

Christ Church



Parish Church

# *Second Sunday in Lent*

**Year C | March 16, 2025**

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*Holy Eucharist with Hymns*

**7:00 A.M.**

*Choral Eucharist*

**9:30 A.M.**

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As all the baptised may receive the Blessed Sacrament, please note the following:

- **Baptized infants and children under the age of 3** are allowed to receive the host [consecrated bread] or a fraction of the host only from their parents.
- **Baptized children, ages 3-15, who regularly attend worship as members of the church,** may receive communion in both kinds [consecrated bread and consecrated wine] through intinction - after the parents or guardians of those children have met with the priest and given their consent for both kinds to be administered.
- **All baptized persons, ages 16 and older, whether confirmed or not, may receive communion without permission from others.**

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<sup>1</sup> The Order of Service follows the relevant Liturgy, Rite or Office in the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) of the Church in the Province of the West Indies (CPWI). The Old Testament, New Testament and Gospel readings are from the New Revised Standard Version Bible: Anglicized Edition. The hymns are from the CPWI Hymnal (CPWIH), the Complete Mission Praise (MP), or Hymns Ancient & Modern (A&M), as indicated.

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*~ O how amiable are thy dwellings: thou Lord of host:  
My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts  
of the Lord: my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living  
God. Psalm 84: 1,2 ~*

If you wish to mark any special occasion with an altar flowers donation, please call the office during opening hours, or you may make your donation via our website on the [Altar Flowers Donation Page here](#).

Worshippers are reminded that during the season of Lent, the Alleluias are omitted from the Greeting, and the Kyrie will be recited instead of the Gloria in Excelsis

## THE PREPARATION

Please remain seated until the Opening Prayer by the Lay Eucharistic Minister.

### OPENING PRAYER

*Entrance of the Choir and Liturgical ministers*

### INTROIT HYMN

**CPWIH 138**

*My God, I love Thee; not because*

My God, I love Thee; not because  
I hope for Heav'n thereby,  
Nor yet because who love Thee not  
Are lost eternally.

Thou, O my Jesus, Thou didst me  
Upon the cross embrace;  
For me didst bear the nails and spear,  
And manifold disgrace.

And griefs and torments numberless,  
And sweat of agony;  
Yea, death itself - and all for me  
Who was Thine enemy.

Then why, O blessèd Jesus Christ  
Should I not love Thee well?

Not for the sake of winning Heaven,  
Nor of escaping hell.

Not from the hope of gaining aught,  
Not seeking a reward,  
But as Thyself hast lovèd me,  
O ever-loving Lord!

So would I love Thee, dearest Lord,,  
And in Thy praise will sing,  
Solely because Thou art my God,  
And my most loving King.

## **THE OPENING SENTENCE**

*Lent..... BCP, Page 98*

Be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5: 1, 2.*

## **THE GREETING**

**BCP, PAGE 101**

*During the season of Lent, the Alleluias are omitted.*

PRESIDENT:

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.



**ALL:**

**And blessed be His Kingdom, now and forever.  
Amen.**

**THE PRAYER OF INTENTION**

**BCP, PAGE 101**

**ALL:**

**Blessed Lord and Father, we have assembled in your Name and in fellowship with one another. Enable us by your grace to offer the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; to proclaim and respond to your holy word. Teach us to pray for your world and your Church. Grant that we, confessing our sins, may worthily offer to you our souls and bodies as a living sacrifice and eat and drink of your spiritual food in this Holy Sacrament. Amen.**

**THE COLLECT FOR PURITY**

**BCP, PAGE 101**

**ALL:**

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your Holy Name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*During the season of Lent, the Kyrie will be recited, and the Gloria in Excelsis omitted.*

**THE KYRIE**

**BCP, PAGE 102**

PRESIDENT: Lord, have mercy.

**ALL: Lord, have mercy.**

PRESIDENT: Christ, have mercy.

**ALL: Christ, have mercy.**

PRESIDENT: Lord, have mercy.

**ALL: Lord, have mercy.**

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

PRESIDENT: Let us pray.

