

March 19, 2023

**Christ Episcopal Church of Guilford**

10 a.m.

**Fourth Sunday in Lent**

**Holy Eucharist – Rite II**

*from The Book of Common Prayer*

**Prelude:** Before thy throne, O God, we kneel BWV 668

J. S. Bach

**Opening Hymn #493** O for a thousand tongues to sing

*Azmon*

**O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!**

**My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim  
and spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy Name.**

**Jesus! The Name that charms our fears and bids our sorrows cease;  
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.**

**He speaks; and, listening to his voice, new life the dead receive,  
the mournful broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.**

**Hear him, ye deaf; ye voiceless ones, your loosened tongues employ;  
ye blind, behold, your Savior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!**

**Glory to God and praise and love be now and ever given  
by saints below and saints above, the Church in earth and heaven.**

**A Penitential Order**

*BCP, p. 351*

*Celebrant:* Blessed be God: Father Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People:** **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Celebrant:* Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."

**Confession**

*BCP, p. 352*

*Celebrant:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Celebrant and People:*

**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.**

**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.**

**Absolution**

BCP, p. 353

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.*

**Hymnal S-90: Kyrie**

Merbecke

Lord, have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.  
*Christ, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.*  
 Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

## Collect of the Day

*Prayed together*

**Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven  
 to be the true bread which gives life to the world:**

**Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him;  
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, now and for ever. *Amen.***

*The Word of God***First Reading:**

1 Samuel 16:1-13

The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the LORD." But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

*The Lector concludes: The Word of the Lord. People respond: Thanks be to God.*

**Psalm 23\*** *Dominus regit me prayed responsively*

1 The LORD is my shepherd; \*

I shall not be in want.

2 **God makes me lie down in green pastures \***

**and leads me beside still waters.**

3 You revive my soul \*

and guide me along right pathways for your Name's sake.

4 **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; \***

**for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*  
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

**6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever**

Second Reading:

Ephesians 5:8-14

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Sleeper, awake!

Rise from the dead,

and Christ will shine on you.”

*The Lector concludes:* The Word of the Lord. *People respond:* **Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn #490** I want to walk as a child of light

*Houston*

**I want to walk as a child of the light, I want to follow Jesus.**

**God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.**

*Refrain: In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.*

**I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.**

**Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father.**

**Refrain**

**I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.**

**When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus.**

**Refrain**

## **The Gospel**

*The Gospeller:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to John

9:1-41

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

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.” Some of

the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

*The Gospeller concludes:* The Gospel of the Lord. *People respond:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Reverend Patricia Hames

A short silence will follow

**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:            Form VI**

*BCP, p. 392*

Please join with me in this morning's Prayers of the People.

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence.*

For all people in their daily life and work;

*For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*

For this community, the nation, and the world.

*For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

Remembering your call to be good stewards of all that you place in our care;  
we pray for the just and proper use of your creation;

*For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*

For the vulnerable and defenseless; for the homeless and the lonely. For those who are unemployed and underemployed, and all who are facing financial distress; for those living with addiction, domestic violence, and suicidal thoughts: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble: .

*For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.*

In our cycles of prayer, we pray for the clergy and people of St. Michael's, Litchfield; St. Andrew's, Madison; St. Mary's, Manchester; St. Andrew's, Marble Dale and for the clergy and people of The Anglican Church of Southern Africa; as we pray for the peace and unity of the Church of God.

*For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.*

For our Presiding Bishop Michael, our Bishops Jeff and Laura, our celebrant Pat, and all bishops and other ministers.

*For all who serve God in His Church.*

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, all those commended to the prayers of the parish ~

especially Emily, the family of Rt. Rev. Frank Griswold, Henry, Chris Johnson, Shari, Sue Shackford, Katherine Frydenborg, Josh L., Cynthia D, Russ and Joan, Brennie, Cindy T, Bill D, Ken G; and for all who are contending with the Covid-19 pandemic around the world; and for those on your hearts.

*Petitions may be added aloud or in silence.*

Hear us, Lord;  
***For your mercy is great.***

We thank you, Lord for all the blessings of this life.

