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Celebration of Holy Communion

February 22, 2026



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The order of service is divided into several sections. Use this bulletin to participate in the worship service, noting parts spoken by the leader or the people, when to stand, sit, or kneel, and music for congregational singing.



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Traditional Order of Worship

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Erhalt uns, Herr, bei deinem Wort

Anonymous
Philip Biedenbender, organ

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG OF PREPARATION (stand)

Holy Is the Name of God

Jacques Berthier, Taizé



CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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 Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

SILENT REFLECTION & SELF-EXAMINATION (kneel/sit)

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**SHARING
OF THE PEACE**

(stand)

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

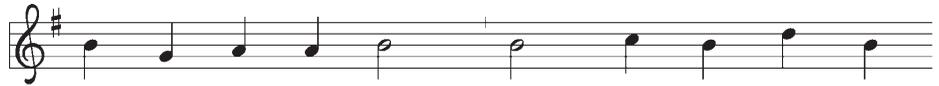
OPENING HYMN
The Glory of These

Forty Days

tr. Bell; Klug



1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we cel - e -
2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the lov - ing
3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de - liv - ered
4 Then grant, O God, that we may, too, re - turn in



brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all
God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,
from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride - groom's
fast and prayer to you. Our spir - its strength - en



things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.
fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.
friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.
with your grace, and give us joy to see your face.

**APOSTOLIC
GREETING**

*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion
of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

And also with you.

LENTEN KYRIE
*Your Heart,
O God, Is Grieved*

Tranovský, Vajda, Kutzky



1 O God, Father in heav - en, have mer - cy up - on us.
2 O Son of God, redeemer of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.
3 O God, Holy Spir - it, have mer - cy up - on us.



Your heart, O God, is grieved, we know, by ev - 'ry
Your arms ex - tend, O Christ, to save from sting of
O lav - ish Giv - er, come to aid the fee - ble



e - vil, ev - 'ry woe; up - on your cross - for -
death and grasp of grave; your scars be - fore the
child your grace has made. Now make us grow and



sak - en Son our death is laid, and peace is won.
 Fa - ther move his heart to mer - cy at such love.
 help us pray; bring joy and com - fort; come to stay.

**PRAYER
OF THE DAY**

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

Let us pray. You are one God, O Lord, and beside you there is no other. You alone are we to love with all our heart, with all our soul, and with all our strength, and our neighbor as ourselves. Sharpen our ears to hear this great commandment. Arouse our hearts to offer this twofold love. We ask this through the Christ who was, who is, and who is to come: your Son who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

— WORD —

**READING
Hebrews 10:19–25
(NIV)**
(sit)

Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL
ACCLAMATION**
Return to God
Haugen
(stand)



Re - turn to God with all your heart, the source of grace and mer - cy:



come seek the ten - der faith - ful - ness of God. God.

HOLY GOSPEL
Mark 12:24-34

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 12th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

(NIV)

Jesus replied, "Are you not in error because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God? When the dead rise, they will neither marry nor be given in marriage; they will be like the angels in heaven. Now about the dead rising—have you not read in the Book of Moses, in the account of the burning bush, how God said to him, 'I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? He is not the God of the dead, but of the living. You are badly mistaken!" One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?" "The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these." "Well said, teacher," the man replied. "You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but him. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices." When Jesus saw that he had answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And from then on no one dared ask him any more questions.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHRISTKIDS
DISMISSAL
 (sit)

Children ages 3 years through 2nd grade are invited to an age-appropriate lesson in the Ministry Center (M241/242). They will return during the offering.

SERMON



HYMN OF THE DAY
Spirit of God, Descend
Upon My Heart

Croly, Atkinson
 (stand)



1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
 2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,
 3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King;
 4 Teach me to love you as your an - gels love,



wean it from earth, through all its puls - es move;
 no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,
 all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
 one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame:



stoop to my weak - ness, strength to me im - part,
 no an - gel vis - i - tant, no op - 'ning skies;
 I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.
 the bap - tism of the heav'n - de - scend - ed dove,



and make me love you as I ought to love.
 but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
 Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!
 my heart an al - tar, and your love the flame.

