



# CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

MARTINSVILLE, VIRGINIA

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The Third Sunday in Lent

March 24, 2019

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10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist, Rite I

Proclamation:

*You Are My All in All*

Dennis Jernigan

You are my strength  
When I am weak  
You are the treasure  
That I seek  
You are my all in all  
Seeking You as a precious jew'l  
Lord to give up I'd be a fool  
You are my all in all  
  
Jesus Lamb of God  
Worthy is Your name  
Jesus Lamb of God  
Worthy is Your name  
Taking my sin  
My cross my shame

Rising again I bless Your name  
You are my all in all  
When I fall down You pick me up  
When I am dry You fill my cup  
You are my all in all  
Jesus Lamb of God  
Worthy is Your name  
Jesus Lamb of God  
Worthy is Your name  
Oh My  
Jesus Lamb of God  
Worthy is Your name  
Jesus Lamb of God  
Worthy is Your name

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Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

**People:** *His mercy endureth for ever.*

*The Celebrant says*

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.*

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

**Kyrie**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

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.**

### 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."

Celebrant: The Word of the Lord

**People:** *Thanks be to God*

### Psalms 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.

### 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.

Celebrant: The Word of the Lord

**People:** *Thanks be to God*

**Sequence Music:**

*I Bless You*

Dennis Jernigan

I bless you with joy and peace  
And love that won't let go  
I bless you with grace and faith  
And fire in your soul

I bless you with dreams and visions  
Most men don't know of  
I bless you with deeper knowledge  
Of our Fathers love

I bless you with joy and laughter  
I bless you with a steadfast faith  
I bless you with the hopes and dreams  
That your heart goes after  
I bless you with amazing grace

I bless you with the heart of a warrior  
Grace to stand and fight  
I bless you with brothers  
Who will stand right by your side

I bless you with courage  
'Til the battles have been won  
I bless you with the faith to hear your  
father  
Say well done well done

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### Luke 13:1-9

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke

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

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.'"

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord

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

## The Sermon

Rev. Nicholas Hull

## 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

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers especially *Justin, Michael, Mark, Jonathan, and Nick*; that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land *especially Donald our president and Ralph our governor; and our city and county leaders*, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. *Let us pray for* .....

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And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

### The Confession of Sin and Absolution

*Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.*

*Minister and People*

Almighty God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
maker of all things, judge of all men:  
We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins  
and wickedness,  
which we from time to time most grievously have committed,  
by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty,  
provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.  
We do earnestly repent,  
and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;  
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us,  
the burden of them is intolerable.  
Have mercy upon us,  
have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that we may ever hereafter  
serve and please thee in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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*

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 2:1-2*

### The Peace, Announcements

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

**People:** *And with thy spirit.*

### Offertory Anthem:

*I Am the Bread of Life*

Hymn 335

1 I am the bread of life; they who come to me shall not hunger; they who believe in me shall not thirst. No one can come to me unless the Father draw them. And I will raise them up, and I will raise them up, and I will raise them up on the last day.

2 The bread that I will give is my Flesh for the life of the world, and they who eat of this bread, they shall live for ever, they shall live for ever. And I will raise them up, and I will raise them up, and I will raise them up on the last day.

3 Unless you eat of the Flesh of the Son of Man and drink of his Blood,

you shall not have life within you, you shall not have life within you. And I will raise them up, and I will raise them up, and I will raise them up on the last day.

4 I am the resurrection, I am the life. They who believe in me, even if they die, they shall live for ever. And I will raise them up, and I will raise them up, and I will raise them up on the last day.

5 Yes, Lord we believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God who has come into the world. And I will raise them up, and I will raise them up, and I will raise them up on the last day.

### The Doxology:

Hymn 380 verse 3

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

### 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 burden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Who dost bid thy faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal

feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by thy Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which thou hast prepared for those who love thee. 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 (Celebrant and People)**

*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, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of 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, he brake 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 ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, 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, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, 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; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

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

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

#### The Lord's Prayer (People and Celebrant)

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 Bread

*Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.*

*People: Therefore let us keep the feast.*

*Agnus Dei: "O Lamb of God"*

*All:* O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
grant us thy peace.

