

MARCH 17, 2024

Fifth Sunday in Lent

**"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."**

– John 12:24

WELCOME

We are so glad you have chosen to worship with us today!

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

OPENING WORSHIP SONGS

ACCLAMATION

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;
His mercy endures for ever.

THE DECALOGUE

Hear the commandments of God to his people:
I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.
You shall have no other gods but me.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your
God.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

Honor your father and your mother.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit murder.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not steal.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the
heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw
near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and
find grace to help in time of need. (Hebrews 4:14,16)

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

**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.**



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

A LOVING COMMUNITY, INSPIRING OTHERS THROUGH WORSHIP AND SERVICE TO FOLLOW JESUS CHRIST

**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.**

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

COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

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.**

READING OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT – JEREMIAH 31:31-34

³¹ “The days are coming,” declares the LORD,
“when I will make a new covenant

with the people of Israel

and with the people of Judah.

³² It will not be like the covenant

I made with their ancestors

when I took them by the hand

to lead them out of Egypt,

because they broke my covenant,

though I was a husband to them,”

declares the LORD.

³³ “This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel
after that time,” declares the LORD.

“I will put my law in their minds

and write it on their hearts.

I will be their God,

and they will be my people.

³⁴ No longer will they teach their neighbor,
or say to one another, ‘Know the LORD,’

because they will all know me,

from the least of them to the greatest,”

declares the LORD.

“For I will forgive their wickedness

and will remember their sins no more.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 51:1-13

¹ Have mercy on me, O God, according to your
loving-kindness;
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

² **Wash me through and through from my wickedness
and cleanse me from my sin.**

³ For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.

⁴ **Against you only have I sinned
and done what is evil 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 within me,
and will make me understand wisdom 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 gladness,
that the body you have broken 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 spirit within me.

¹² **Cast me not away from your presence
and take not your holy Spirit from me.**

¹³ Give me the joy of your saving help again
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

THE EPISTLE – HEBREWS 5:5-10

⁵ In the same way, Christ did not take on himself the glory of
becoming a high priest. But God said to him,

“You are my Son;
today I have become your Father.”

⁶ And he says in another place,

“You are a priest forever,
in the order of Melchizedek.”

⁷ During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers
and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could
save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent

submission.⁸ Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered⁹ and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him¹⁰ and was designated by God to be high priest in the order of Melchizedek.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL SONG

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

JOHN 12:20-33

²⁰ Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹ They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²² Philip went and told Andrew, then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³ Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ 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. ²⁵ Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

²⁷ "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. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again."

²⁹ The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." ³⁰ Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine.

³¹ Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³² And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." ³³ He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

The Rev. Ev Walk

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and
humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word
and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations
of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The People may add their own petitions.

PRAYER FOR DISCERNMENT

Great God,

We thank You and praise You for the blessings and grace You have given Church of the Holy Spirit from the beginning. Father, use this season to be a time of healing, repentance, and surrender. Search our hearts and renew our minds to be open to hear Your voice and do Your will.

May we go with You God, as You take us places where we must trust You alone. May we be faithful in worship and in prayer as we deepen our own walk with You as Lord and Savior.

God give us Your wisdom and discernment as You reveal Your plans to us.

Our church will be a loving community, inspiring others through worship and service to follow Jesus Christ, as we participate with You.

We thank You Lord, for Your love and the plans You have for Church of the Holy Spirit.

In Jesus name, Amen

SHARING PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

OFFERTORY SONG

DOXOLOGY

HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever 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.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new

and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.

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 SONG

CLOSING PRAYER

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.

COMMISSION OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

CLOSING WORSHIP SONG

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.



THE WEEK AHEAD MARCH 17-23

SUN	17	Happy St. Patrick's Day Holy Eucharist 10:00 am In Person & Online Coffee Hour After Service Fulton Hall ManorCare 2:30 pm
TUE	19	Reunion Group – Cursillo 5:30 pm Zoom
WED	20	Stations of the Cross 10:00 am In Person & Online Food & Fun Night 5:30 pm Fulton Hall
THU	21	Garden Team 9:00 am
FRI	22	Group Prayer 10:00 am Conference Call



Manor Care

Worship Service

Today at 2:30 pm

In Person at

5511 Swift Rd, Sarasota

Join us as we praise, pray, sing old hymns, read the Bible and share Holy Communion with residents and patients of ManorCare.



