

LENT 5

Sunday Worship

at Christ Church

Welcome

The Decalogue

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 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 Collect of the Day

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Opening Song *Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone*

Amazing grace how sweet the sound

That saved a wretch like me

I once was lost but now I'm 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

Refrain

My chains are gone I've been set free

My God my Savior has ransomed me

And like a flood His mercy rains

Unending love amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me

His word my hope secures

He will my shield and portion be

As long as life endures (refrain x2)

**The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine
You are forever mine**

The First Lesson *Romans 6:15-23*

What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification. For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Psalter *Psalms 130* (in unison)

Out of the deep have I called unto you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice.

O let your ears consider well the voice of my supplications.

If you, Lord, were to mark what is done amiss, O Lord, who could abide it?

For there is mercy with you; therefore you shall be feared.

I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; in his word is my trust.

My soul waits for the Lord, more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning.

O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

The Second Lesson *John 11:1-44*

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent to him, saying, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it he said, "This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." After saying these things, he said to them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover." Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus has died, and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with

him.” Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?” She said to him, “Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.” When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. And he said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” Jesus wept. So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?” Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me.” When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out.” The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Sermon The Rev. Dr. Jady Koch, *Associate Rector*

Sequence Song *Great Are You Lord*

You give life You are love

You bring light to the darkness

You give hope You restore ev'ry heart that is broken

And great are You Lord

Refrain

It's Your breath in our lungs

So we pour out our praise

We pour out our praise

It's Your breath in our lungs

So we pour out our praise to You only (Repeat)

*And all the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry these bones will sing
Great are You Lord* (repeat to refrain)

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
and 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 Lord's Prayer

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 Prayers of the People

The Leader and people pray responsively.

Having confidence in God's mercy, let us pray.

Let's give thanks for God's good gifts.

In Your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Let's pray for peace at home and abroad.

In Your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Let's pray for justice in our government.

In Your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Let's pray for the ministry of Christ Church and the Church throughout the world.

I ask your prayers for our local and global outreach ministries. We give thanks for our local ministry partner, East Cooper Meals on Wheels, as they minister to our neighbors who deal with the basic necessity of putting food on their tables. Thank you Lord for our Christ Church members who faithfully prepare and package meals for the Meals on Wheels weekend ministry and for those who deliver meals to recipients' homes. Lord, we ask that this program continue to flourish and that You continue to stir up within all of us here at Christ Church the passion to embody the gospel and serve others, all for Your glory.

In Your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Let's pray for all who suffer in any way: in body, mind, spirit, or circumstance.

In Your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Let's pray for those who have died.

In Your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

O mighty and most merciful God, in this time of the coronavirus pandemic and all other perils of our world, we flee to you for strength and protection. Deliver us, we beseech you, from our peril; give skill and success to all those who minister to the sick, by prospering the means made use of for their care and cure; and grant that, perceiving how frail and uncertain our life is, we may apply our hearts to that heavenly wisdom which leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** - *1928 Book of Common Prayer, adapted*

With all our heart and with all our mind, we pray for Your kingdom to come and Your will to be done.

In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit; Amen.

Confession of Sin and Absolution

Deacon: Now as a community of fallen people, who are eager for the opportunity to seek the grace of God in Jesus Christ to stand anew, let us together with true regret yet with deep hope confess our sins.

People: Almighty God, you have called us to be the church, to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our lonely and confused world. Yet we acknowledge, that, too often, we are more apathetic than active, isolated than involved, callous than compassionate, obstinate than obedient, legalistic than loving. Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins. Remove the obstacles preventing us from being your representatives to a broken world. Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit. This we pray in Jesus' powerful name. Amen.

Officiant: Almighty God our heavenly Father, who has promised to forgive the sins of all who turn to Him with faith, have mercy on you, pardon and free you from all your sins, strengthen you in doing good, and keep you in eternal life. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Concluding Collect

Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Announcements

Closing Song *How firm a foundation*

*How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
to you that for refuge to Jesus have fled?*

*"Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed!
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.*

*The soul that to Jesus hath fled for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell shall endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."*

The Blessing

The Dismissal

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Prayers of the People

Howard Althen
Phyllis & Gerry Althen
John Auld
Jan Aydlette
Bernie & Linda Baker
Pat Barrie
Scott Barrie
Joshua Bellacicco
Anne Belser
John Bond
Bill Cantrell
Brooke Carter
Scott Coker
Frank Collins
Belle Croft
Elvis Family
Fisher Family
Kim Flint
Forte Family
Ann & Andrew Furmanchik
Chris Goodson
Richard Gray
Hansen Family
Jami Hemmenway
Doug & Ginny Henderson
Penny & Kelly Jenkins
Libby Lewis
Bill & Louise Miller
Pat & Wayne Outlaw
Bruce Padgett
Patterson Family
Louise Perry
Gary & Ellen Pruitt
Joe Quick
Debbie Sweeney
Gary White
Patricia White & Family
Nancy Willms

Expectant Mothers

Anne Marion
Amanda Sito

Homebound

Frances Cheatham
Pat McCullough
Sarah Miller
Becky Tuten
Grace Young

Deployed Military

Brian Boyer
Michael Dean
Mary Emily Slott

Please pray for all men and women serving in the military; and for Bishop Qampicha and the Diocese of Marsabit, Kenya, especially our Tree Church Partners in Game, Elebor, Maikona, Goro Rukesa, and Badasa; and for our Haitian partners in the Church of the Holy Spirit.

Are you or a family member in need of prayer? Please contact the Church Office at 843.884.9090 or email khunter@christch.org to be added to the Prayer List for 60 days.