*All:* We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

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.

Communion Chant: *He will overshadow you with his pinions*

Psalm 91



**Communion Music:**  
Green

The Lord is My Shepherd

Keith and Melody

The Lord is my Shepherd I shall not want,  
He makes me lie down in green pastures.  
He leads me beside the still waters,  
He restoreth my soul  
And guides my path in righteousness  
For His name's sake.  
Surely goodness and loving kindness  
Shall follow me all the days of my life.  
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord  
Forever and ever and ever.

I will not fear, Thou art with me.  
Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.  
Thou preparest a table  
Before me in the presence of my enemies.  
Thou anointest my head with oil,  
My cup's overflowing.

Surely goodness and loving kindness  
Shall follow me all the days of my life;  
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord  
Forever and ever and ever.

Though I walk through the valley of the  
shadow of death,

The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want.

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**The Post Communion Prayer**

*Let us pray*

*People*

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.*

**Communion Music**

*Wade in the Water*

Wade in the water  
Wade in the water, children,  
Wade in the water  
God's a-going to trouble the water  
See that host all dressed in white  
God's a-going to trouble the water  
The leader looks like the Israelite  
God's a-going to trouble the water  
See that band all dressed in red  
God's a-going to trouble the water

Looks like the band that Moses led  
God's a-going to trouble the water

Look over yonder, what do you see?  
God's a-going to trouble the water  
The Holy Ghost a-coming on me  
God's a-going to trouble the water

If you don't believe I've been redeemed  
God's a-going to trouble the water  
Just follow me down to the Jordan's stream  
God's a-going to trouble the water

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**Dismissal**

My friends, life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us, so be swift to love and make haste to be kind and go forth in the name of Christ.

*During the penitential season of Lent, there will be no Alleluias and no flowers on the Altar or in the Narthex for regular Sunday services*

**Monthly Prayer List:** Hannah “Lou” Shelton, Julia Hall, George R. Lewis, Scott Derks, Marie, Peggy, Margaret Quintard, George Scouras, George Lester, Pam Robertson, John McAdams, Hilda Olson, Billy and Marcy Smith, Missy Lannom, Tommy, Lauren Prince, Peggy Crowley, Mike Schull, Sarah Jarrett, Jane Spilman, Margie, Mary Lou Sloan, Paul Huckfeldt, Will Freeland, Norborne Cartter Page Cole, Matt Kennelly, Lin Merritt, Larry Farrar, David Stovall, Logan, Mary Ellen and Jean Rowe.

**Please contact the Church office if someone needs to be added or removed from this list.**

We remember in our prayers our companion church of All Saints Keighley and its Priest, Jonathan Pritchard and our Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Mark Bourlakas. The people of St. James Roanoke and their rector, the Rev. Susan Bentley. The Diocese of Haiti and their Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Jean Zache Duracin. The Diocese of Leeds and their Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Nick Baines.

**Youth Group -The Youth group will meet in the Parish House each Sunday from 3:30-5:00pm.**

**Loaves & Fishes - Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>** from 5:30-6:15 pm. They are in need of desserts, various kinds of fruit & people to help serve & clean-up. **To make sure that we have enough desserts, fruit, and are fully staffed for a better overall community ministry and experience, please sign up online under the Volunteer link.**

**Acoustic Music Practice - Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>** at 5:30 pm in the Undercroft.

**Adult Choir Rehearsal - Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>** 6:30 pm.

**Happy Birthday this week to:** 3/24 Madison Hall, Tom Webster; 3/25 Sarah Beth Morrison; 3/27 Lloyd Barber, Caroline LaBass; 3/28 Julia Hall, Peyton Joyce; 3/30 Pete Scouras

**Sock Hop Tickets for Grace Network** - The Church office obtained some tickets to the “Sock Hope @ The Heritage” (formerly Bassett County Club) for **Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm**. The tickets are \$25.00 each and all proceeds go to **Grace Network**.