*Thanksgivings may be added aloud or in silence.*

We will exalt you, O God our King;  
***And praise your Name for ever and ever.***

We pray for all who have died – especially our former Presiding Bishop The Rt. Rev. Frank Griswold, and all of our fellow citizens whose lives were claimed by Covid-19 disease, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Celebrant*

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen..*

The Peace

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

Announcements and Greetings

### *The Holy Communion*

The Offertory –

Offertory anthem: Loving shepherd of thy sheep

P. Ledger

**The Doxology: Hymn 380** (vs. 3)

Presentation of Gifts

*Celebrant:* All things come of thee, O Lord.

***People:* And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer C

*BCP, p. 369*

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* ***And also with you.***

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* ***We lift them to the Lord.***

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* ***It is right to give him thanks and praise.***

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

*People:* ***Glory to you for ever and ever.***

*Celebrant:* At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses,

and this fragile earth, our island home.

*People: By your will they were created and have their being.*

*Celebrant:* From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

*People: Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.*

*Celebrant:* Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

*People: By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds we are healed.*

*Celebrant:* And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

*Celebrant and People*

**All: Sanctus S-113: Holy, holy, holy Lord**

**Merbecke**

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:  
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.**

**Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.**

**Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.**

*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,

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

*Celebrant:* 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.

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

*Celebrant: 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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

*Agnus Dei #S-157: O Lamb of God*

J. Merbecke

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
grant us thy peace.**

The Gifts of God, for the People of God\*\*

Invitation to Spiritual Communion

Celebrant and People:

**God of love and grace, of justice and peace, we give you thanks that in the Sacrament of the altar you assure us of your presence within us and within the body of Christ, the faithful through all the generations; grant that we who have witnessed anew these holy mysteries, though unable to receive the physical elements of the Sacrament, may be moved by your indwelling Spirit ever more fully to embody your holy and life-giving presence, reshaping in your likeness the world around us, until we are gathered at last into the fullness of your glorious and eternal presence; through Christ our Risen Lord, Amen.**

Communion solo: What wondrous love is this

trad., arr. Sullivan

Leila Mustakos, soprano; Steven Mustakos, clarinet



Postcommunion Prayer:

**Almighty and ever-living 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 honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant: Lenten Solemn Prayer

Look mercifully on this your family, Almighty God, that by your great goodness they may  
be governed and preserved evermore; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn #538 God of mercy, God of grace

*Lucerna Laudoniae*

**God of mercy, God of grace, show the brightness of thy face.  
Shine upon us, Savior, shine, fill thy Church with light divine,  
and thy saving health extend unto earth's remotest end.**

**Let thy people praise thee, Lord; be by all that live adored.  
Let the nations shout and sing glory to their Savior King;  
let all be, below, above, one in joy, and light, and love.**

Dismissal: Let us bless the Lord. *People:* **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: *Jesu, meine freude* BWV 610

J. S. Bach

\*\* All baptised persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion. To the left of the celebrant – lecturn side is the common cup for those who wish to drink from it. From the pulpit side the celebrant intincts the wafer before administering it into the hand of the parishioner. It is always appropriate to receive only the host if wished.

\*From An Inclusive Language Psalter *Based on the Psalms from the 1979 Book of Common Prayer*

In Today's Worship

Celebrant: The Reverend Patricia Hames

Music Director: Mark Sullivan

Usher: Mardee Moore

1<sup>st</sup> Reading & Psalm: Marsha Brown

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Susan Leonard

Prayers of the People & Communion Prayer: Jennifer Huebner

Chalice Bearer: David Kish, David Jones

Altar Guild: Jennifer Huebner

Counters: Melissa Lamoreaux, Kathleen Jones

See below for more information on The Right Reverend Frank T. Griswold III

Although his burial was yesterday, March 18<sup>th</sup> you can view the streamed service at this site: St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Philadelphia, PA to watch: <https://www.stlukesgermantown.com/>

**The Rt. Rev. Frank Tracy Griswold III** died Sunday, March 5, 2023, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, at the age of 85. A renowned preacher known for his warmth and wit, Griswold served as the 25th presiding bishop of The Episcopal Church, leading the Protestant denomination from 1998 to 2006. Griswold also co-chaired the Roman Catholic-Anglican Commission from 1998 to 2003 and made significant contributions to the 1979 Book of Common Prayer and to its practical use in the liturgical life of the church. Griswold's private spiritual practice was deeply informed by the early mothers and fathers of the church, and he championed Eastern traditions of the open-hearted and healing power of God's love.