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O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON

### GENESIS 15:1-12, 17-18

*A reading from the Word of God, written in the Book of Genesis, Chapter 15, beginning to read from verse 1:*

15:1 After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great."

15:2 But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?"

15:3 And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir."

15:4 But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir."

15:5 He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be."

15:6 And he believed the LORD, and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

15:7 Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess."

15:8 But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?"

15:9 He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon."

15:10 He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other, but he did not cut the birds in two.

15:11 And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

15:12 As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

15:17 When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces.

15:18 On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the River Euphrates...."

READER: The Word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM 27**

**BCP, PAGE 499**

1. The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? \* the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?
2. When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, \* it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.

3. Though an army should encamp against me, \* yet my heart shall not be afraid;

4. And though war should rise up against me, \* yet will I put my trust in him.

5. One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek; \* that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;

6. To behold the fair beauty of the Lord \* and to seek him in his temple.

7. For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; \* he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.

8. Even now he lifts up my head \* above my enemies round about me.

9. Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; \* I will sing and make music to the Lord.

10. Harken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; \* have mercy on me and answer me.

11. You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face," \* Your face, Lord, will I seek.

12. Hide not your face from me, \* nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

13. You have been my helper; cast me not away; \* do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

14. Though my father and my mother forsake me, \* the Lord will sustain me.

15. Show me your way, O Lord; \* lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.

16. Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, \* for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those who speak malice.

17. What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the Lord \* in the land of the living!

18. O tarry and await the Lord's pleasure; be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; \* wait patiently for the Lord.

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son \* and to the Holy Spirit; As it was in the beginning, is now \* and will be forever. Amen.*

*A reading from the Word of God, written in the Epistle of Paul to the Philippians, Chapter 3, beginning to read from verse 17:*

3:17 Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us.

3:18 For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears.

3:19 Their end is destruction, their god is the belly, and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things.

3:20 But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

3:21 He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.

4:1 Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved



READER: The Word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL HYMN**

**CPWIH 250**

*Hail, thou once despised Jesus!*

Hail, thou once despised Jesus!  
Hail, thou Galilean King!  
Thou didst suffer to release us;  
thou didst free salvation bring.  
Hail, thou universal Saviour,  
bearer of our sin and shame,  
by thy merit we find favor:  
life is given through thy Name.

Paschal Lamb, by God appointed,  
all our sins on thee were laid:  
by almighty love anointed,  
thou hast full atonement made.  
All thy people are forgiven  
through the virtue of thy blood:  
opened is the gate of heaven,  
reconciled are we with God.

Jesus, hail! Enthroned in glory,  
there for ever to abide;  
all the heavenly hosts adore thee,  
seated at thy Father's side.  
There for sinners thou art pleading:

there thou dost our place prepare;  
ever for us interceding  
till in glory we appear.

Worship, honour, power, and blessing  
thou art worthy to receive;  
highest praises, without ceasing,  
meet it is for us to give.  
Help, ye bright angelic spirits,  
all your noblest anthems raise;  
help to sing our Saviour's merits,  
help to chant Emmanuel's praise!

## THE GOSPEL READING

LUKE 13:31-35

GOSPELLER: The Lord be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

GOSPELLER: A Reading from the Holy Gospel  
according to Luke, the thirteenth  
chapter, beginning at the thirty-first  
verse.

**ALL: Glory to Christ our Saviour.**

13:31 At that very hour some Pharisees came and  
said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to  
kill you."

13:32 He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work.

13:33 Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.'

13:34 Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!

13:35 See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

**GOSPELLER:** This is the Gospel of Christ.

**ALL:** Praise to Christ our Lord.

**THE SERMON**

**THE REVEREND MARK HAREWOOD**

*Rector, Christ Church Parish Church*

**THE NICENE CREED**

**BCP, PAGE 104**

**ALL:**

**We believe in one God,**

**the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is seen or 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,  
one in 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 was born of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.**

**For our sake He was crucified  
under Pontius Pilate;  
He suffered, died and was buried.  
On the third day He rose again  
in fulfillment of 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.  
With the Father and the Son  
He is worshipped 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 / INTERCESSIONS**

*Form E.....BCP, Page 112*

**LEADER:**

Let us pray for the fellowship of the Church of Christ,  
and for all God's creatures.

