



ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CHURCH

3 LENT

MARCH 8, 2026

To Lift People Up As Christ Calls

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II
& Confirmation

Welcome to St. Christopher's! Thank you for joining us today. If you are new or visiting, please fill out one of the visitor's cards found in the pews and place it in the offering plate or give it to one of the ushers. Know that you are welcome here. We hope your faith will be strengthened by your time with us.

Although our nursery is not staffed, please feel free to use the facilities with your children. We also offer activity bags in the vestibule for children of all ages.

We invite you to join us for refreshments in the parish hall following the service.

Opening Prayer

Silent Processional

Processional Hymn 691



1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
 2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
 3 While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs a - round me spread,



Sa - vior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
 my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, O may my
 be thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day; wipe sor - row's



guilt a - way; O let me from this day be whol - ly thine.
 love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire.
 tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.

THE WORD OF GOD

Versicle and Response

The people standing, the Bishop says

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

People

His mercy endures for ever.

The Bishop then continues

There is one Body and one Spirit;
People There is one hope in God's call to us;
Bishop One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People One God and Father of all.

Bishop The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Bishop Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in 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 lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

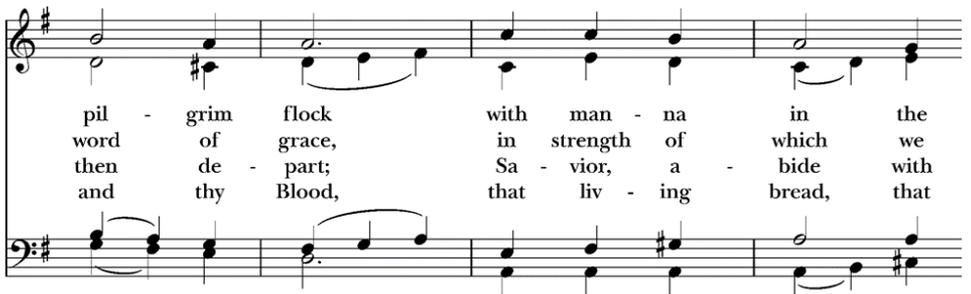
The Lessons

First Lesson: Exodus 17:1-7	Insert
Psalms 95	Insert
Second Lesson: Romans 5:1-11	Insert

Gradual Hymn 343



1 Shep - herd of souls, re - fresh and bless thy cho - sen
2 We would not live by bread a - lone, but by thy
3 Be known to us in break - ing bread, and do not
4 Lord, sup with us in love di - vine thy Bo - dy



pil - grim flock with man - na in the
word of grace, in strength of which we
then de - part; Sa - vior, a - bide with
and thy Blood, that liv - ing bread, that



wil - der - ness, with wa - ter from the rock.
trav - el on to our a - bid - ing - place.
us, and spread thy ta - ble in our heart.
heaven - ly wine, be our im - mor - tal food.

Then, all standing, the Celebrant reads the Gospel, first saying

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Holy Gospel: John 4:5-42

Insert

After the Gospel, the Celebrant says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rt. Rev. Daniel G. P. Gutiérrez

Moment of Silent Reflection

The people stand.

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

The Bishop says

The Candidates will now be presented.

Presenters I present Lauren Davis, Abigail Green, Brenner Green, Griffin Hechmer, Rhys Hechmer, Elizabeth Lovett Keshet, Christian Skoff, Declan Tarity, and Drea Brooks Tarity for Confirmation.

I present Betsy Knight, Daniel Knight, and Jeralyn Svanda to be received into this Communion.

I present William Cunningham who desires to reaffirm his baptismal vows.

The Bishop asks the candidates

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidate I do.

Bishop

Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidate

I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

After all have been presented, the Bishop addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People **We will.**

The Bishop then says these or similar words

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and 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.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **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.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and
fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the
prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever
you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good
News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons,
loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all
people, and respect the dignity of every human
being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers for the Candidates

The Bishop then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for *these persons* who have renewed *their* commitment to Christ.

Intercessor Deliver us, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Open our hearts to your grace and truth.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Fill us with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Keep us in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Teach us to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Send us into the world in witness to your love.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Bring us to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

A period of silence follows.

Then the Bishop says

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your

Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you have made with *them* at *their* Baptism. Send *them* forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before *them*; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

For Confirmation

The Bishop lays hands upon each one and says

Defend, O Lord, your servant *N.* with your heavenly grace, that *he* may continue yours for ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more, until *he* comes to your everlasting kingdom. **Amen.**

For Reception

N., we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. **Amen.**

For Reaffirmation

N., may the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you, direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom. **Amen.**

The Bishop concludes with this prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, let your fatherly hand ever be over *these* your *servants*; let your Holy Spirit ever be with *them*; and so lead *them* in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that *they* may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The people kneel

The Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

***We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.***

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

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.

Fraction Anthem, *Lamb of God*

Hymnal S-161

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Celebrant

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.

The Communion of the People

All who seek a closer relationship with God are invited to receive communion. Congregants are invited to leave their pews starting at the front of the church and working back.

Communion Hymn 685

1 Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
2 Should my tears for ev - er flow, should my zeal no lan - guor know,
3 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,

let the wa - ter and the blood from thy wound - ed side that flowed,
all for sin could not a - tone: thou must save, and thou a - lone;
when I rise to worlds un - known and be - hold thee on thy throne,

be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.
in my hand no price I bring, sim - ply to thy cross I cling.
Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant and People

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

Recessional Hymn 690

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain, whence the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y;
stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar
fears sub - side; death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,

hold me with thy power - ful hand; bread of hea - ven,
 lead me all my jour - ney through; strong de - liv - erer,
 land me safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es,

bread of hea - ven, feed me now and ev - er -
 strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and
 songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to

more, shield, thee, feed me now and ev - er - more.
 be thou still my strength and shield.
 I will ev - er give to thee.

Dismissal Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Silent Recessional

Postlude

Cornet Voluntary in D minor

Stanley

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