

Christ Church Mexico City



The Second Sunday in Lent A Service of Holy Eucharist Rite II March 5, 2023

9:30 a.m.	English
11:00 a.m.	English with choir
1:00 p.m.	Spanish

The order for worship is in the Book of Common Prayer (BCP), the red book on the back of the pews. Hymns are in the blue book unless the lyrics are printed in the bulletin. Hymns with “S” before the number are grouped at the beginning of the hymnal.

You are welcome to add your prayer requests to the Prayers of the People in the notebook on the Ushers’ Desk at the rear of the nave.

The Word of God

Entrance Hymn (*Please stand as you are able.*) Hymnal # 401

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: His mercy endures forever.



The Celebrant says:

BCP p. 352

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*

Confession of Sin

BCP p. 352

The Deacon or Celebrant says:

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart God will not despise. Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion, and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

Silence will be kept for personal reflection and confession.

The Trisagion

Holy God,
Holy and mighty,
Holy immortal one,
have mercy upon us.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

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.**

The First Lesson: A Reading from the Book of Genesis (12:1-4a)

The LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 121

Levavi oculos

Antiphon

It is the lord who watches over you.

1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?

2 My help comes from the LORD, *
the maker of heaven and earth.

Antiphon

3 He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
5 The LORD himself watches over you; *
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,
6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.

Antiphon

- 7 The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.
8 The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming
in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

Antiphon

**The Second Lesson: A Reading from Paul's Letter to
The Romans (4:1-5, 13-17)**

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as

it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) — in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The Sequence Hymn

Hymnal #440

**The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ
According to John (3:1-17)**

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No

For this congregation, that we may stand firmly by faith in your character and promises, with hearts focused upon fulfilling your will with confidence, humility, and love; we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord have mercy.

For our wardens, Monica and Carolina, our Vestry and Asociación Religiosa, Guild, Finance Committee and Parish; we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord have mercy.

For those in positions of public trust, especially the leaders of this city and country of Mexico, as well as all decision-makers in Russia and Ukraine, that through their work they may promote justice and peace; we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord have mercy.

For peace among the nations, tribes, and peoples of this world, that strife and violence may come to an end, and that in places of suspicion, anxiety, and hatred, a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow. We pray to you, O Lord.
Lord have mercy.

For the poor and the needy, for those who are persecuted, oppressed, refugees, those in danger, especially the victims of the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria, and for those in despair, that they may be freed from their affliction to serve you in faithfulness of heart and flourish in your care. We pray to you, O Lord.
Lord have mercy.

For those who are sick or distressed in body, mind or spirit, especially: Padre Larry, Claudia, Purdy Mother Elisabeth, John, Melissa, Conchita, Dominga, Liliana, Lisa, Luzma, Jennifer M., Brenda, Norma, Karen, Rob, Jenny, Becky, Andy, Sean and Lorraine, that they may be granted relief, protection, and hope. We pray to you O Lord.
Lord have mercy.

For the blessings that enrich our lives, we give you thanks, especially for: peace-keepers, non-profit organizations offering care to the suffering, and every glimpse of beauty and resurrection. We also remember those who celebrate birthdays: Eduardo, Adrián, Linda, Jennifer, and Juan Ernesto. We pray to you, O Lord.

Lord have mercy.

For those who have died, and for all those whose faith is known to you alone, especially: Mother Ines, Mario, Andrew, Javier, Paul, Jack, and John. We pray to you, O Lord. *Lord have mercy.*

The Priest/Deacon concludes the Prayers: BCP p. 255

Almighty Father, whose Blessed Son before his passion prayed for his disciples that they might be one, as you and he are one: Grant that your Church, being bound together in love and obedience to you, may be united in one body by the one Spirit, that the world may believe in him whom you sent, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Peace

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

The Offertory

The Liturgy of the Holy Eucharist

Celebrant: God of mercy and compassion, your Word calls us home to faith and love. Accept all we offer you this day, even as we gratefully accept your gifts and graces; in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving ~ Eucharistic Prayer A BCP p. 361

The Sanctus

Celebrant and People

Hymnal No. S-122

The Lord's Prayer

BCP p. 364



The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem: Lamb of God

Agnus Dei
Hymnal No. S-160

All baptized persons of any Christian faith tradition are invited to celebrate communion with us. If you wish to abstain from communion but receive a blessing from the priest, simply cross your arms across your chest when you approach the altar.

En la tradición Anglicana, toda persona bautizada es muy bienvenida a la mesa del Señor.

There may be silence for personal meditation.

Post-Communion Hymn

Hymnal # 343

Post-Communion Prayer

The Celebrant says:

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People:

Lord God,
you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven;

by it you nourish our faith,
 increase our hope,
 and strengthen our love:
 teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread,
 and enable us to live by every word
 that proceeds from out of your mouth;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.
 Amen.

(Prayer from the Church of England)

The Celebrant offers a blessing:

Go now, and live in the spirit of your baptism,
 even when you are led into wild and hard places.
 With repentance and trust, give yourselves to God,
 and with fasting and prayer,
 strengthen yourselves against the ways of the tempter.

And may God enfold you in tender and lasting love.
 May Christ be beside you in times of struggle.
 And may the Spirit guide you back to the path whenever you stray,
 that you may keep the covenant.

[And the blessing of God—
 our Maker, Sustainer, and Redeemer
 be with you now and remain with you always.]