Born in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, in 1937, Griswold earned a Bachelor of Arts at Harvard College and a Master of Arts from Oriel College at the University of Oxford. He was ordained as an Episcopal priest in 1963. He married his beloved wife, Phoebe Wetzel, in 1965, and they raised two daughters in Philadelphia and Chicago, where Griswold was elected as Episcopal bishop in 1987. Griswold practiced a wide ministry of teaching, writing, lecturing, and leading retreats, nationally and internationally. After completing his term as presiding bishop, he served as a visiting professor at seminaries and universities in South Korea, Cuba, and Japan, as well as at the Episcopal Divinity School, the Church Divinity School of the Pacific, Virginia Theological Seminary and Seabury-Western Theological Seminary. He also served as bishop visitor to the Society of St. John the Evangelist. His books include "Going Home" (Cowley Publications Cloister Book), "Praying our Days: A guide and companion" (Church Publishing Group), "Tracking Down the Holy Ghost: reflections on love and longing" (Church Publishing Group), and, co-authored with the Rev. Mark McIntosh, "Seeds and Faith" and "Harvest of Hope" (Eerdmans).

He is survived by his widow, Phoebe, his two daughters, Hannah and Eliza, and three grandchildren.

May the soul of Bishop Griswold, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercies of God, rest in peace and rise in glory.+

## Upcoming Calendar Events



**Sunday, March 19 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent, Celebrant The Reverend Patricia Hames**

**There is no Morning Prayer**

**Holy Eucharist** – 10AM (streamed and in-person) with Choir, organ, hymns and solo

**Sunday School** – Pre-K thru 4<sup>th</sup> grade and Middle School in Class Rooms

**Coffee Hour** following 10AM service in the Parish Hall

**Tuesday, March 21** – Finance Committee – 5:00PM via Zoom

**Wednesday, March 22 – Lenten Book Project** – 6:30-7:30PM in the Rectory

**Thursday, March 23** – Vestry Meeting – 6:50PM via Zoom

**Sunday, March 26 – Youth Sunday** – Guest Preacher the Rev. Sam Owens, New York Haiti Project with Rev. Mary Anne Osborn Presider

**There is no Morning Prayer**

**Holy Eucharist** - 10AM (streamed and in-person) with Youth Accolytes, the prayers and special readings.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Saturday, April 1 – 10AM**



Bring your rake and JOIN fellow parishioners with some much needed yardwork. **Many hands make light work! No need to SIGN UP ~ just SHOW UP!**

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**Saturday, April 1 – 2-4PM Sunday School & Youth Ministries Director, Dorota Xeller is planning a Ukrainian Pisanki Egg Decorating Project for all (community welcome) in the Parish Hall.** Pisanki comes from the Polish very – pisac (to write). It is a big Polish / Ukrainian tradition before Easter. You apply liquid wax onto an egg and dye it. Eggs will be provided for ages 12 and up. For the younger children there will be wooden eggs to color. **This is a free event** – suggested donation FIRST AID KIDS for Ukrainian relief. All donations will be brought to St. Michael The Archangel Church in New Haven. (See bulletin board for more information). Questions, please contact Dorota at [education@christchurchguilford.org](mailto:education@christchurchguilford.org)



### Let's join together with a neighboring church:

In celebration of the 275th anniversary of our parish, St. John's invites everyone to an informal concert in the church on Friday, March 31st at 7 p.m. Returning for the third time to perform for us will be the U.S. Coast Guard Academy Cadet Jazz Band with a dozen instrumentalists and singers. They will be entertaining us with old favorites and new classics in our very resonant space. There is no admission fee, but please bring non-perishable food items for the Guilford Food Bank. No sugar added fruit is high on the list. A free-will offering will also be appreciated. For more information, please call Frank at 203-453-6245.

St. John's is located at 129 Ledge Hill Road in Guilford. There is plenty of free parking but do not block any neighboring streets. We have an outside ramp which goes directly into the church.

## OUTREACH DURING LENT

For many years our parish has been in partnership with The New York Haiti Project (NYHP). <https://www.newyorkhaitiproject.org/>. Remember the pancake supper put on by the youth to raise money to build a school in Martel, Haiti? Well, that school is now open and children are able to

**learn!** This year during Lent our *whole parish* has the opportunity to participate in “almsgiving”, (giving), for the NYHP. First, all ages will be able to take a “mite box” home. This is a little money collection box, named “mite” for the widow’s mite who gave all she had. You can have this at home for all of Lent and return it on Easter Sunday.

