

CHRIST CHURCH

✠ A Parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta ✠

"Growing by God's Grace as a Family of Faith, Fellowship, and Ministry"



Third Sunday in Lent

March 24, 2019 | 11 AM

✠ Diocesan Purpose Statement ✠

*"We challenge ourselves and the world to love like Jesus
as we worship joyfully, serve compassionately, and grow spiritually."*

WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH

Christ Church gladly welcomes all people. Our clergy, staff, and parishioners are delighted to assist you in learning more about our worship and our community. If this is your first time visiting with us today, please complete a visitor card (located in the pew) and place it in the offering plate. Restrooms are in the Parish House, located to the left of the church. Parents, please accompany your children to the restroom. A nursery is provided in the Parish House for infants and toddlers during this service. Ushers are available to assist you as needed.

A BRIEF CHURCH HISTORY

In February 1823, the Episcopal Diocese of Georgia was formally organized with delegates from the member parishes agreeing to “accede to the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States of America...” That same year, the Georgia Legislature established the City of Macon. In 1825, a group of Macon residents formed the city’s first church, an Episcopal congregation known as Christ Church. On this lot in 1834, the parish erected its first church building, designed in the form of a Roman cross. Bricks from that building were incorporated into construction of the current Gothic-style structure, completed and consecrated in 1852. When the building was finished, a large gothic-arched window sat in the center of the altar wall behind a simple altar table. In 1905, the Ladies Aid Society donated the current oak altar and reredos, which blocked the window. This window was finally removed and sealed over in 1965 when the embellishment at the top of the reredos was added by the congregation. During the 1880’s, decorative stenciling was added along the walls of the nave and the chancel, and these stencils have inspired the current stencil patterns on the walls today. Stenciling on the ceiling is original to the 1880s period. In 2000, the church installed a new mechanical key action (tracker) organ, Opus 115, crafted by the C.B. Fisk Company of Gloucester, Massachusetts. Rising from the rear gallery of the nave to the full height of the roof trusses, the organ has 2006 pipes of wood and metal. The front pipes are gilded with 23 carat gold. The Diocese of Georgia split in half in 1907, and Christ Church became the mother church of the Diocese of Atlanta. Today, this Diocese is the 9th largest of 110 dioceses in the Episcopal Church and includes parishes and ministries throughout Middle and North Georgia.

ABOUT THE COVER ART “Christ Church”

Josephine “Jo” Phelps Erbele Fabian

Jo Fabian committed her life to preserving the classical elements of our civilization that bring beauty to life: music, philosophy, and the visual arts. She focused her efforts on enhancing the arts in Macon; many organizations benefited from her generosity. She was a Board member of the Central Georgia Opera Guild, purchasing the necessary equipment to bring her beloved opera to the Douglass Theatre through the Metropolitan Opera Live in HD. Mercer University was also a significant beneficiary of Jo's philanthropic interests. She was a great supporter of Mercer's Townsend School of Music and its McDuffie Center for Strings where she provided endowment funds for the Fabian Concert Series as well as the establishment of the G. Leslie Fabian Chair of Music. Following these gifts, she later established the Jo Phelps Fabian Center for Musical Excellence which will support the finest educational programs for outstanding aspiring musicians. *“Through the invisible hands of music, the soul is touched and healed.”*

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE ONE

As we enter the Nave, let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship to God.

OPENING VOLUNTARIES

Canzona in d minor, BWV 588

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

Psalms Preludes, Set 1, Op. 32: No. 1

Herbert Howells (1892–1983)

“Lo, the poor crieth and the Lord heareth him: yea, and saveth him out of all his troubles.”

WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT: *If ye love me*

Thomas Tallis (1505–1585)

“If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may abide with you forever; Even the spirit of truth.”

The people stand

HYMN IN PROCESSION: *Praise to the Lord the Almighty!*

Hymnal, 390

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: His mercy endureth for ever.

The people kneel

SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Celebrant: 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. —*Matthew 22:37-40*

CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant: Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

All: 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 ABSOLUTION

Celebrant: The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The people stand

KYRIE ELEISON

Hymnal, S 91

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: 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.