— Copyright © 2000 Nathan Nettleton <http://www.laughingbird.net/>

Announcements

Recessional Hymn

Hymnal # 473

The Dismissal

For thus said the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel:
 In returning and rest you shall be saved;
 in quietness and in trust shall be your strength. *Isaiah 30.15*

Thanks be to God.

The flowers are given today for God's glory and in loving memory of Albert Louis Schumacher.

To make a flower donation in honor of someone you love or in commemoration of a special event, simply put an offering in a "Flower envelope," which may be found at the back of the sanctuary, or you may contact Mary Rosa in the church office (mrosacasar@hotmail.com).

Many thanks to those serving today:

Lay ministry coordinator: Alix Elverson

Acolytes: Pepe Gutiérrez, Kenny Asikogu,
Ariel (Miguel) Rico Arce, Jaime González
Sánchez, Eduardo Hernandez

Readers Jackie Gay, Mónica Beckman

Intercessor Missy Holden

Ushers: Missy Holden, Treasure Asikogu
Patterson Asikogu

Children's companion: Marisela Ayohua

As a faith community, we have the honor of greeting and caring for one another with Jesus' compassion, sensitivity, and hospitality. To whom can you extend these gifts this morning before you leave Christ Church?

Announcements

Facemasks continue to be recommended but are no longer required at Christ Church.

Dear Parents – No Sunday school today, but children may play at the craft table – with parent supervision, please. We continue to pray for and actively seek children’s teachers. *For a paid coordinator role, please see this Saturday’s Community Weekly email.*

Please save these dates...

February 27, March 6, 13, 20, & 27: Would you like to be a part of “**Life Transformed –Way of Love in Lent,**” a small group that will meet in *English* by Zoom on Monday evenings? Please RSVP directly to Rev. Elisabeth by Sunday, at: churchchurch.2021@gmail.com

March 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29: Would you like to be a part of Lenten “**Neurociencia y el Fruto del Espíritu**” a small group that will meet in *Spanish* by Zoom Wednesday evenings? Please RSVP directly to Fr. Bryan at: bryan.spoon@yahoo.com

Friday, March 10, 7:00 p.m. Concert Sofia Flores, soloist & Chamber Orchestra “La Concha”
“Beethoven: Piano Concerto No. 3”
\$150.00

Friday March 24, 7:00 p.m. Concert Pablo Velázquez & Friends, “Rapsodia” Music for piano, organ and ensemble.
\$150.00 per person or \$100.00 if a person brings a non-perishable food or other items for La Divina Providencia.

The choir welcomes those who enjoy singing, can carry a tune, and have an ear for learning music. If you’re interested, please speak directly with Maestro Juan Ernesto, the choir director.

Please pray for our diocese as representatives from every parish gather next Saturday, March 11th, for our annual synod. Many thanks to Christ Church’s representatives: Maricela Arellano Sánchez, Reynaldo García Vidal, Linda Saucedo, & Lewis Adams.

SPECIAL PARISH MEETING

Sunday, March 12, at 12:30 p.m., there will be a “Special Meeting” of the Parish of Christ Church in the Parish Hall.

As agreed upon at the Parish Meeting on Sunday, February 19, the Parish will be asked to change the Bylaws to simplify and clarify the election of Vestry members. If that is approved, one person will then be elected to the Vestry for a three-year term ending at the Annual Parish Meeting in 2026. The Nominating Committee and Vestry have approved TAIWO OLOREDE as the prospective candidate for that Vestry position. Please see the full Notice and Background information sent out to the Parish in a special edition of Community Weekly, via email, on: Thursday, February 23, or pick up a copy on the Ushers Table.

To vote by proxy: one eligible voter may take the written authorization and vote of one other eligible voter to the meeting.

Christ Church Staff

Rector: The Rev. Elisabeth Sinclair	lizzy_sinclair1110@yahoo.com
Associate: The Rev. Susan Rodríguez	sdennen712@hotmail.com
Associate: The Rev. Germán Sotres	tierra_del_angel@hotmail.com
Choir Director: Juan Ernesto Villegas	juanernestoxi@gmail.com
Organist: Antonio Ortega	ortegarantonio@gmx.es
Parish Secretary: Mary Rosa Casar	mrosacasar@hotmail.com
Accountant: CP Edgar Gómez González	edgar7911@hotmail.com
Sextons: Juan Lorenzo & Miriam Salgado	

The Vestry	Until	e-mail
Mónica Beckman	Sr. Warden	monicabeckman@hotmail.com
Carolina Rivera	Jr. Warden	carolinarivera82@gmail.com
Mariana Navarrete	Treasurer	Mariananavarreteml@gmail.com
Linda Saucedo	Guild President	lindasaucedog@hotmail.com
Missy Holden	2026	rlhmissy@gmail.com
Laura Atkinson	2024	namelatkinson@gmail.com
Alix Elverson	2024	alixelverson@aol.com
Antonio Pipoli	2024	apipoli@pipoli.net
Bonny Michel	2025	danzfreeto@yahoo.com
David Muñoz	2025	davidm_ambriz@yahoo.com

Christ Church Mexico City
 (Anglican/Episcopal)
 Monte Escandinavos # 405
 Col. Lomas de Chapultepec
 11000 CDMX
 Telephone 555202-0949 & 555520-3763
www.christchurch.mx