

Our Mission

Christ Church exists to lead people into a deeper relationship with Christ and His Church, through community, for the city.

Connect to Christ Church

We are so happy you are worshiping with us and would love to connect with you! We invite you to the side yard immediately after the service for coffee hour.

If you are new, please complete the Connect Card in the pew rack and give the card to Pastor Andrew. Visit the Welcome Table in the foyer or our website, christchurcheastbay.org, to learn more about our church.

Worship Arts Opportunities

Do you sing or play an instrument? Are you interested in participating on our Sunday worship teams? Please contact our Worship Arts director Eric Gilbert (eric@christchurcheastbay.org) for more information.

Christ Church Kids & Youth

Come to the check-in table in the entrance of the Sanctuary for information on our wonderful programs and childcare for our toddlers, kids and youth on Sundays, and more!

Upcoming Events & Announcements

Gospels Reading Plan - Join Us!

It's not too late to start reading the ancient biographical pictures of Jesus of Nazareth. Let's get to know Him together! This week we start the Gospel of John. Schedule and resources can be found at the Welcome Table and at christchurcheastbay.org/worship.

Week 12 - March 19

Sunday - John 3	Thursday - John 7
Monday - John 4	Friday - John 8
Tuesday - John 5	Saturday - Catch-up day
Wednesday - John 6	

Christ Church Is Hiring

We hope you will remember these open staff positions in your prayers and refer any recommended candidates to us: full-time Worship Director and part-time Office Manager. Job descriptions are on the website: christchurcheastbay.org/employment.

Wednesday Fasting and Prayer During Lent

We invite you to a day of fasting and prayer on Wednesdays during Lent. Fast one meal or the whole day. Pray during that meal time for the revival of our souls, church, city, and world. Give to others what you would have spent on food. "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled" (Matthew 5:6).

* Women Reading Women

Tomorrow - Monday, March 20, 7:00-9:00 pm

Since Lent is a season for spiritual reflection, we've chosen a book by the Christian author Rosaria Butterfield, *The Gospel Comes with a House Key: Practicing Radically Ordinary Hospitality in Our Post-Christian World*. Join us for an evening of great conversation and encouraging fellowship. See details on the * Events page or email Maria Francis (maria@christchurcheastbay.org).

Join the Easter Choir

Rehearsals after worship, March 19 or 26, 12:00-1:00 pm

If you've sung in a choir before, or you just like to sing with others, we'd love to have you. Plan to attend ONE of the rehearsals. Please email Eric Gilbert, our Worship Arts Minister, for details (eric@christchurcheastbay.org).

Looking Ahead to April

April 2: Palm Sunday, 10:30 am
 April 6: * Maundy Thursday Supper & Service (including childcare)
 April 7: * Good Friday Prayer Vigil, 6:00 am-6:00 pm
 April 7: Good Friday Service (including childcare), 6:00 pm
 April 8: * Loaves & Fishes
 April 9: Easter Sunday Worship & Coffee Hour, 10:30 am
 April 16: Ask Me Anything, 12:00 pm

* Helpers Needed for Special Easter Coffee Hour

We'll be hosting a special coffee hour after our Easter worship service, and we need your contributions of food and helping hands! Head over to the Church Center app or the * events page to see our list of needs and let us know how you can help.

* Register and see details for events marked by an asterisk by using the Church Center app or this QR code:



Gathering

*O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in You.
I give You back the life I owe,
That in Your ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.*

*O Light that follows all my way,
I yield my flick'ring torch to You.
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in Your sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.*

Chorus
*Your love never lets go, never lets go,
Your love won't let go of me.*

"O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"
Words: George Matheson, 1882
Music: Eric Gilbert ©2022 Christ Church East Bay Music

Call to Worship - Psalm 85

*You, Lord, showed favor to Your land;
You restored the fortunes of Jacob.
You forgave the iniquity of Your people
and covered all their sins.*

*Will You not revive us again,
that Your people may rejoice in You?*
**Show us Your unfailing love, Lord,
and grant us Your salvation.**

*The Lord will indeed give what is good,
and our land will yield its harvest.
Righteousness goes before Him
and prepares the way for His steps.*

Psalm 126

*Our mouths they were filled, filled with laughter.
Our tongues they were loosed, loosed with joy.
Restore us, O Lord. Restore us, O Lord.*

Chorus
*Although we are weeping, Lord, help us keep sowing
The seeds of Your Kingdom for the day You will reap them.
Your sheaves we will carry. Lord, please do not tarry.
All those who sow weeping will go out with songs of joy!*

*The nations will say "He has done great things!"
The nations will sing songs of joy.
Restore us, O Lord. Restore us, O Lord!*

Words & Music: Isaac Wardell ©2013 Bifrost Arts Music

Confession and Lament

O Lord, we confess our sins against You and one another, and our deep need for You:

Lord, hear our prayer, listen to our cry for mercy; in Your faithfulness and righteousness come to our relief. Teach us to do Your will, for You are our God; may Your good Spirit lead us on level ground.