UPCOMING EVENTS



Jars of Clay

Now through Easter

Remember to pray for the person whose mug or jar you have, and store the money of what you give up for Lent in it.



Reunion Group – Cursillo

Tuesdays, 5:30 pm, Zoom Call

This group offers personal time for prayer and sharing of life's joys and sorrows, as well as accountability to Christ's call for study, piety and action. Contact Sally Allen at 413-822-1160 for details.



Stations of the Cross

Wednesdays During Lent at 10:00 am
In Person & Online

Walk your faith this Holy season as we experience the Stations of the Cross.



Garden Team

Thursdays at 9:00 am

Join us as we tend to the landscaping needs of the church. No experience necessary! Contact Sandy Kreidler at 941-365-4246 if you are available to help.



Group Prayer

Fridays at 10:00 am, Conference Call
Dial 717-908-1923, Code 974309#

Join us as we pray for the search of a new rector, personal needs, Ukraine, our country, and social issues of the day. Contact Annabell Edwards at 941-900-6147 for details.

EASTER FLOWERS

IF YOU WANT TO MAKE A DONATION FOR AN EASTER FLOWER IN HONOR OF A LOVED ONE, THANKSGIVING OR BLESSING, PLEASE USE THE ENVELOPE ATTACHED TO YOUR BULLETIN. THANK YOU.

FOOD & FUN NIGHT

WEDNESDAY
MAR 20 | 5:30 pm

Sign up in the lobby
or call the office.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2024

PALM SUNDAY – March 24, 10:00 am

Guest Priest, The Rev. Ev Walk
March with Jesus into Jerusalem.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES – March 29

12:00 pm – Stations of the Cross

6:00 pm – Guest Priest, The Rev. Jonathan Percival

EASTER SUNDAY – March 31

10:00 am – Holy Eucharist Celebration

Guest Priest, The Rev. Jonathan Percival

Easter Luncheon After Service. Ham will be provided.
Please bring a dish to share.

All Services are In Person and Live on Facebook



HOW ARE WE DOING FINANCIALLY?

February 2024		Year-to-Date / Jan-Feb	
Income:	\$ 12,597	Income:	\$ 33,552
Expenses:	\$ 15,203	Expenses:	\$ 29,570
Difference:	\$ -2,606	Difference:	\$ + 3,982

WAYS TO GIVE:

In Person • Online Via CHS Website • Mail

THE CHURCH IN PRAYER – PRAYER REQUESTS & PRAISE REPORTS

If you have a prayer to be added to this list or you would like to be added to our email prayer chain, call the office or email prayers@chsosprey.com.

- Healing for Ron.
- Continued comfort for Cynthia over the loss of her mother.
- Thanksgiving for earning \$4800 in our yard, plant and bake sale. Praise GOD! 10% of that will go to the outreach ministry, The Twig.
- Prayers of thanksgiving for the healing happening in Jan and Christine.
- Prayers for Dallas that he gets the help he needs.
- Create in me a clean heart to love You more and more.
- For safe travels for my family and healing for friends.
- Healing for Jay that his biopsy comes back and they got all the cancer.
- Praying that Rick will find the right doctor to repair his stress fracture.
- Prayer that Kathy will find peace and healing.
- Continued healing of heart for baby Ryleigh.
- Reconciliation for family members.
- Salvation for sister.
- Healing for Pastor Dee Carr from a massive stroke.
- Prayer for Todd and a clear mind.
- Thanksgiving for Adam who is cancer free.
- God's favor upon CHS and the surrounding property.
- Blessings for Walmart clearing the brush along the wall.
- Praying for a clear PET scan for Rick.
- God's protection for the individuals affected by the wildfires in Texas and Oklahoma, tornadoes in the Midwest, and snow storms on the West Coast.
- Complete healing for Pastor Gerry, Annabell, Dona, Erin, Danny, Peggy, Darlene, Bob, Marilyn, and baby Gus.
- Ongoing prayer for our June, Joanne, and Sandee Petway.
- Salvation for unsaved family.
- Prayer for all who trust the Word and CHS Prayer warriors.
- Continue to pray for CHS and that we will be strong and faithful throughout this search process.
- Prayers for our church and for our country.
- Continued prayers for an end to the Russia/Ukraine and Israel wars.



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Pastor Gerry Gardner, Lay Pastor

Nancy Lihan and Scott Gardner, Music Leaders

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