



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL
HOUSTON, TEXAS

Third Sunday in Lent

March 7, 2021

11 a.m.

We welcome you to Christ Church Cathedral. Since 1839, this Christian community has gathered for worship.

Welcome to Christ Church Cathedral! We are so pleased you have chosen to worship with us. Bishop Doyle has issued guidelines to keep us all safe in this season of COVID-19, so in-person worship will look and feel different from the worship to which we are accustomed.

If you must leave the service for any reason, please exit through the east transept door and return through the bell porch door.

You will be seated at least 6 feet from any individuals not in your household to ensure physical distancing guidelines. Due to evidence of community viral spread through singing, a soloist or small choral ensemble will provide sacred music. We ask that you experience the music without singing along. At the Holy Eucharist, only bread will be shared. This is called “Communion in one kind,” and it is a full measure of grace.

Know that as you worship in the Cathedral, you are joined in real-time by hundreds of fellow worshippers through livestreaming technology. If you have concerns about your health or safety, or that of the people in your household, worshipping with the Cathedral online will continue to be an option. We love you and want you to do what is best for you and those you love!

Let us prepare our hearts to worship the Lord!

The Holy Eucharist: Rite One

THE VERY REV. BARKLEY S. THOMPSON, *Dean*
Celebrant

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

Dies sind die heiligen zehn Gebot (These are the holy Ten Commandments), BWV 678

CHORAL INTROIT

Tone VII

V. Mine eyes are ever looking unto the Lord, for he shall pluck my feet out of the net:

R. Look thou upon me, and have mercy upon me, for I am desolate, and in misery.

HYMN 388

Hanover

1 O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove!
2 O tell of his might! O sing of his grace!

1 O grate - ful - ly sing his power and his love!
2 Whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space.

1 Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
2 His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,

1 pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor, and gird - ed with praise.
2 and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

The Word of God

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

People **His mercy endureth for ever.**

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

KYRIE ELEISON S 89

Hans Leo Hassler (1564–1612);
arr. James McGregor

Kyrie eleison.

Christe eleison.

Kyrie eleison.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, who seest that we have no power of 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 liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Exodus 20:1–17

Then God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder.

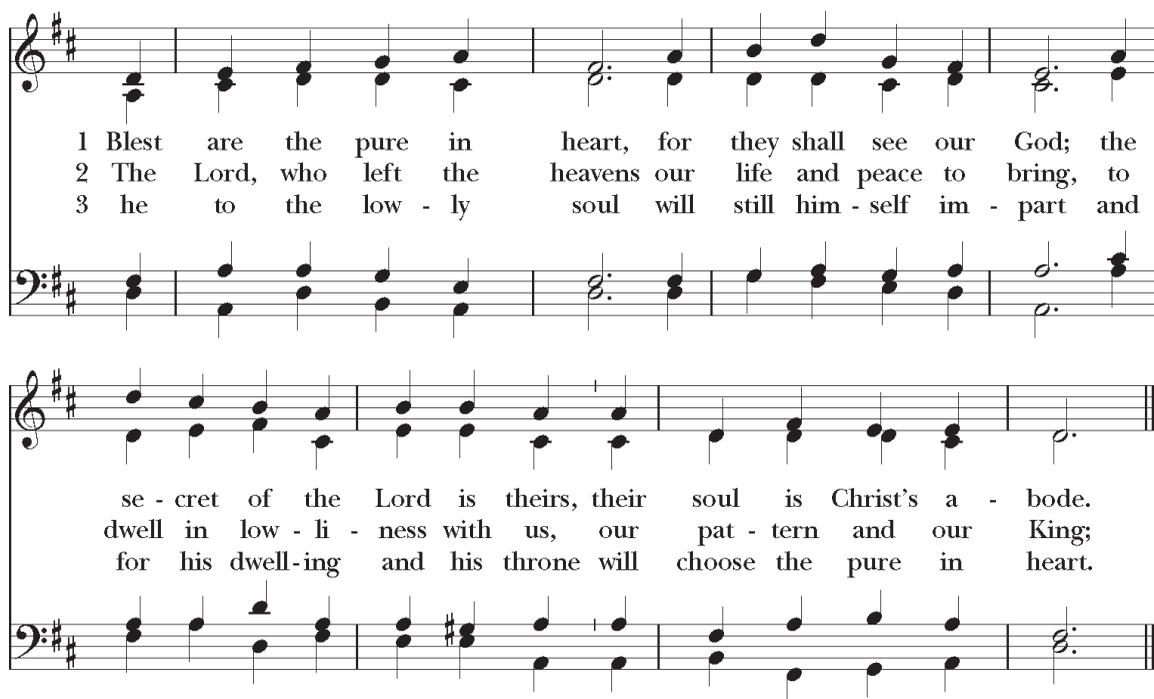
You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 656

Franconia



1 Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God; the
2 The Lord, who left the heavens our life and peace to bring, to
3 he to the low - ly soul will still him - self im - part and
se - cret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's a - bode.
dwell in low - li - ness with us, our pat - tern and our King;
for his dwell - ing and his throne will choose the pure in heart.

Words: Sts. 1 and 3, John Keble (1792-1866), alt.; sts. 2 and 4, William John Hall (1793-1861), alt.
Music: *Franconia*, melody Johann Balthasar König (1691-1758); adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 2:13-22

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his

body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Becky Zartman,
Canon Missioner for Evangelism and Formation

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

In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishops; Justin, The Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, Andrew, Jeff, Kai, and Hector, our Bishops, for Jeremy and Beth Anne our seminarians, for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God.