**LEADER:**

With all who confess the name of Jesus, as Lord and  
Saviour, we offer our prayers and praises, in Spirit  
and in truth.

Father in Heaven,

**ALL: Hear our prayer.**

LEADER:

With Jesus Christ, our Great High Priest, who ever lives to intercede for us, we uphold all ministers of God's Word and Sacraments, that they may fulfill their high calling in the Faith.

Father in Heaven,

**ALL: Hear our prayer.**

LEADER:

We pray for the unfailing guidance of the Holy Spirit on those who are called to interpret and expound the will of the Lord to others.

Father in Heaven,

**ALL: Hear our prayer.**

LEADER:

We pray for all organizations, within the fellowship of the Body of Christ, that their work may edify the people of God, and bear faithful witness to the Gospel.

Father in Heaven,

**ALL: Hear our prayer.**

LEADER:

We pray for all persons who do not share our confession of faith, that with courage, truth and love we may work together with them, and promote the common good.

Father in Heaven,  
**ALL: Hear our prayer.**

LEADER:

For the leaders of our country, and all who make decisions on our behalf, that they may be guided by the Spirit, to direct our affairs in righteousness and peace.

Father in Heaven,  
**ALL: Hear our prayer.**

LEADER:

For our Judges, Magistrates and all who administer justice, that in all things they may seek to do your will, and to protect the rights and freedom of your people.

Father in Heaven,  
**ALL: Hear our prayer.**

LEADER:

In our schools, and in all other places of learning, may true knowledge, sound wisdom, and godly discipline ever be found.

Father in Heaven,  
**ALL: Hear our prayer.**

LEADER:

To the poor, the hungry, the unemployed, and all victims of persecution and discrimination of any kind,

may God in Christ help us all to bring relief, justice and protection.

Father in Heaven,

**ALL: Hear our prayer.**

LEADER:

To all who suffer now from pain and disease, from human discomfort and misery, may God in Christ bring healing and joy, for the renewal of their faith.

Father in Heaven,

**ALL: Hear our prayer.**

LEADER:

That we may use aright the fullness of the earth, that our pursuits in science, and the advancement of our skills, may ever be in service of that true humanity, which is created in the image of God.

Father in Heaven,

**ALL: Hear our prayer.**

LEADER:

That we may never become the slaves of money, or of the lust for power, but may rather strive for victory through the power of love.

Father in Heaven,

**ALL: Hear our prayer.**



LEADER:

That with all who belong to the communion of saints, both living and departed, we may ever rejoice in the blessed assurance of that hope, which has been won for us in Christ.

Father in Heaven,

**ALL: Receive these prayers in the name of your dear Son, even Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE ACT OF PENITENCE

BCP, PAGE 123

PRESIDENT:

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*A period of silence shall be kept.*

PRESIDENT:

Let us therefore confess our sins.

*One of the following forms will be used:*

Form A

BCP, Page 123

**ALL:**

**Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and one another, in thought, word and**

deed, and in what we have left undone. We are sorry and repent of all our sins. For your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Form B*

*BCP, Page 124*

**ALL:**

**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 neighbours as ourselves; we have not loved ourselves as we ought. 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.**

**THE ABSOLUTION**

**BCP, PAGE 124**

**PRESIDENT:**

Almighty God, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

*One of the following forms shall be said:*

*FORM A*

PRESIDENT: We are the body of Christ. By the one Spirit we were all baptized into one Body, and have all been made to drink of the one Spirit.

**ALL: Let us then pursue the things that make for peace and build up the common life.**

*FORM B*

PRESIDENT: If you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you,

**ALL: Leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.**

*FORM C*

PRESIDENT: The Kingdom of God is justice, peace, and joy, inspired by the Holy Spirit.