Please come by the Church office during business hours – Monday thru Thursday 9:00am-5:00pm and Friday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm to purchase tickets. **The office only has 6 tickets and Sue Rosser has 5 tickets so it’s first come, first served.** *CEC is not putting on the Sock Hop. We are helping to support one of our Ministries, Grace Network.*

**Grace Network** - Our Grace Network Assignments for **March 2019: Corn 15 oz. (whole or creamed)**. For the month of **March: Dish Detergent, Deodorant, Laundry Detergent. They are also in need of grocery bags for their food pantry.** Use the Food Lion card for your shopping or give the card to Sue Rosser to shop for Grace Network. “Grace is counting on us to help keep their food pantry balanced. Thank you for supporting this outreach ministry.”

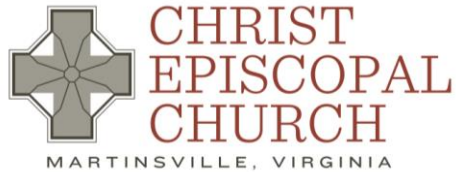
**St Paul’s Episcopal Church’s Giving Closet has reopened and needs your donations!** Our neighbors at St. Paul’s have a Giving Closet to help the people of Martinsville and Henry County who are in need. It is open the 2nd Saturday of each month. In order to help, they are in need of clean, gently used clothing (all sizes for men, women and children); summer and winter coats, gloves, hats, scarves, toys, small household items (dishes, glasses, silverware), blankets, linens, etc. The clothes closet is open the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of each month.

***You can bring your donations to the CEC office during business hours.***

**Kroger Rewards** – CEC’s supporters (25 households) who shopped at **Kroger** between **12-01-18** and **02.-28-19** have contributed to our **\$169.64** total rewards, which is an increase of two families that have enrolled.

If you haven’t already enrolled your Kroger Plus card in the Community Rewards Program at [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com), Christ Church’s NPO number **has changed to VT594**. If you were already using the previous account number, you don’t need to do anything. Kroger’s software had the change for you. Thank you for your continued support of your local Kroger store and CEC.

**The more of our supporters shop with Kroger, the more money CEC will earn! Please contact the Church office if you need assistance in the enrollment.**



## 2019 Lent and Holy Week Schedule

**March 27:** Loaves and Fishes Community Meal from **5:30 pm to 6:15 pm.**

**April 2:** Ecumenical Lenten Luncheon at **Grace Presbyterian** from **12:00 pm to 1:00 pm.**

**April 3:** Evening service at **Smith Memorial Methodist** at **6:30 pm** with Rev. Nicholas Hull presiding. A soup dinner will follow the service.

**April 9:** Ecumenical Lenten Luncheon at **Broad Street Christian** from **12:00 pm to 1:00 pm.**

**April 10:** Public Theology at **Mountain Valley Brewing**, located at 4230 Mountain Valley Rd. in Axton at from **6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.**

## Holy Week

**April 14:** Palm Sunday at **Christ Episcopal Church.** ONE Service at **10:00 am.**

**April 15:** Evensong at **7:00 pm** in the nave.

**April 16:** Evensong at **7:00 pm** in the nave.

**April 17:** Tenebrae at **7:00 pm** in the nave.

**April 18:** Maundy Thursday at **7:00 pm** in the nave.

**April 19:** Good Friday services at **12:00 pm** and **7:00 pm** in the nave.

**April 20:** Easter Vigil at **Lynn and Phil Gardner's Farm** beginning at **7:00 pm**

- The address is **4064 Barrows Mill Rd.**
- **Please arrive at 6:30 pm for the 7:00 pm service**
- Worship will be outside, so please wear shoes and clothes appropriate for the weather.
- Bring a lawn chair.