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.

THE PRAYERS *Lord, in your mercy,*
 (kneel/sit) **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

MUSICAL OFFERING
 (sit)

Place cash or checks in Give envelopes, located in pew racks, and drop in offering plate. Credit cards can be used via online giving. Text "PRAISE" to 73256 or scan QR Code on envelope.

But by Love
 Dan Forrest
 Christ Choir
 Aidan Conway, flute

OFFERTORY
Cup of Blessing

Mischke, Kocher
(stand)

1. Cup of _ bless-ing that we share, does it not his grace de-clare?
 2. Is it _ not one bread we break? Of his bod - y all par-take.

Is it _ not the blood of Christ, who for us was sac - ri-ficed?
 Cast - ing out dis - trust and fear, let us love with hearts sin-cere.

As one bod - y, we are fed; Christ we share, one cup, one bread.
 One by God's de - sign are we; let us live in u - ni - ty.

OFFERTORY
PRAYER

Let us pray. Merciful Father,
we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us:
our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love.
Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MEAL

GREAT
THANKSGIVING

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 God thanks and praise.

SANCTUS
Holy, Holy, Holy
Moultrie

It is our duty and delight... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord most ho - ly, God of pow'r and
 God of might: heav'n and earth re - veal your glo - ry.

Hail, ho - san - na, Lord of light! Bless-ed be the com - ing
 Sav - ior. Hail, ho - san - na, Lord of light!

**WORDS OF
INSTITUTION**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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, forever and ever. Amen.

**AGNUS DEI
Lamb of God**

Seltz
(sit)



- 1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf - fered death our lives to save: have mer - cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer - cy now, we pray.
e - ter - nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

HOLY COMMUNION

All baptized Christians who have been instructed in the sacrament and believe Christ is present for the forgiveness of sins are invited to commune. Young children are invited to receive a blessing. Gluten-free wafers available upon request.

**Impromptu, Op. 90
No. 3 in G-flat**
Franz Schubert
Linda Moresi, piano

BLESSING
(stand)

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

**POST-COMMUNION
PRAYER**

Let us pray. Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

BENEDICTION

*The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.*
Amen.

CLOSING HYMN
*Let the Whole
 Creation Cry*
 Brooke, Hintze



1 Let the whole cre - a - tion cry, "Glo - ry to the Lord on high!"
 2 Ser - vants striv - ing for the Lord, proph - ets burn - ing with the word,
 3 Men and wom - en, young and old, raise the an - them loud and bold,



Heav'n and earth, a - wake and sing, "Praise to our al - might - y king!"
 those to whom the arts be - long add their voic - es to the song,
 and let chil - dren's hap - py hearts in this wor - ship take their parts;



Praise God, an - gel hosts a - bove, ev - er bright and fair in love;
 Pow'rs of knowl - edge and of law, to the glo - rious cir - cle draw;
 from the north to south - ern pole let the might - y cho - rus roll:



sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God re - joice.
 all who work and all who wait, sing, "The Lord is good and great!"
 "Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly One; glo - ry be to God a - lone!"

DISMISSAL *Go in peace. Serve the Lord.*
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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FEBRUARY 25 – APRIL 1

12:00 p.m. Midday Lenten Service
in Christ Chapel
 in-person & online • followed by lunch in the Forum • \$5

Evenings will be regular
 Wednesdays Ablaze programming
5:00 p.m. Dinner • 6:00 p.m. Classes
 more info: christelca.org/wednesdays-ablaze

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NEW SUNDAY ADULT CLASS • STARTS FEBRUARY 22

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Sundays • 10:00-10:45 a.m.
in Fellowship Hall

Explore what a follower of Jesus looks like and get ready to spark your spiritual life as you learn about The Marks of Discipleship! Led by CLC pastors.

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 BLOCKBUSTER BROADWAY
Friday, March 20
7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

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 REALM

Thursday Morning
Women's Bible Study
 meets weekly from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
 in Forum A&B -or- Christ Online

From February 12-March 5, we will embark on a pastor led, 4-week study on Galatians. This pastor led study will be offered in person and online. Join us!
 The live-stream link can be found on our website at christelca.org/online.

