

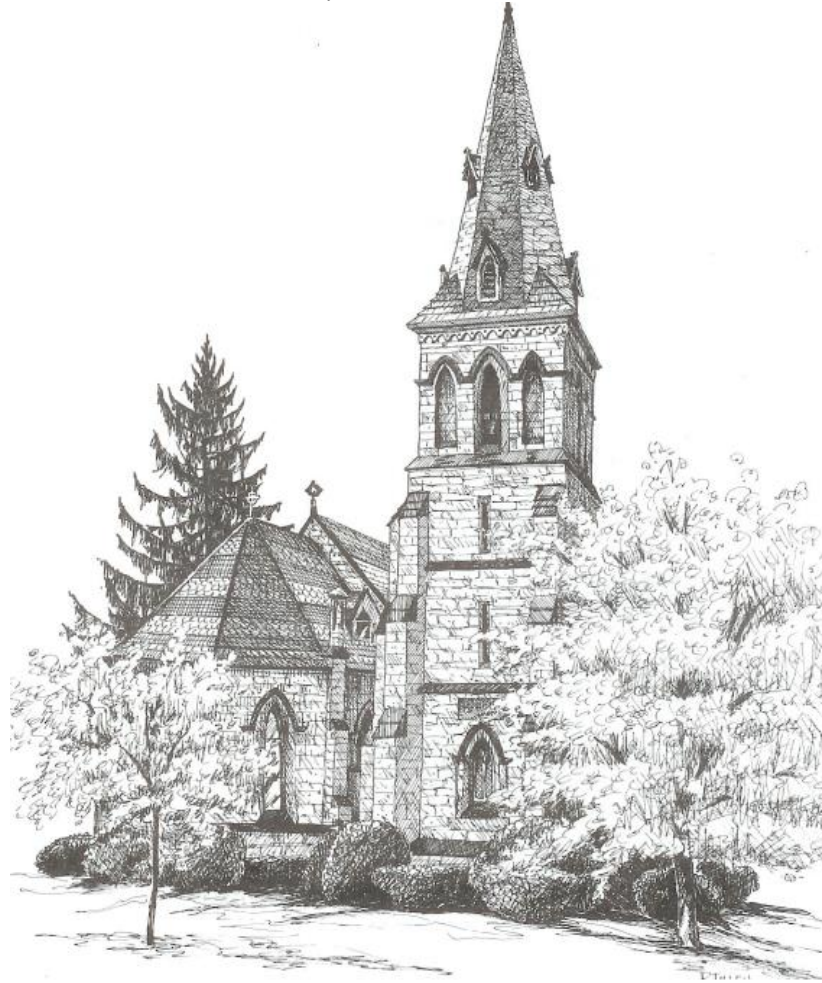
# Welcome to Christ Episcopal Church

## Morning Prayer

*The Fifth Sunday in Lent*

*Sunday, March 17, 2024*

Holy Eucharist, Rite II



### Binghamton's First Church

***Christ Episcopal Church welcomes all to our compassionate, diverse congregation as we strive to know God more deeply through worship, service, and fellowship.***

*Know that whoever you are, wherever you find yourself on your journey of faith, there is a place for you here.*

*The Vestry Greeter and Ushers are available to orient you to the building and assist you; please let them know what you need.*

*We invite everyone to join us for coffee and fellowship in the Great Hall following the service.*

*Receiving communion is an act of deep reverence and joy; we ask that pets not be brought to the altar rail.*

*Please let the usher know that you would like to receive communion, and it will be brought to you at your seat.*

## Voluntary

### Opening Hymn 471

We sing the praise of him who died

*Breslau*

*Officiant* Thus says the high and lofty One who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy, "I dwell in the high and holy place and also with the one who has a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble and to revive the heart of the contrite."  
*Isaiah 57:15*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Officiant and People together, all kneeling*

**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.**

*Officiant* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive us all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

*People* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

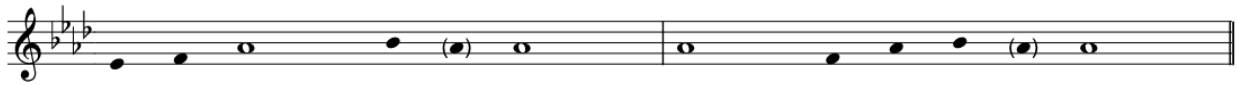
*Together* Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

*Officiant* The mercy of the Lord is everlasting: Come let us adore him.

