <https://www.coursera.org/learn/the-science-of-well-being>

**Maundy Thursday:** Maundy Thursday is on April 14th. Christ Church invites you to gather together with others in your home or to do your own Maundy Thursday service with your family. Look to the CCT eNews for more information and resources to help you plan your Maundy Thursday at home meal.

### **Meditation Group: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays:**

Join us at noon on zoom for Meditation Group. All are welcome to join in for meditation and fellowship. Contact the parish office or check the weekly eNews for the zoom link.

### **Prayer Group: 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Mondays:**

Our Prayer Group will meet at noon on zoom. This is a virtual space to pray as a group for those in need. All are welcome to join. Contact the parish office or check the weekly eNews for the zoom link.

*Celebrant* Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us an offering and sacrifice to God.

*Please stand*

### **Offertory Hymn 690 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"**

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,  
pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty;

hold me with thy powerful hand;  
bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
feed me now and evermore,  
feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain,  
whence the healing stream doth flow;  
let the fire and cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through;  
strong deliverer, strong deliverer.  
be thou still my strength and shield,  
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside;  
death of death, and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side;  
songs of praises, songs of praises,  
I will ever give to thee,  
I will ever give to thee.

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### The Great Thanksgiving

*Celebrant*     The Lord be with you.

*All*             **And also with you.**

*Celebrant*     Lift up your hearts.

*All*             **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant*     Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All*             **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant continues*

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we say,

*Celebrant and People*

**All Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

*The Celebrant continues*

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*Celebrant and People*

**All**        **We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

*The Celebrant continues*

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

**All**        **Amen.**

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**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

**All 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.**

*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.

**Solo by Matthew Johnson** “How Deep the Father's Love for Us”

*As you listen to the music selections, we invite you to pray silently the prayer of spiritual communion if you are virtually joining us or the post-communion prayer if you are in person and have received communion.*

### **Prayer of Spiritual Reception** *(silently)*

Lord Jesus, I cannot now worship you at the altar of the church in this Sacrament of your Body and Blood, yet in spirit I receive this bread and this wine in my heart, mind, and spirit. Visit me, I pray, with your mercy, pardon, and blessing, and fill me with faith and love and repentance, and so strengthen and sustain me by your grace that I may with pure heart and mind follow you, the only God, now and ever. Amen.

**Post-Communion Prayer** *(silently)*

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.

*We encourage you in this time to reflect on what has stood out for you in our worship together. What is God inviting you to in the week ahead?*

**Blessing** *(please stand)*

*Celebrant* Remember friends, as we go, that life is short. And we have too little time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us. So be swift to love, make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, & Holy Spirit, be with you now and remain with you always. Amen.

**Closing Hymn 414** “God, My King, Thy Might Confessing”

God, my king, thy might confessing,  
ever will I bless thy name;  
day by day thy throne addressing,  
still will I thy praise proclaim.

Honor great our God befitteth;  
who his majesty can reach?  
Age to age his works transmitteth;  
age to age his pow'r shall teach.

They shall talk of all thy glory,  
on thy might and greatness dwell,  
speak of thy great acts the story,  
and thy deeds of wonder tell.

Nor shall fail from mem'ry's treasure  
works by love and mercy wrought:  
works of love surpassing measure,  
works of mercy passing thought.

Full of kindness and compassion,  
slow to anger, vast in love,  
God is good to all creation;  
all his works his goodness prove.

**Dismissal**

*Celebrant*      Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*All*              **Thanks be to God.**