MORE INFO: julia.edelson@gmail.com

Easter Flowers
 Purchase flowers in memory or honor of loved ones to adorn our worship spaces on Easter Sunday. Flowers may be taken home after the Easter Sunday Contemporary service.

\$15 lilies • \$30 for hydrangeas

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Easter Wreaths
 Sponsor a floral wreath to decorate the church this Easter! These locally-crafted, artificial wreaths will adorn our sanctuary doors and Easter Sunrise service. Wreaths may be taken home after the Easter Sunday Contemporary service.

\$75 for Peony or Yellow Wreath

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FAITH FELLOWSHIP LENTEN SERIES:
The 7 Greatest Words of Love
Sundays • 10-10:45 a.m.
 Forum A&B -or- Online (Zoom)

As Jesus was dying on the cross, He made 7 statements of love in the final hours of His earthly life. Pastor & author Rick Warren returns to this moment in a 7-wk Lenten video series to define their deeper meaning.

ZOOM LINK: christelca.org/online



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Sleep in Heavenly Peace

Upcoming Builds

March 27-28 Building Beds at South Land



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(fyi only) From April 13-16, 6,000 Lowe's employees & 1,000 SHP leaders will aim to build 11,000 beds in 24 hrs!

<https://t.ly/qqLbX>

Want to Learn More?
Email Chris Barkoukis at chris.barkoukis@shpbeds.org



ROOM IN THE INN

Christ Providence is now hosting our neighbors in need each Thursday evening - **overnight hosts, transportation/drivers, & one additional coordinator are needed!**



<< Info & Signup:
signupgenius.com
lane.goode@gmail.com

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MIDDLE SCHOOL GAME NIGHT

Sun., February 22 • 12-2 p.m. in the Pit

Grades 6-8 are invited for an afternoon of fun and games! We will begin with lunch & then play some classic youth group games.



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Quillow Workshop

Sunday, February 22
12:15-2 p.m. in Center Six

Our GLC Quilters have graciously offered to help families with high school graduates create their Quillow for this graduation Stepping Stone.

Any quilters, sewers & families with a graduate are welcome to join.



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Stepping Stones



PREPARATION CLASSES • SAVE THE DATES
Feb. 22 • Meaning of the Meal • 1-3 p.m.
March 14 • Story Day • 8:45 a.m.-12 p.m.
March 29 • Livin' Forgivin 1-3 p.m.

First Communion will take place during Maundy Thursday's service on April 2nd (after the completion of the Seder Meal). Prep classes are for 2nd graders & their parents to attend together.

MORE INFO: krank@christelca.org



Sunday, February 22
3:00-5:00 p.m. in the Pit

All high school students are invited to come learn some important life skills that can be used to help their peers get through tough life problems.



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Stepping Stones



LORD'S PRAYER: PRAYER PATH
Sun, March 1 • 3-5 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

Parents and their 6th grade Confirmation students are invited to explore the Lord's Prayer and discover its significance in our faith journey. Students will have an opportunity to take part in an interactive prayer path for a time of reflection, creativity and connection.



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High School Dinner & Prayer Path

Sunday, March 1
4:30-7 p.m. in the Pit

High school youth are invited for dinner & games around the Pit. Once middle schoolers are done, we will go through the Prayer Path. A great faith-building opportunity!



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Prayers

- † People in Washington DC, our government and leaders
- † People of Russia and Ukraine
- † Conflict in the Middle East
- † Remove fear and bring peace in our community
- † Natalie Brown
- † Lois Witham
- † Fred Reddel
- † Chris Wrenn's father, Dave
- † Tony Hyde and family on the death of his father, Larry
- † Bruce Voelker's brother, George
- † Frank Henry's mother, Jean
- † Kevin Ellefson and family on the death of his sister-in-law, Cheryl
- † Cody Bollinger and Sarah Ayala and their baby
- † Lydia Brincefield
- † Susan Fisher and family on the death of her father, Bruce

Hospice List

- † Rebecca Sturtz' father, Randy



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WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

February 15, 2026

Traditional: 204

Bridge: 116

Contemporary: 259

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