People: **Amen.**

The people sit

THE FIRST LESSON

Exodus 3:1-15

Lector: A Reading from the Book of Exodus.

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.

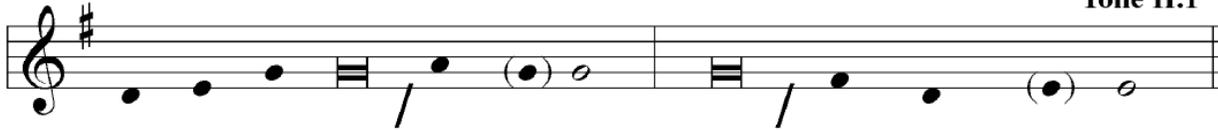
Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing 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."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**



THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 13:1-9

Gospeller: 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.'"

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The people sit

THE SERMON

Rev. Cynthia Knapp

The people stand

THE NICENE CREED

Celebrant: Let us now say together the words of 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 people kneel

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor: 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.

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers especially Michael Curry, our Presiding Bishop; Robert Wright, our own bishop; and Cynthia and Zac, our priests; that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: 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.

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land especially our President, our Governor, and our Mayor, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, including the beauty of spring, especially the cherry blossoms, and to give thy most gracious blessing on all thy people, especially honored guests and visitors to the city of Macon, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor those who have lost loved ones in acts of violence, especially the victims and families of the shootings in Christchurch, New Zealand. We also pray for those on our Parish Prayer List. Abby, Adrienne, Amanda, Amanda, Angela, Bailey, Benita, Beverly, Bill, Bobby, Brian, Candy, Caitlyn, Carrie, Cissy, Cole, Connie, Crawford, David, Debbie, Deitz, Dennis, Edsel, Faye, Gail, George, George, Jason, Jay, Jayne, Jim, Jocelyn, Joshua, Julie, Kathryn, Kelly, Malcolm, Marco, Margaret, Matthew, Martin, Mary Jane, Melanie, Michael, Munnerlyn, Pammy, Pete, Phil, Ricky, Seabi, Shannon, Stephanie, Thomas, and William, and all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. We pray for those in the military especially, Allen, Austin, Brian, Caylee, Charlie, George, Jeffrey, John, Jon, Regis, Terry, and Thomas. We also pray for those serving abroad in the Peace Corps and in mission work, especially John, Laura, and Nancy. And we beseech thee, most merciful father, to spread your loving arms on those impacted by natural disasters around the world, especially those affected by flooding in the Midwest.

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: The greenery on the altar is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of David E. Klepsig, Sr.; David E. Klepsig, Jr.; Ethel M. Carrowan; E. Raeford Carrowan; Alene Carrowan Morgan; and Iola Carrowan Gaylor.

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

People: **Hear our prayer.**

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

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Please add your own prayers either silently or aloud.

Celebrant: 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.

People: Amen.

The people stand

THE PEACE

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

People: And with thy spirit.

The people sit

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY

Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

MOTET AT THE OFFERTORY: *Sicut cervus*

*“Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes aquarum,
ita desiderat anima mea ad te, Deus.”*

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525–1594)

*“Like as the hart desireth the water-brooks:
so longeth my soul after thee, O God.”*

The people stand

PRESENTATION HYMN: *Praise God from whom all blessings flow*

Hymnal, 380 st. 3

THE HOLY COMMUNION

All baptized Christians, regardless of denomination or age, are invited to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. If you do not wish to partake, you are invited to receive a blessing by crossing your arms at the altar rail. If you are unable to come to the altar, please notify an usher and the elements will be brought to you. Gluten-free wafers are available if you have a wheat allergy. Prayers for healing are offered at the altar rail. If you wish to receive prayer, upon receiving communion, remain at the altar rail and place your hands in an attitude of prayer. A prayer minister will then attend to you in prayers for healing.

The people remain standing

THE SURSUM CORDA

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.

Celebrant: 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.