Pray that they may find and be found by God.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed.

Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Lord, hear the prayers of thy people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept.

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against thee
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in thy will,
and walk in thy ways,
to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

The Priest, stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.

Matthew 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 3:16

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

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

The Holy Communion

AT THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM

Orlando Gibbons (1583–1625)

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities, stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us: through Christ our Lord. Amen.

— collect, “*The Book of Common Prayer*”

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts;

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The People kneel or stand.

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Celebrant and People

**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

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

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Episcopal Church invites all baptized persons to receive Communion. Please remain in your pew, and priests will bring Communion to you. If you do not wish to receive Communion, cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing. Gluten-free communion wafers are available for persons with dietary restrictions. Notify the priest during the administration and one will be offered.

AT THE ADMINISTRATION

ANTHEM

Thomas Mudd (c.1560–1632)

Let thy merciful ears, O Lord, be open unto the prayers of thy humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

— *Collect for the Tenth Sunday after Trinity,*

“The Book of Common Prayer,” 1662

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE BLESSING

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Johann Sebastian Bach

Wir glaubden all an einen Gott (We all believe in one God), BWV 680

Vocal Quartet: Blair Doerge-Albert, Emily Premont, Justin Shen, Joel Goodloe

Music Notes

Today's service opens with, "O worship the King," a paraphrase of Psalm 136 ranked among the most popular hymns of all time. *The Hymnal 1982 Companion* reports that "since 1750 it has appeared in almost every major hymnbook in the English-speaking world." When it first appeared in an Episcopal hymnal in 1871 the music was attributed to G.F. Handel (1685–1759). Later it was thought that William Croft (1678–1727), a noted composer in his day, was the author. *The Hymnal 1982* attributes the tune to him. However, the most recent scholarship has determined that Croft, who for a time shared organist responsibilities at the Chapel Royal with Jeremiah Clarke of *Trumpet Voluntary* fame, is not the composer, either, and this strikingly bold tune, so favored over the years, must go unclaimed. — *RLS*

The Book of Remembrance

This week we remember Thomas Michael Cassin.

The Beauty of Flowers

The flowers on the Cathedral Altar are given to the glory of God in loving memory of their mother, Dorothy Knox Howe Houghton, their father, Thomas Woodward Houghton, their grandmother, Dorothy Trone Howe Dupree, and their grandfather, Knox Briscoe Howe, by Rowena Houghton Dasch and Adele Houghton.

Welcome

Sunday, March 7, 2021

Announcements

❖ TODAY

Robert C. Stuart Lenten series • The 2021 theme is New Creation! The Ministry of Reconciliation. Exploring the concept of reconciliation through theology and the lens of self, family and nation, top scholars and thinkers will visit with us to help us explore how reconciliation leads to new creation and life. Join us today at 2 p.m., as Dr. Karl Pillemer discusses reconciliation of Family. Dr. Pillemer is the Hazel E. Reed Professor in the Department of Human Development, Professor of Gerontology in Medicine at Weill Cornell Medicine and directs the Cornell Legacy Project. He is currently researching causes and consequences of estrangement in families. Learn more and register to attend at christchurchcathedral.org/lent.

Easter Lilies • Easter Lilies are a long-standing tradition at Christ Church Cathedral. They are considered symbols of purity, innocence, new life, and resurrection and are used to adorn Christ Church Cathedral on Easter Sunday. These flowers can be given in memory, honor, or thanksgiving this Easter. Orders received by the evening of March 7 will be listed in the Easter dedications booklet. Send questions to Lisa Viktorin. Learn more at christchurchcathedral.org/easterlilies/

❖ **Musical Meditations for Lent** • Each Friday at 10 a.m. during the season of Lent a new video will be released featuring professional musicians from the Cathedral community. Watch the performance from Friday March 5 by Jeanne Kierman Fischer and Norman Fischer as they perform Felix Mendelssohn's "Song without Words" on piano and cello. And don't miss Canon for Music Bob Simpson's organ performance Friday, March 12. See the latest videos and the full schedule at christchurchcathedral.org/musicalmeditations.

❖ **Making Our Home for Faith Podcast** • Join Cathedral Youth this season in the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word. This week listen to Yuna O'Brien as she reads "Interiority" by Archbishop Oscar Romero. You can find it wherever you get your podcasts, or at christchurchcathedral.org/hffpodcast.

❖ **Making Our Home for Faith: Lent, Holy Week, and Easter** • In the Fall the Cathedral produced the *Making Our Home for Faith* booklet as a resource to enrich our spiritual practice in daily life. The Adult Formation Council has developed a new resource which is meant to serve as a companion to the first *Making Our Home for Faith* booklet. It contains additional liturgies and activities for marking this most holy time. Resources available at christchurchcathedral.org/homeforfaith

❖ **How to make a donation online** • Visit christchurchcathedral.org/give for a variety of ways to make a gift to the Cathedral, including via PayPal and our new "text-to-give" option. Simply text "Give" to 888-998-1634, and follow the instructions. If you have questions, contact Minister for Stewardship Karen Kraycirik at kkraycirik@christchurchcathedral.org or 713-590-3338.