Good Father, we thank You that You hear our voice. You do not hide Your face from us. We thank You that look upon us with compassion.

You draw near to us as Neighbor and Friend.

Though You draw near to us, Lord Jesus, we have failed to seek and love You. We lament the depths of our sin and brokenness. Against You, You only, have we sinned and done what is evil in Your sight; so You are right in Your verdict and justified when You judge.

Hide Your face from our sins and blot out all our iniquity.

Silence is kept

We lament that while You have heard our cries, Lord, we have chosen to ignore the cries of others. We lament that this world is not as it should be, and confess our lack of faith in Your renewing and redemptive work. Holy Spirit, teach us to know Your life-giving presence within us, for You grant us new mercies each day.

We hope in You alone to give us a willing and joyful spirit.

Silence is kept

Kyrie

*Lord, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us;
You take away the sins of the world,
Have mercy upon us, have mercy on us.
Have mercy upon us, have mercy on us.*

Adapted from "Kyrie" & "Agnus Dei" (Ancient Latin Mass)
Words & Music: Philip Majorins ©2010 GloriaNotes Music

Passing of the Peace

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

*Children are dismissed at this time.

Glory to Our God (Gloria Patri)

Glory be to God, our Father,
Glory be to Jesus, the Son;
Glory be unto the Holy Spirit,
Praises to our God, Three in One.

As it was in the beginning,
Is now and ever shall be, world without end.

Chorus

Amen to the Father, and to Jesus, the Son,
To the Spirit, who lives and reigns in us.
Both now and forever, Your kingdom is come.
Sing “Amen” to our God, Three in One; Amen!

Text: from “Gloria Patri,” (ca. 2nd cent.)
Music: Eric Gilbert ©2010 Christ Church East Bay Music

The Lord’s Word

Gospel Lesson

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew

Mt 19:1 When Jesus had finished saying these things, He left Galilee and went into the region of Judea to the other side of the Jordan. **2** Large crowds followed Him, and He healed them there. **3** Some Pharisees came to Him to test him. They asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any and every reason?” **4** “Haven’t you read,” He replied, “that at the beginning the Creator ‘made them male and female,’ **5** and said, ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh’? **6** So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.” **7** “Why then,” they asked, “did Moses command that a man give his wife a certificate of divorce and send her away?” **8** Jesus replied, “Moses permitted you to divorce your wives because your hearts were hard. But it was not this way from the beginning. **9** I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another woman commits adultery.” **10** The disciples said to Him, “If this is the situation between a husband and wife, it is better not to marry.” **11** Jesus replied, “Not everyone can accept this word, but only those to whom it has been given. **12** For there are eunuchs who were born that way, and there are eunuchs who have been made eunuchs by others—and there are those who choose to live like eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. The one who can accept this should accept it.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

*Please be seated

Teaching

Series: The King's Church

Title: Becoming a Faithful Community

Preacher: Rev. Jonathan St. Clair

The Lord’s Supper

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Preface (Prayer of Praise)

(Sung)

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!

He Took, Blessed, and Broke

Words of Institution

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Christ, our Passover, is sacrificed for us.

Therefore, let us keep the feast.

And now as our Savior taught us, so we pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours, now and forever. Amen.

He Gave

Invitation

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Nothing But the Blood of Jesus

What can wash away my sin?

Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

What can make me whole again?

Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Refrain

O precious is the flow

That makes me white as snow.

No other fount I know—

Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

For my pardon this I see:

Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

For my cleansing this my plea:

Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

This is all my hope and peace:

Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

This is all my righteousness:

Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Words & Music Robert Lowry, 1876

Ordination of Deacons

Candidates for Office of Deacon: Melissa Arciniega and Doug Daniels

Confession of Faith

Let us confess our faith from the Apostle’s Creed:

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again from the dead, He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Questions to Deacon Candidates...

Question for the Members of Christ Church...

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

Let us offer our thanks to God, and ourselves to His service.

Gracious God, accept these gifts which we offer in response to the riches of Your immeasurable love. Strengthen us with Your Spirit to mercy and grace, in all that we say and do, that Your love might be shown, and Your kindness revealed through us. Amen.

Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart.

Naught be all else to me save that Thou art.

Thou my best thought by day or by night;

Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true Word.

I ever with Thee, and Thou with me, Lord.

Thou my great Father, Thy child may I be;

Thou in me dwelling, and I one with Thee.

Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise.

Thou mine inheritance, now and always.

Thou and Thou only, first in my heart;

High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,

May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun.

Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,

Still be my vision, O ruler of all.

Ancient Irish hymn attributed to Dallan Forgaill, 8th century

Blessing and Sending

Let us go in the name of Christ to love and serve the world.

Thanks be to God.