

***Offertory Prayer** Rev. Giffone

Note: The Congregation may please be seated.

Communion Opening Prayer

and Words of Institution Rev. Giffone

Distribution of the Bread: *The body of Christ, broken for you.*

As you pass the bread, please say to the next person:
“**The body of Christ, broken for you.**”

Upon receipt of the bread, please hold it until all have been served, so that we can partake of the bread together, as a sign of our oneness in Christ and membership in His corporate body—the Christian Church.

Distribution of the Cup: *The blood of Christ, shed for you.*

As you pass the cup, please say to the next person:
“**The blood of Christ, shed for you.**”

Upon receipt of the cup, please hold it until all have been served, so that we can partake of the cup together, as a sign of our oneness in Christ and membership in His corporate body—the Christian Church.

Please use the baskets we have provided in alternate rows for disposal of the used communion cups

Prayer following Communion Rev. Giffone

Note: If able, the Congregation should please stand for the Hymn.

***Hymn No. 646:** *Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts* *QUEBEC*

Note: The Congregation should please remain standing, if able to do so.

***Benediction** Rev. Giffone

Note: At the conclusion of the Benediction, the Congregation is dismissed.

Postlude: *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*..... *arr. Carter*

** Congregation should please stand, if you are able to do so*

Maudy Thursday Communion Service

Please mark your calendars, and plan now to attend our Maudy Thursday Communion Service on Thursday, April 17, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. here in the sanctuary.

After the Worship Service

We invite you to join us for a time of fellowship with coffee and cookies after the Worship Service in the rear of the sanctuary.

If you have any special needs in your life and you wish to have a time of personal prayer, please speak to Pastor Benj, or to one of our Ruling Elders— Zachary Harvey, Robert LeSuer, or Amy Stearns—and he or she will arrange for someone to meet with you today and pray with you.

Monthly Prayer Focus

During the month of April, let us pause our prayer petitions and give thanks to God for the many blessings He has bestowed on us personally, and also on Redeemer. Please give thanks to God for:

- Being able to know Him through His written Word and through the life of Jesus Christ here on earth.
- The love of Jesus Christ, for His redeeming work on the cross, for the gift of faith, and for the reality that He has called us to be included in His Kingdom.
- Our families, including our Redeemer family.
- Placing us in a country where the standard of living grants us plenty of opportunities for food, water, and physical comfort. Let us declare with joy that all that we have comes from God, and that we are grateful.
- Living in an area that is safe from earthquakes, hurricanes, wildfires, dangerous animals, floods, drought, and other physical dangers. Yes, we must admit that we experience significant snow once in a while, but that is a minor threat compared to these other calamitous events.

Pastor:Rev. Benjamin D. Giffone, PhD

Minister of Music and Worship: Thomas Brooks

Accompanist: Shirley Wilson

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**Sunday Morning Worship
Fourth Sunday in Lent**

March 30, 2025

Worship Theme: “*Jesus commissions his disciples (not just elders) to proclaim the good news of repentance and forgiveness. We must be faithful and diligent to proclaim the gospel, regardless of the consequences and the response we receive from others. God will transform the hearts of those whom He calls.*”

We welcome children of all ages in our Worship Service. At the Information Center in the rear of the Sanctuary, we offer children a “Book Bucket” with books and activities for their use. Parents, please do not be concerned if your young child cries. We believe that the cries of young children signal that the church is alive, well, and destined to continue for generations to come.

Welcome, Announcements, and Introduction to Worship Thomas Brooks

Prelude: *Christ For the World, We Sing* *Helvey*

Christ for the world we sing; the world to Christ we bring
With loving zeal; the poor and them that mourn, the faint and overborne,
Sin-sick and sorrow worn, whom Christ doth heal.

Christ for the world we sing; the world to Christ we bring
With one accord; with us the work to share, with us reproach to dare,
With us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.

Note: The Congregation should please remain seated.

Call to Worship: *(responsively)* Thomas Brooks

Liturgist: Lord, as we gather together, we acknowledge that we are a forgiven people.

Congregation: May we, like You, be generous in offering forgiveness to others.

Liturgist: You forgive us each day for the many ways we fall short of Your mercy.

Congregation: Teach us to embody Your grace, Your love, Your mercy, and Your forgiveness to all those we encounter this day.

Note: The Congregation should please stand, if able to do so.

***Hymn No. 295: Crown Him with Many Crowns DIADEMATA**

Note: The Congregation may please be seated and remain seated for the reading of the Scripture.

Psalter Reading:

Psalm 133 and 134 Matthew Steinkirchner

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Note: We will have A Moment for Children only if two or more children are present in the Worship Service.

A Moment for Children Shirley Wilson

Note: The Congregation should please remain seated for the following Hymn.

Hymn of Reflection: Lift High the Cross Kitchin/Nicholson

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
'Til all the world adore His sacred name.

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As Thou hast promised, draw men unto Thee,
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
'Til all the world adores His sacred name.

Prayers of Confession Thomas Brooks

We will begin by praying a unison prayer of corporate confession.
Then, we will join in silently, confessing our personal sins.

Holy God, we come humbly into Your divine presence, confessing our sins, asking for You to

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forgive us, and to guide us in our repentance. We thank You that You receive us, not according to our failing goodness, but according to Your overflowing mercy, grace, and love. We thank You that You receive us as we are, and that You show us what we can be.

You have come to us in and through the Lord Jesus Christ, in order to share our common lot and in order to reconcile us to Yourself. Sweep over us with Your Spirit, we pray, and change us by Your love, so that we may sing with joy before You, and live in the world to Your glory. We pray in the name of our Savior, Lord, and King. Amen.

Note: The Congregation should please silently confess their sins.

Assurance of Pardon (responsively) Thomas Brooks

Liturgist: God says to each one of us: "I have swept away your offenses like a cloud, your sins like the morning mist. Return to me, for I have redeemed you."
—Isaiah 44:22

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Note: The Congregation should please stand for the Hymn, if able to do so.

***Response Hymn: There is a Redeemer Melody Green**

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son—
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.
Thank you, oh my Father, for giving us Your Son
And leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on Earth is done.

Note: If able, the Congregation should please remain standing following the Hymn

***Passing of the Peace Thomas Brooks**

*Note: The Congregation will please turn to each other and speak these words of greeting: "May the peace of Christ be with you."
And the answer of response: "And, also with you."*

Note: The Congregation may please be seated.

Installation of a Ruling Elder Rev. Giffone
Ruling Elder: Zachary Philip Harvey

Pastoral Prayer, Prayers of the People, and The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors) Rev. Giffone

Note: The Congregation should please remain seated for the reading of Scripture.

Old Testament Reading:

1 Kings 17:8-16 and 19:19-21 Matthew Steinkirchner

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Sermon:

"Pray Earnestly to the Lord of the Harvest" Rev. Giffone

Sermon Text: Luke 10:1-21

The Sacrament of Holy Communion
Remembrance · Communion · Hope

Invitation to the Lord's Table Rev. Giffone

Offering: O Could I Speak the Matchless Worth Mozart/Medley

O could I speak the matchless worth,
O could I sound the glories forth which in my Savior shine,
I'd soar, and touch the heav'nly strings,
and vie with Gabriel while he sings
In notes almost divine, in notes almost divine.

Note: We welcome the families with children sitting in the rear of the sanctuary to come forward and find seating in the front of the church, so that the children may observe the Celebration of Holy Communion.

Note: If able, the Congregation should please stand for the Offertory Hymn.

***Offertory Hymn: Doxology OLD HUNDRETH**

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Note: The Congregation should please remain standing, if able to do so.

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