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,

THE SANCTUS

Hymnal, S 114

The people kneel

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Celebrant: 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 offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

Celebrant: 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.

People: Amen. ✠✠✠

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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.

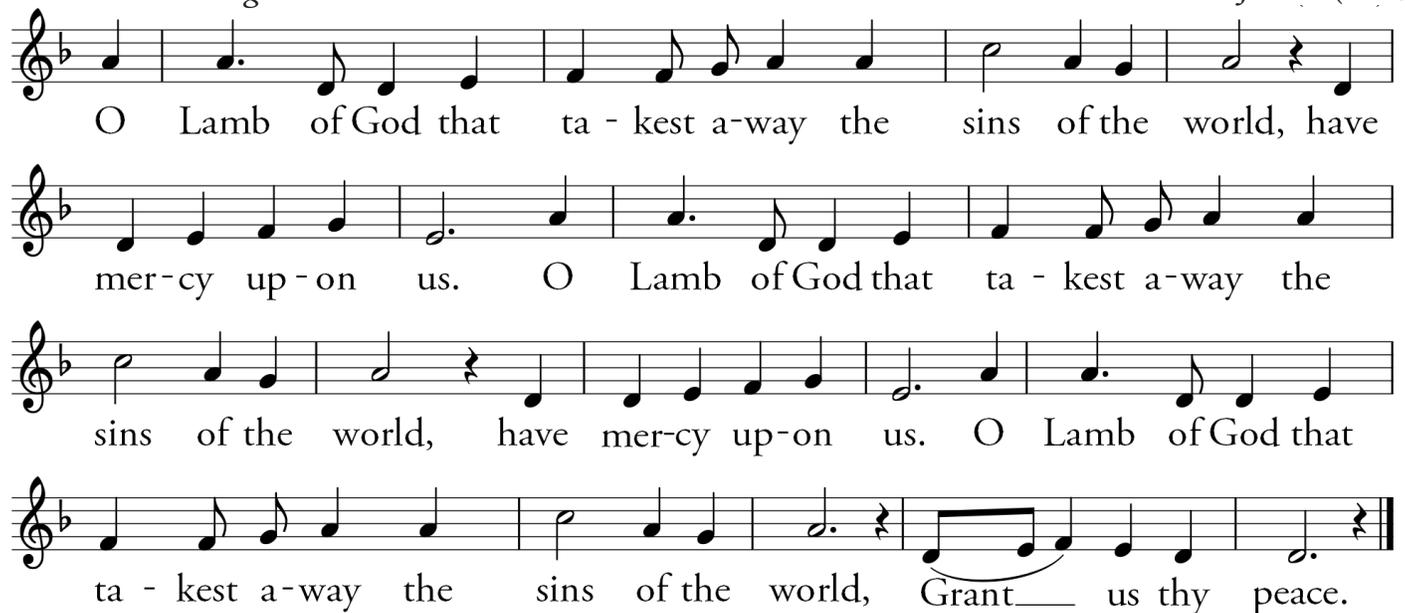
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

FRACTION ANTHEM: *Agnus Dei*

J. Poe (b. 1981)



O Lamb of God that ta - kest a-way the sins of the world, have
mer-cy up - on us. O Lamb of God that ta - kest a-way the
sins of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Lamb of God that
ta - kest a-way the sins of the world, Grant us thy peace.

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

Celebrant: Let us pray,

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.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

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.

MINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS

HYMN DURING COMMUNION: *Let us break bread together on our knees*

Hymnal, 325

The people kneel

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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 people stand

THE BLESSING

Celebrant: Keep this your family, Lord, with your never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of your heavenly grace, they may be upheld by your divine protection; through Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Celebrant: The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always.

People: Amen.

HYMN IN PROCESSION: *Guide me, O thou great Jehovah*

Hymnal, 690

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY: *Was Gott tut das ist wohlgetan*

Johann Gottfried Walther (1684–1748)

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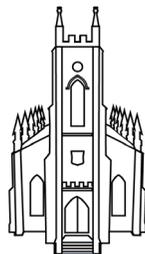
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