



Christ Episcopal Church

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A Celebration of Women in Scripture: Laying Down the Stones

The Reverend Diane Ramerman, Presider

29 March 2021

5:00 pm

Presider will have the Christ Candle and a basket of stones.

Participants are invited to have a candle (battery or wax) to be lit during the service.

Greeting

Presider The Peace of Christ be with you all.
People **And also with you.**



The Christ candle is lit.

Presider We light this candle to remind us that as we gather, surely, Christ gathers with us.
People **Jesus be in our midst this evening; bring light, love and strength.**

Presider O God, you brought forth light out of darkness and out of nothing you created the universe.
People **With awe and trembling we come into your presence.**

Presider In Christ you lived among us, you taught and healed and showed your great love by embracing the bitter cross.
People **With longing and hope we come into the mystery of your presence.**

Presider Lord our God, we give thanks for the witness of bold women whose voices are heard in Scripture. In early times, today and into the future, bold women show us how to live as God's beloved children in God's beloved creation. We live into our baptismal call to work for justice and peace for all God's creatures.

For which woman in scripture do you thank the Lord today?
Name her aloud and let us thank God for her witness.

*Presider will determine the order for the speakers.
Please speak in turn about the woman whose life you have chosen to honor this evening.
When you have finished speaking, light the candle you have with you
and hold it in view of the computer camera for a moment as we respond:*

Welcome_____.
We thank you for your wisdom and insight.
Inspire us as we continue your legacy of faith.

After all have spoken, we continue:

Presider God our Creator, you made us in your image.

People And you call us from wherever we are in time and place to be your disciples.

Presider Through your Holy Spirit, we are empowered to bring the Gospel to all your people.

People By your grace, you listen to our prayers.

A Time of Silent Reflection

You are invited to name, silently or aloud, women and girls known to you who have experienced exploitation and violence.

Laying Down of the Stones

Presider Sisters and brothers, as you have been reflecting, I have made a circle of stones around the Christ Candle. These stones signify our participation in societies that exploit the vulnerability of women and create systems where violence against women and girls is at worst condoned and at least is tolerated.

Presider As each of you moves your candle gently, remember and pray for all women known to you who have been violated: physically, emotionally or spiritually.

**All We believe in light beyond our seeing,
We believe in healing beyond our knowing.
We believe in the grace of God's Spirit.
Amen.**



Dismissal & Blessing

Presider Go in faith as daughters and sons of God
And may God our Mother and Father take you by the hand,
God the Christ lighten your way,
And God the Spirit lead you to all truth.

People Amen.