**ALL: They who thus serve Christ are acceptable to God and approved by others.**

**PRESIDENT:** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**ALL:** **And also with you.**

## **HYMN OF PEACE**

## **LET THERE BE LOVE**

Let there be love shared among us,  
let there be love in our eyes,  
may now your love sweep this nation,  
cause us oh Lord to arise.  
Give us a fresh understanding  
of brotherly love that is real,  
let there be love shared among us,  
let there be love.

## **MINISTRY OF HOSPITALITY & NOTICES**

### **The Welcome Song**

Welcome friend on this day  
Yes, we're glad you have joined us.  
Take your place fill your hearts  
With Christ's love which surrounds us.  
Glory to God may you live and grow,  
In His love forever  
Welcome friend on this day  
Know we're glad you have joined us.

## THE MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

### OFFERTORY HYMN

CPWIH 409

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart*

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,  
be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;  
be thou my best thought in the day and the night,  
both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,  
be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord;  
be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;  
be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;  
be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might;  
be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower:  
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;  
be thou mine inheritance now and always;  
be thou and thou only the first in my heart;  
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,  
O grant me its joys after victory is won;  
great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

## THE PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERINGS BCP, PAGE 126

PRESIDENT AND PEOPLE:

**Father, we offer you these gifts which you have given us; this bread, this wine, this money. With them we offer ourselves, our lives, and our work, to become through your Holy Spirit a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice. As this bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ, so may we and all your people become channels of your love; through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

*Sursum Corda*

*BCP, Page 126*

PRESIDENT: The Lord be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

PRESIDENT: Lift up your hearts.

**ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.**

PRESIDENT: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**ALL: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

PRESIDENT:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Father almighty, everlasting God:

*Preface: Lent*

*BCP, Page 128*

For you bid your 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 your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

*Sanctus and Benedictus*

*BCP, Page 131*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might;  
heaven and earth are full of your glory,  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**BCP, PAGE 144**

PRESIDENT:

As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

**ALL:**

**Our Father in heaven,**

**hallowed be your Name;**

**your kingdom come;**

**your will be done on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial**

**and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

**BCP, PAGE 145**

*Form A*

PRESIDENT: We break this bread to share in the  
body of Christ.

**ALL: Though we are many, we are one  
body, because we all share in one  
bread.**



*Form B*

PRESIDENT: God of promise, You have prepared a Banquet for us

**ALL: Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.**

*Form C*

PRESIDENT: This is the true bread which comes from heaven

**ALL: Whoever eats this bread will live forever.**

**THE AGNUS DEI**

**BCP, PAGE 147**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
grant us peace.**

**THE INVITATION**

**BCP, PAGE 145-146**

*Form A*

PRESIDENT:

My brothers and sisters in Christ, draw near and receive His Body which He gave for you, and His Blood, which He shed for you. Remember that He

died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

**ALL:**

**Grant gracious Lord, that we so eat the flesh of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, and drink His blood, that we may evermore dwell in Him and He in us. Amen.**

*Form B*

PRESIDENT:

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

**ALL:**

**Our souls will feast and be satisfied, and we will sing glad songs of praise to Him.**

*Form C*

PRESIDENT:

Draw near and receive the Body and Blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ with faith and thanksgiving.

**ALL:**

**We do not presume to come to this your table, most merciful Father, trusting in our own righteousness, but only in your boundless mercy. We are not even worthy to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the Lord ever the same, ever merciful. Grant therefore, Lord of grace and love, that we may so eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and drink His blood, that with bodies and souls made clean from every stain of sin we may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us.**

**HYMNS FOR COMMUNION, BLESSINGS 260, 619, 624 & 654**

*CPWIH 260 – O love divine, how sweet thou art!*

O love divine, how sweet thou art!  
When shall I find my longing heart  
All taken up by thee?  
I thirst, I faint, I die to prove  
The greatness of redeeming love,  
The love of Christ to me.

Stronger His love than death or hell;  
Its reaches are unsearchable;  
The first-born sons of light  
Desire in vain its depths to see;  
They cannot reach the mystery  
The length, and breadth, and height.

God only knows the love of God;  
O that it now were shed abroad  
In this poor stony heart!  
For love I sigh, for love I pine;  
This only portion, Lord, be mine,  
Be mine this better part.

