



# CHRIST CHURCH ANGLICAN

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## **Third Sunday after the Epiphany** **Sunday, January 25, 2026 Holy Eucharist 10:30am**



THE CALLING OF SAINTS PETER AND ANDREW, BRITISH; CA 1160-1180.

<https://www.metmuseum.org/art/collection/search/479797>

Presider: The Rev. Brendon Bedford  
Homilist / Lay Reader: John Howard

Reader: Victoria Alcock  
Server: Lynn McTaggart  
Greeter: Bill Alcock  
Cantor: John Howard



## Our Land Acknowledgement

We at Christ Church are gathered together on the territory of the Saugeen Ojibway Nation and commit ourselves to the hard work of reconciliation.



## Our Mission Statement

Christ Church is committed to live in a generous and loving spirit in all its relationships.

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## **Welcome and Announcements**

Post-Covid, we have curtailed the “passing of the plate” at Christ Church. There are offering envelopes in the pews and on the table at the back of the church. We thank you for your donation to the ministry and upkeep of the parish which can be placed on the offering plate as you enter the church.

## **OPENING SENTENCE**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN** Holy, Holy, Holy #1 blue hymn book

## **Gathering of the Community**

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

**People:** and also with you.

## **THE COLLECT FOR PURITY**

**Presider:** Almighty God,

**All:** to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. 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 Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **THE KYRIE**

**Presider:** Lord have mercy.

**People:** Christ have mercy.

**All:** Lord have mercy.

## **THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*Please be seated.*

## **CHILDREN’S TALK**

# The Proclamation of the Word

## THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 9:1-4

Reader: A reading from the Book of Isaiah

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 27:1, 5-13



- (1) God is my light and my salvation;
- (2) whom then shall I fear?
- (3) God is the strength of my life;
- (4) of whom then shall I be afraid? **R.**

- (1) One thing have I asked of you, O God; one thing I seek;
- (2) that I may dwell in your house all the days of my life;
- (3) To behold your fair beauty, O God
- (4) and to seek you in your temple. **R.**

- (1) For in the day of trouble you will keep me safe in your shelter;
- (2) you will hide me in the secrecy of your dwelling and set me high upon a rock.
- (1) Even now you lift up my head
- (2) above my enemies round about me.
- (3) Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness;
- (4) I will sing and make music to my God. **R.**

- (1) Hearken to my voice, O God, when I call;
- (2) have mercy on me and answer me.
- (3) You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face."
- (4) Your face, O God, will I seek. **R.**

- (1) Hide not your face from me,
- (2) nor turn away your servant in displeasure.
- (3) You have been my helper; cast me not away;
- (4) do not forsake me, O God of my salvation. **R.**

## THE SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

**Reader:** A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

**Reader:** The word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand, as you are able.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia #190 Sing a New Creation**

*Alleluia is played once and repeated by congregation 2 or 3 times..*



Music: Norah Duncan IV, 1987, © 1987 GIA Publications, Inc.

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 4:12-23

**Gospeller:** The Lord be with you.

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

**Gospeller:** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

*After the Gospel is read.*

**Gospeller:** The Gospel of Christ.

**People:** **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia #190 Sing a New Creation**

*As before the Gospel Acclamation, Alleluia repeated twice by congregation.*

*Please be seated.*

## **THE HOMILY**

John Howard

Lay Reader

*Please stand, as you're able.*

## **THE NICENE CREED**

Lay Reader: Let us confess our faith, as we say,

**All: 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 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. With the Father and the Son He is worshipped 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.**

*Please sit or stand as you're able.*

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lynn McTaggart  
Intercessor

### THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Lay Reader: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Lay Reader: Most merciful God,

**All: 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 neighbours 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.**

Presider: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

### THE PEACE

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And also with you.**

*Members of the congregation greet one another with a sign of peace.*

*Remain standing, as you are able.*

**OFFERTORY HYMN:** All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name #322  
(blue hymn book)

## THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

### The Celebration of the Eucharist

Eucharistic Prayer #5 (BAS, pg 204)

Presider: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

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

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Presider: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, .....