**April 21:** Easter Day Events:

- **9:00 am** Church breakfast in the Undercroft
- **10:00 am** service with full choir
- Easter Egg Hunt following the 10:00 am service

**April 24:** Loaves and Fishes Community Meal from **5:30 pm to 6:15 pm.**

## *A Prayer for Lenten Grace*

Loving God,

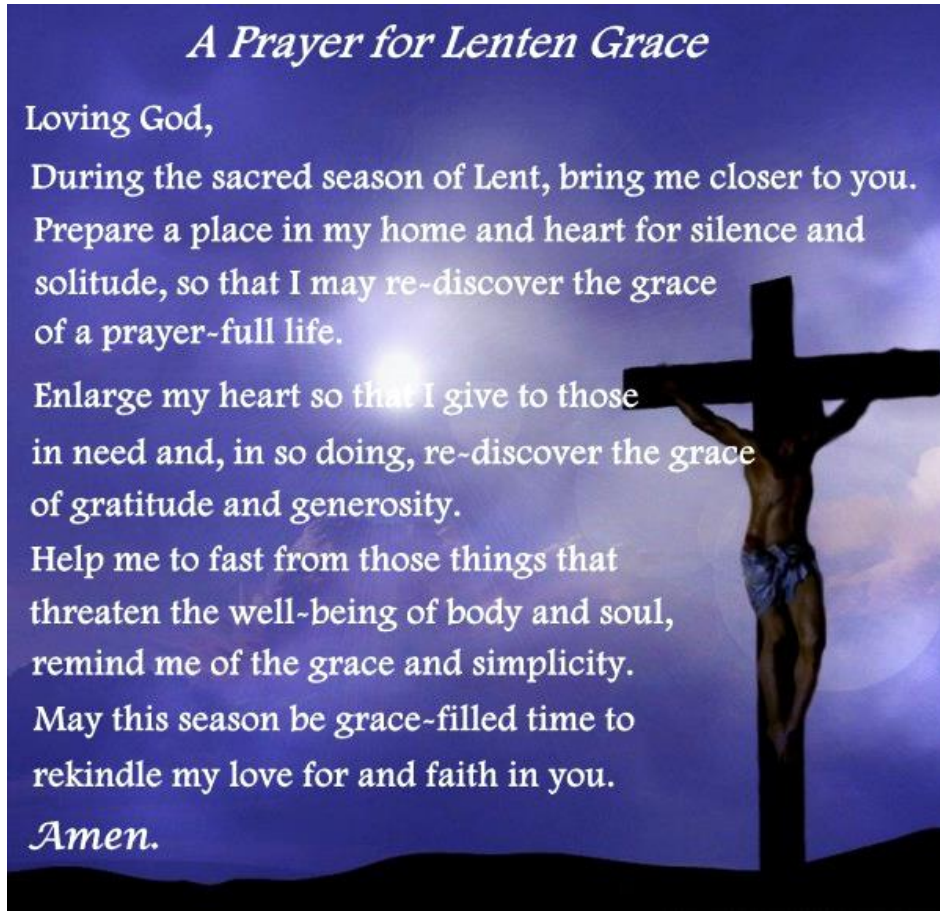
During the sacred season of Lent, bring me closer to you.  
Prepare a place in my home and heart for silence and  
solitude, so that I may re-discover the grace  
of a prayer-full life.

Enlarge my heart so that I give to those  
in need and, in so doing, re-discover the grace  
of gratitude and generosity.

Help me to fast from those things that  
threaten the well-being of body and soul,  
remind me of the grace and simplicity.

May this season be grace-filled time to  
rekindle my love for and faith in you.

*Amen.*



### Thank you to those who serve:

Chalicians: Nancy Spilman, John Swezey  
Lector/prayers: Lee Probst  
Acolytes: Will Gardner  
Torchbearers:  
Ushers: John Franck, Cameron LaBass  
Altar Guild: Team One – Susan Critz, Amy Hooper, Debbie Lewis,  
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