Forever would I take my seat  
With Mary at the Master's feet;  
Be this my happy choice;

My only care, delight, and bliss,  
My joy, my heaven on earth, be this  
To hear the Bridegroom's voice.

*CPWIH 619 – Soul of my Saviour, sanctify my breast*

Soul of my Saviour, sanctify my breast,  
body of Christ, be thou my saving guest,  
blood of my Saviour, bathe me in thy tide,  
wash me with water flowing from thy side.

Strength and protection may thy passion be,  
O blessed Jesu, hear and answer me;  
deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me,  
so shall I never, never part from thee.

Guard and defend me from the foe malign,  
in death's dread moments make me only thine;  
call me and bid me come to thee on high  
where I may praise thee with thy saints for ay.

*CPWIH 624 – Thee we adore, O hidden Saviour, Thee*

Thee we adore, O hidden Saviour, Thee,  
Who in Thy Sacrament dost deign to be;  
Both flesh and spirit at Thy Presence fail,  
Yet here Thy Presence we devoutly hail.

O blest Memorial of our dying Lord,  
Who living Bread to men doth here afford!  
O may our souls for ever feed on Thee,  
And Thou, O Christ, for ever precious be.

Fountain of goodness, Jesu, Lord and God,  
Cleanse us, unclean, with Thy most cleansing Blood;  
Increase our faith and love, that we may know  
The hope and peace which from Thy Presence flow.

O Christ, Whom now beneath a veil we see,  
May what we thirst for soon our portion be,  
To gaze on Thee unveiled, and see Thy Face,  
The vision of Thy glory and Thy grace.

*CPWIH 654 – Jesus, friend of little children*

Jesus, friend of little children,  
be a friend to me;  
take my hand and ever keep me  
close to thee.

Teach me how to grow in goodness  
daily as I grow;  
thou hast been a child and surely  
thou dost know.

Step by step, O lead me onward,  
upward into youth;

wiser, stronger, still becoming  
in thy truth.

Never leave me nor forsake me,  
ever be my friend,  
for I need thee from life's dawning  
to its end.

## THE DISMISSAL

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP, PAGES 147-149

*One of the following prayers shall be said:*

*First Prayer*

**Almighty Father,  
we thank you for feeding us with the Body  
and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
May we who share His Body live His risen life;  
we who drink His cup bring life to others;  
we upon whom your Spirit shines give light to the world.  
Help us to continue in faithful witness to your Word,  
so we and all your children shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise your Name,  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Second Prayer*

**Eternal God and Heavenly Father,  
We thank you for feeding us**

**with the Body and Blood  
of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Send us now into the world in peace, and  
grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you, and all persons in you, with  
gladness and singleness of heart, through your Son  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Third Prayer*

**Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of  
Christ our Lord.  
To Him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

**BLESSING**

**BCP, PAGE 149-152**

*Ash Wednesday ..... BCP, Page 150*

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow Him; and

the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**PRESIDENT:** Go in peace and serve the Lord.

**ALL:** **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## **DAY BY DAY**

Day by day,  
Dear lord, of these three things, I pray,  
To see thee more clearly,  
Love thee more dearly,  
Follow thee more nearly, day by day.

## **RECESSIONAL HYMN**

**CPWIH 121**

*Nature with open volume stands*

Nature with open volume stands  
to spread her Maker's praise abroad  
and every labor of his hands  
shows something worthy of a God.

But in the grace that rescued man  
his brightest form of glory shines;  
here, on the cross, 'tis fairest drawn  
in precious blood and crimson lines.



Here his whole Name appears complete;  
nor wit can guess, nor reason prove  
which of the letters best is writ,  
the power, the wisdom, or the love.

Oh, the sweet wonders of that cross  
where God the Saviour loved and died!  
Her noblest life my spirit draws  
from his dear wounds and bleeding side.

I would for ever speak his Name  
in sounds to mortal ears unknown,  
with angels join to praise the Lamb  
and worship at his Father's throne!

## **RECESSION AND ORGAN POSTLUDE**



Glittering stars sang  
together and all the sons of  
God shouted for joy

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