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Therefore, with all who serve you on earth and in heaven, we praise  
your wonderful name, as we sing,

**THE SANCTUS (HOLY) - said**

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord - #735 (blue hymn book)

Presider: Holy, holy, holy Lord,

**All: 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.**

BAS pg 205

Presider: We give you thanks and praise, loving Father, .....

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We sing your praise, almighty Father, through Jesus, our Lord, in  
the power of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

**People: Amen.**



## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**All: 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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD (FRACTION RITE)

Lamb Of God (Agnus Dei)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. **Have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. **Have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. **Grant us peace.**

## THE COMMUNION

Presider: The gifts of God for the People of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*Please be seated.*

*All baptized Christians, regardless of denomination, are welcome to receive communion at God's altar.*

*If you are not baptized, you are very welcome to come forward to the communion rail for a blessing, indicating so by crossing your arms over your chest.*

*If you are interested in exploring baptism, please speak to the priest after the service.*

*Gluten free host (wafers) are available at the altar rail upon request.*

**COMMUNION HYMN**      One Bread, One Body, One Lord of All #73

blue hymn book

*Please stand as you are able.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## THE DOXOLOGY (sung)

**All: Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## THE FINAL BLESSING

**RECESSIONAL HYMN** Sent Forth by God's Blessing (tune The Ashgrove)  
(on insert)

## THE DISMISSAL

Presider: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

*Please be seated.*

## POSTLUDE

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## **This Week's Prayer List**

(We invite you to hold all on our list in your prayers for the coming week.)

**The Diocese:** We hold in our prayers the people and clergy of: Christ Church, Forest; St. John-in-the-Wilderness, Bright's Grove; Christ Church, Petrolia; St. Paul's, Point Edward.

**The Parish:** We hold in our prayers: Merle Cooper, Donna Eagles, Sylvia Eaton and their families as well as all those serving in the Canadian Armed Forces at home and overseas.

**The Wider Church:** We hold in our prayers the clergy and people of the Episcopal Church of the USA; the clergy and people of the Diocese of Jerusalem; the clergy and people of Bath Abbey and St. Giles, Cripplegate, UK as well as bishop Sarah Mullally, Archbishop of Canterbury-elect.

**Intercessions:** For healing and hope we hold up to God: Charlie & Marg, Deanie, Fraser, Gord, Katharine, Ted, and their families, and any others who are in need of our prayers.



### ***Memorial Flowers on the Altar***

*Flowers at the altar today are given to the Glory of God and with grateful thanks for the life and ministry of our parents, Albert and Wilma Carefoot and Ashley Clock, a gift of their family.*



### **NEXT WEEK**

**February 1, 2026, Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany (Eve of the Presentation of the Lord)**

**The readings are:** Mic 6:1-8; Ps 15; 1 Cor 1:18-31; Mt 5:1-12.

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

We thank Canon Kevin for arranging for our service music & hymns' accompaniment today.

Following the service, please join us for refreshments and fellowship in the Parish Hall.

The Free Community Breakfast is every Monday, from 8:30 to 10am (unless a stat holiday). Please join us for a hearty breakfast.

The Midweek Eucharist is offered every Wednesday, at 12:00 noon, followed by a Bible Study at 1:00pm. All are welcome.

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Parish Council will meet Tuesday, February 10 at 7pm in the Parish Hall.

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The next Repair Cafe is Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 12noon.

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Vestry Sunday is February 22 and will be following the worship service with a few moments to enjoy a coffee/tea & light lunch in between. Please plan to attend and hear about what your parish has accomplished in 2025 and have your say about its future.

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### MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR UPCOMING DATES

February 15	Transfiguration Sunday (bring in your palm crosses)
February 16	Family Day (civic holiday) - office is closed.
February 17	Shrove Tuesday, aka Pancake Tuesday – held at Knox Presbyterian Church Meaford. if you can volunteer some time, please let the office know. Thank you.
February 18	Ash Wednesday 10:30am service here at Christ Church
February 22	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent & Vestry Sunday (as above)

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