### The Invitatory: Venite

S 35

## Psalm 51:1-13



1 **Have mer-**cy on me, O God, according to your loving-**kind-**ness; \*  
in your great compassion blot out **my** offenses.

2 Wash me through and through from my **wick-**edness \*  
and **cleanse** me from my sin.

3 For I know my trans-**gres-**sions, \*  
and my sin is **e-**ver before me.

4 Against you only have **I** sinned \*  
and done what is **e-**vil in your sight.

5 And so you are justified when **you** speak \*  
and upright **in** your judgment.

6 Indeed, I have been wicked from **my** birth, \*  
a sinner **from** my mother's womb.

7 For behold, you look for truth deep with-**in** me, \*  
and will make me understand **wis-**dom secretly.

8 Purge me from my sin, and I **shall** be pure; \*  
wash me, and I **shall** be clean indeed.

9 Make me hear of joy and **glad-**ness, \*  
that the body you have **bro-**ken may rejoice.

10 Hide your face from **my** sins \*  
and blot out all **my** iniquities.

11 Create in me a clean heart, **O** God, \*  
and renew a right **spi-**rit within me.

12 Cast me not away from your **pre-**sence \*  
and take not your holy **Spi-**rit from me.

13 Give me the joy of your saving **help** again \*  
and sustain me with your **boun-**tiful Spirit.

## A Reading from the Prophet of Jeremiah

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

*Jeremiah 31:31-34*

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Canticle 10: The Second Song of Isaiah

S 217

### A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

*Hebrews 5:5-10*

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Canticle 17: The Song of Simeon

WLP 891

### A Reading from the Gospel of John

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. "Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

*John 12:20-33*

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Homily

Mr. John

Endress

## Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and was born of the Virgin Mary,

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Officiant*        The Lord be with you.

*People*            **And also with you.**

*Officiant*        Let us pray.

*Officiant 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.**

### Suffrages B

V.        Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

R.        **Govern and uphold them, now and always.**

V.        Day by day we bless you;

R.        **We praise your Name for ever.**

V.        Lord, keep us from all sin today;

R.        **Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy;**

V.        Lord, show us your love and mercy;

R.        **For we put our trust in you.**

V.        In you, Lord, is our hope;

R.        **and we shall never hope in vain.**

### The Collects

*Officiant*        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.**

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

God of peace,

We pray for those who have served our nation and laid down their lives to protect and defend our freedom. We pray for those who still bear the scars of their service, asking for healing for them in mind, body, and spirit. We pray for those who serve us now, especially for those in harm's way, asking that you shield them from danger and to bring them home safely.

We pray for all those who govern, asking that you turn their hearts and minds to the work of establishing a peace through justice and equity.

We pray for all those who are caught up in conflict around the globe: civilians, peacekeepers, and the poor who have no escape, asking that we have the courage to defend the defenseless, make room for those who flee for safety, and look to that day when war will be no more.

May the peace you gave us, the peace that passes all human understanding, be the peace that guides and sustains us; in Jesus' name, the Prince of Peace, we pray. **Amen.**

Almighty God, in your providence you chose your servant Patrick to be the apostle to the Irish people, to bring those who were wandering in darkness and error to the true light and knowledge of you: Grant us so to walk in that way that we may come at last to the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### Offertory

My Spirit Longs for Thee

*Philip Godfrey (2010)*

My Spirit longs for thee Within my troubled breast Though I unworthy be Of so divine a guest. Of so divine a guest Unworthy though I be Yet has my heart no rest Unless it come from thee. Unless it come from thee In vain I look around In all that I can see No rest is to be found. No rest is to be found But in thy blessed love O let my wish be crowned And send it from above. —*John Byrom (1692-1763)*

### Doxology

*Old 100th*

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. Amen.

### General Thanksgiving

*Officiant and People*

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,**

**to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

### **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

*Officiant* Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Officiant* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us evermore.

*People* **Amen.**

## **Sending Forth**

**Processional Hymn 439**

What wondrous love is this

*Wondrous Love*

**Voluntary**

Improvisation on Wondrous Love