



St. Christopher's Episcopal Church

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FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Celebrant
Deacon
Family Minister
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Seminarists
Music

The Rev. Alyssa Stebbing
The Rev. Vicki Knipp
Lyssa Williford, Director
Scott Cummings
Christina Allen and Casey Clough
Ann Vail, Director of Music
Michael Davis, Piano
John Cotten, Guitar
St. Christopher's Choir

Visitors

Welcome! We are so blessed you've joined us for worship today. Please connect by text, email, phone. **Childcare** is available for Formation and Worship.

Restrooms

Church: near the Nursery. Parish Hall: to the right as you enter.

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The Connection enewsletter

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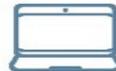
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Worship Schedule (see also The Connection)

Acolyte
Beau

Epistoler
Roberta

Flowers
Cactus

Nursery
Athena

Altar Guild
Braden and Karen

Eucharistic Minister
Michael

Godly Play
Lyssa and Kathy

Ushers
Diane and Scott

Bell Ringer
Gabbi

Fellowship
Jean, Diane, Sara

Lector
Roberta

Vestry of the Day
Rob and tba

Sunday | 9a Nursery | 9a Adult Form. | 10a Children's Form. | 10a Holy Eucharist, Rite II | 11a Fellowship

Monday | 9a Morning Prayer **Wednesday** | noon House of Prayer

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FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

As the Prelude begins we invite you to you to finish conversations and find a place in the nave to prepare for worship.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

(Please kneel as you are able)

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

(Please stand as you are able and join in singing.)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Hymnal 1982, # 149

1 Eternal Lord of love, behold your Church
walking once more the pilgrim way of Lent,
led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,
moved by your love and
toward your presence bent:
far off yet here the goal of all desire.

3 If dead in you, so in you we arise,
you the first-born of all the faithful dead;
and as through stony ground
the green shoots break, glorious in spring-
time dress of leaf and flower,
so in the Father's glory shall we wake.

2 So daily dying to the way of self,
so daily living to your way of love,
we walk the road, Lord Jesus, that you trod,
knowing ourselves baptized into your death:
so we are dead and live with you in God.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed be the God of our salvation
Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.

(Please kneel, as you are able)

DECALOGUE

BCP, p. 350

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 CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP, p. 352

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

ABSOLUTION

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.

During the singing of the Trisagion, children will follow the cross and return at the Peace.

TRISAGION

HYMNAL 1982, # S102

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray

COLLECT FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

BCP, p. 217

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

(Please be seated for the readings)

FIRST LESSON:

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESPONSE

Psalm 32

The response is from Psalm 32, Please sing in unison.



- 1 Happy are they whose trans | gressions are for | given, *
and whose | sin is put away!
 - 2 Happy are they to whom the Lord im | putes no guilt, *
and in whose | spirit | there is no guile!
 - 3 While I held my tongue, my bones | withered away, *
because of my | groaning all day long.
 - 4 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 trans | gressions 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.
 - 8 You are my hiding-place;
you pre | serve me from trouble; *
you surround me with | shouts of de | liverance.
 - 9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that | you should go; *
I will | guide you with my eye.
 - 10 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 tribu | lations of the wicked; *
but mercy embraces | those who trust in the Lord.
 - 12 Be glad, you righteous, and re | joice in the Lord; *
shout for joy, | all who are true of heart.
- Glory to the Father, and to the | Son, and to the Holy | Spirit,*
as it was in the beginning, is | now, and will be forever. A | men.

EPISTLE:

Romans 5:12-19

A reading from the Letter Paul to the Romans.

As sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned— sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able and join in singing.)

SEQUENCE HYMN

Hymnal 1982, # 691

1 My faith looks up to thee,
thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray,
take all my guilt away;
O let me from this day
be wholly thine.

2 May thy rich grace impart
strength to my fainting heart,
my zeal inspire;
as thou hast died for me,
O may my love to thee
pure, warm, and changeless be,
a living fire.

GOSPEL:

Matthew 4:1-11

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written,

‘One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,’
and ‘On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.’”

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you Lord Christ

SEQUENCE HYMN

Hymnal 1982, # 691

3 While life’s dark maze I tread,
and griefs around me spread,
be thou my guide;
bid darkness turn to day;

wipe sorrow’s tears away,
nor let me ever stray
from thee aside

(Please be seated for the sermon.)