A reminder to all that these **ONLINE LENTEN DEVOTIONALS** are available with a simple click:

From Episcopal Relief and Development

<https://www.episcopalrelief.org/church-in-action/lent/#weekly-meditations>

From the author Kate Bowler. “Bless the Lent we already have” A downloadable guide. (I love this! -Rev.-MAO) <https://katebowler.com/lent-2023-download/>

Here’s the now traditional, “Lent Madness.” This is a whacky online devotional with a bracket of Saints in our church all competing for the Golden Halo, and you help decide who wins.

<https://www.lentmadness.org/category/lent-madness-2023/>

Biola University Center for Christianity, Culture, and the Arts offers this daily devotional which includes a Scripture passage, a devotional written by a member of the Biola community, a work of fine art, a poem, and a piece of music. <https://ccca.biola.edu/events/2023/feb/21/2023-lent-project-online-devotional-resource/>

Social media app by the Church of England. Good stuff. “Dust and Glory:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/our-faith/what-we-believe/lent-holy-week-and-easter/dust-and-glory-resources-lent-2023>

“**An American Lent**” is a unique and powerful devotional journey of prayer, learning, lamentation, and confession in light of America’s history of slavery, segregation, and racism. Excellent!

<https://www.americanlent.org/>

Great little video about Lent

<https://youtu.be/m3L3c23MfC0>

A classic Lenten series from 2021 of meditations from the Bishop of New Hampshire, The Rt. Rev. Rob Hirschfeld. Wonderful time for silence and prayer and pondering.

[https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL-vtdVRDJWZc8LHYmwNsg4te6U\\_ouk6Om](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL-vtdVRDJWZc8LHYmwNsg4te6U_ouk6Om)

Our on-going **Gift cards from Big Y or Stop and Shop** to help feed those in need here in our own community. Or you can write a check to CEC with a note on the memo line to Food Bank.

Many thanks for your continued support. This week’s most needed items at the Food Bank include: Canned fruit (no sugar added), canned chicken, ketchup, tea, coffee, hot chocolate, 100% fruit juice, laundry soap, dish detergent and shampoo.

## ECW

The date to return your bags of toiletries for the annual ECW Fill-A-Bag Lenten Project has been extended to March 26, 2023. This project will be delivered to Chapel-on-the-green and given to those living on the margins in this area. Christ Church Guilford has supported this program both by bringing meals, Sox and

underwear and the filled bags. ECW appreciates ALL that our parishioners do in "loving our neighbors as ourselves" as Jesus has asked us to do.

We will hold our Annual **Palm Sunday Bake and Sweet Treat Craft Sale** on April 2, 2023. The proceeds from this sale will be used toward our high school scholarship. We had a great response to our Christmas Cookie Box sale, but we need additional funds to allow us to offer scholarships to all who qualify. Jean Valentine will once again Chair that project and all high school June graduates should look for information on how to apply. We would appreciate donations of baked items for our project. Please consider baking a batch of cookies, cupcakes, muffins, tea breads, cake, pie, brownies, etc. and please bring them to the parish hall on Sat, April 1, 2023 after 10 am or Palm Sunday morning. Thank you in advance.

**Coffee Hour sign-ups: Looking for hosts** for coffee hour on Sunday, April 23 and Sunday, April 30.



And how exciting to think that soon it will be time for "Lemonade in the Shade".

**A request from Parish Administrator Donna Tafel:** We are attempting to update our Parish Registry and find that we have been remiss in one particular area - Communicants. If you began attending Christ Church after 2017 please let me know the approximate date so that we can be sure that we have you on our records. It's a very important step to identifying the correct number of parishioners in our Annual Parochial Report. Feel free to call the office at 203-453-2279 or email: [admin@christchurchguilford.org](mailto:admin@christchurchguilford.org).

**The Tag Sale Committee** is now accepting items for the fall event. Bring your goods to the former Nursery Room outside of the Parish Hall entrance.

**A reminder** to wear your name tags during service. If you have lost yours and need a replacement or are a new parishioner please see Mardee Moore.

**Newcomers** – If you are visiting Christ Church for the first time (or perhaps have been coming regularly) please fill out the Welcome form in the pew holder. We would also ask that you sign the guest book in the rear of the church before you leave.

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*To welcome all, to provide hope, and express gratitude for God's love and creation,  
while nurturing our community and celebrating our faith.*