SERMON

Casey Clough, Seminarian

(Please stand as you are able)

NICENE CREED

BCP, p 358

Deacon

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection, let us proclaim our faith in the words of 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.

(Please kneel or continue standing as you are able)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deacon

God of Wisdom and Mercy, look upon us with compassion; hear and answer our prayers as may be best for us as we say, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

The Leader and People pray responsively

Call your church to repentance for the ways in which we stray from our Lord's example and give us strength to follow him fearlessly and without reservation.

We pray for the whole Anglican Communion, and for Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury.

We pray for our own church, for Sean our Presiding Bishop, for Andy, Kai, Jeff, Brian, and Hector our bishops, for St. Luke's on the Lake, Austin, St. Mark's, Austin, St. Mary Magdalene, Manor, St. Mary's, Lampasas, and for our whole diocese.

We pray for our parish, for Alyssa our priest; Vicki our deacon, Lyssa, our family minister, Casey and Christina, our seminarians, and all our leaders and ministers.

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Let the way of Jesus be an inspiration for all who hold authority in our nation and around the world, that they might seek justice, practice kindness, and work together to establish peace.

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Grant us an awareness of temptations that turn us away from God and keep us from respecting the dignity of every human being, and empower us to express our faith with courage and commitment.

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Strengthen us and give us the perseverance and wisdom to care for your creation so that we might ensure a world where future generations might thrive.

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Grant your healing presence to all who suffer and keep us mindful of their needs, that they may know wholeness and healing, resting in the assurance of their beloved-ness.

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Take the dead into your loving care, watch over the grieving with tenderness, and bring us, with all the saints in every generation, into your new age.

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Silence

The Deacon concludes with Intercessions

Celebrant

Lord, like your earliest disciples we do not fully understand the mysteries of your love and we sometimes willfully ignore the truth of your word. Empower us to do your will and forgive us and restore us when we fall short. All this we ask through our Lord and redeemer, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and always. **Amen**

(Please stand as you are able)

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of Jesus Christ.

(Please be seated for the announcements)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY BLESSING

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

BCP, p. 376

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Keith Getty

1 In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My comforter, my all in all
Here, in the love of Christ, I stand

3 There in the ground, His body lay
Light of the world, by darkness, slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave, He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

2 In Christ alone, who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
'Til on that cross, as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For ev'ry sin, on Him, was laid
Here, in the death of Christ, I live

4 No guilt in life, no fear in death;
this is the pow'r of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man
can ever pluck me from His hand;
'til He returns or calls me home,
here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

(Please stand as you are able)

DOXOLOGY

Hymnal 1982, # 43

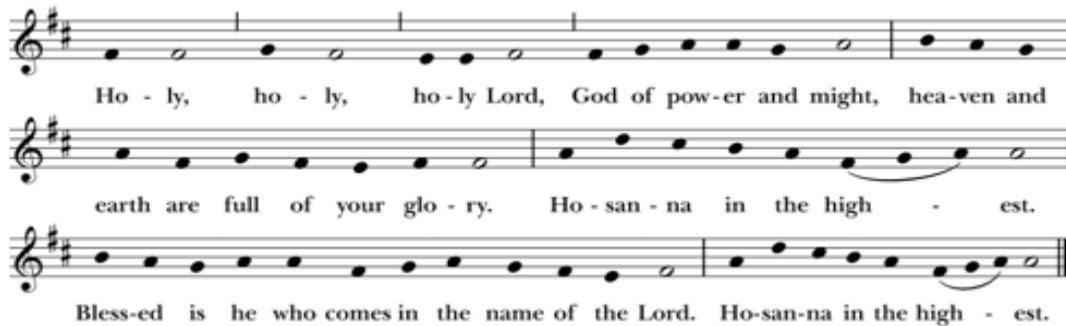
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

(Please remain standing or kneeling as you are able)

SANCTUS

Hymnal 1982, # S 125



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God,...

Therefore, according to his command, O Father

Celebrant and People say together.

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, ...

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

LORD'S PRAYER

BCP, p. 364

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

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

FRACTION ANTHEM

Hymnal 1982, # S 169

Musical score for "Fraction Anthem" (Hymnal 1982, # S 169). The score is written on a single treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of four lines of music with lyrics underneath. The first line is marked "Cantor or Choir" and begins with a repeat sign. The second line has two first endings: the first is marked "1 All" and the second is marked "2 Cantor or Choir". The third line is marked "All" and ends with a double bar line. The fourth line concludes the piece with a double bar line.

My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in -
deed, says the Lord. My Lord. Those who eat my
flesh and drink my blood dwell in me and I in them. My
flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

INVITATION

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.

Please follow the guidance of the ushers to approach the altar to receive communion. Gluten free wafers available. If you would prefer you may receive a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest. Please ask an usher if you need communion brought to you.

(Please sit or kneel as you prefer after receiving Holy Communion)

Communion Hymn

Hymnal 1982, # 316

1 This is the hour of banquet and of song;
this is the heavenly table spread for me;
here let me feast, and feasting, still prolong
the brief, bright hour of fellowship with thee.

2 Too soon we rise; we go our several ways;
the feast, though not the love, is past and gone,
the Bread and Wine consumed: yet all our days
thou still art here with us—our Shield and Sun.

3 Feast after feast thus comes
and passes by, yet, passing,
points to the glad feast above,
giving us foretaste of the festal joy,
the Lamb's great marriage
feast of bliss and love

Communion Praise Song

Michael Ledner

You are my hiding place
You always fill my heart
With songs of deliverance
Whenever I am afraid

I will trust in You
I will trust in You
Let the weak say I am strong
In the strength of the Lord

Communion Hymn

Taize

Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom.
Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom.

(Please kneel or stand as you are able)

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

BCP, p. 365

Let us pray.

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.

BLESSING

(Please stand or continue standing and join in singing)

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Hymnal 1982, # 559

1 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
for we have no help but thee,
yet possessing every blessing,
if our God our Father be.

3 Spirit of our God, descending,
fill our hearts with heavenly joy;
love with every passion blending,
pleasure that can never cloy;
thus provided, pardoned, guided,
nothing can our peace destroy. Amen.

2 Savior, breathe forgiveness o'er us;
all our weakness thou dost know;
thou didst tread this earth before us;
thou didst feel its keenest woe;
yet unfearing, persevering,
to thy passion thou didst go.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

*Thank you for joining us in worship today.
Please know that your participation
with us has been a blessing.*

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Please help us keep our Prayer List current.

Please send any updates for the Prayer List to the office at office@stchristx.org

Prayers for Healing, Comfort, and Peace: Sally, Mike, Elizabeth, Bob, George, Finn, Hailey, Judy, Ian, Elena, Paula, Bobby, Mary, Caroline, Alison, Ward, Mary, MJ, Erin, Robert, Pam, Joe, Cheryl, Ray, Michael, Nick, Samuel, Nicholas, Jean, Nate, Shannon, Winn, Diana, June, Linda, Beth, Randa, Andy

Prayers for those in Service to Our Country: Kenyon, Daniel, Cale, Joshua, Joyce

Prayers for Expectant Mothers: Pam, Kaitlyn

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please check the Connection for ministry schedules and additional announcements or scan the QR code.

Lenten Series: Poets and Provocateurs | Feb 25 - Mar 25, 5:30 - 7p

We will be reading Psalms and some Prophets in the context of our Lenten observance. Led by Dr. Steve Bishop, OT Professor at Seminary of the Southwest.

Diocesan Council | Feb 27 - 28

Please pray for our delegates, Colleen Horner, Matt Davila, Michael Welch, and Renee Sinicki, and our clergy, Rev Alyssa, and Deacon Vicki.

Daughters of the King Meeting | Sat, Mar 7, 9:30 - 11:30a

Daughters, please mark your calendars for a very special DOK Saturday. The Rev. Victoria Mason will be sharing parts of her journey with us.

Family Lenten Retreat | Sun, Mar 8, 11a

Inviting all families to stay after church for a little Lenten program. We will cover the week three family challenge from the "Love Builds Up" booklet.

Migration with Dignity Prayer Vigil and Food Drive | Wed, Mar 11 @ 6:30

Interfaith prayer vigil for refugees, asylum seekers, and other immigrants at St. David's (301 E 8th). Participants are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items. Meal available @ 5:30 for \$10 donation. Parking is free.

Community Iftar Dinner/Gathering | Sun, Mar 15, 6:45 - 8p @ St Alban's

Ramadan is the month when Muslims focus on prayer, charity, and thanking God for God's blessings. Fasting takes place from dawn to sunset, and the fast-breaking is a truly sacred moment. Registration link in the Connection.

