

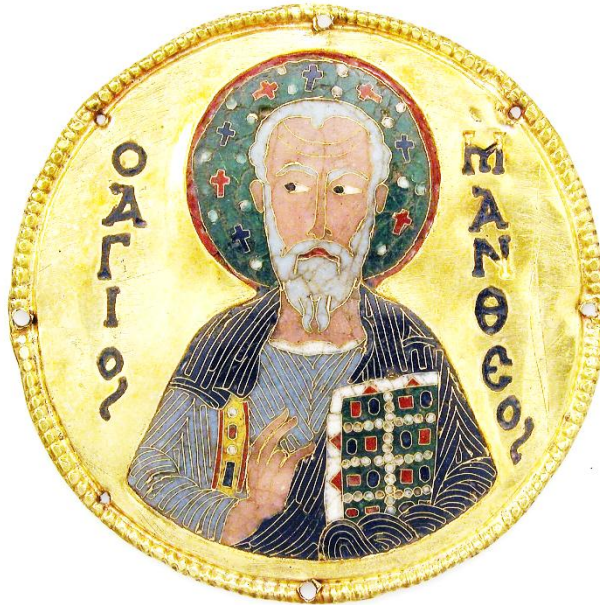


CHRIST CHURCH ANGLICAN

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Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany **Sunday, February 8, 2026 Holy Eucharist 10:30am**



Medallion with Saint Matthew from an Icon Frame. Byzantine, ca. 1100

<https://www.metmuseum.org/art/collection/search/464545>

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

Server: Lynn McTaggart
Reader: Gail Latour
Cantor: Lynn McTaggart
Greeter: Francis Richardson



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.

Prelude Meditation on Laudes Domini (D. Wagner)

OPENING SENTENCE

Please stand as you are able.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN When Morning Gilds the Skies #2 (vs 1-4)
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 58:1-12

Reader: A reading from the Book of Isaiah

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 112:1-9



Hap - py are they who have giv - en to the poor.

Hallelujah! (1) Happy are they who fear God

(2) and have great delight in the commandments of the Holy One!

(1) Their descendants will be mighty in the land;

(2) the generation of the upright will be blessed.

(3) Wealth and riches will be in their house,

(4) and their righteousness will last for ever. **R.**

(1) Light shines in the darkness for the upright;

(2) the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

(3) It is good for them to be generous in lending

(4) and to manage their affairs with justice. **R.**

(1) For they will never be shaken;

(2) the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

(3) They will not be afraid of any evil rumours;

(4) their heart is right; they put their trust in God. **R.**

(1) Their heart is established and will not shrink,

(2) until they see their desire upon their enemies.

(3) They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast for ever;

(4) they will hold up their head with honour. **R.**

THE SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 2:1-16

Reader: A reading from the 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 5:13-20

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

The Rev. Brendon Bedford
Priest & Rector

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

John Howard
Lay Reader

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: You Are Salt for the Earth #502 blue hymn book

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

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,

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

THE SANCTUS (HOLY) - said
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

**All: 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.**

BAS pg 205

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

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 (said)

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) said 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 I Come with Joy #60 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 Go to the World #598 blue hymn book

THE DISMISSAL

Presider: Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

POSTLUDE

Spirit in the Sky (Greenbaum)

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Psalm from The Psalter, George Black; Lamb of God, David Clark Isele.

Gospel Acclamation, Alleluia: Music: Norah Duncan IV, 1987, © 1987 GIA Publications, Inc.; Doxology: Bob Tadman.

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: Trinity, Watford; St. John the Divine, Arva; Church of the Ascension, London; St. Mark's, London.

The Parish: We hold in our prayers: Richard Folk, David & Nancy Fraser, David & Muriel Hindle 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.

Intercessions: For healing and hope we hold up to God: Bruce & Heather, 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 past members of the Chancel Guild.



NEXT WEEK

February 15, 2026, Last Sunday after the Epiphany

The readings are: Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 2 Or Psalm 99; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

We thank Canon Kevin for providing our recorded music for our service today.

Please join us after the service for coffee and fellowship time.

The Midweek Eucharist (said service) is offered every **Wednesday, at 12:00 noon**, followed by a **Bible Study at 1pm**. **All are welcome – you may bring a lunch to have if you plan to attend both.**

Shrove Tuesday, aka Pancake Tuesday – Tuesday, February 17th – 5-7pm

Held at Knox Presbyterian Church Meaford, 197797 Grey Rd. 7, Tuesday, February 17th, with all Meaford churches. The burning of palms will take place there at 4:15pm and the supper runs from 5 to 7pm. (Gluten Free options available) Freewill donations welcome – all donations go to the Meaford Foodbank. See posters.

FAITH SEEKING UNDERSTANDING THIS LENT – Thursday, February 19th-4pm. Exploring one of the most awe-inspiring and mystifying books of the Bible, *Revelation for Everyone* is a book study by N.T. Wright and will be offered on Thursdays, beginning February 19th at 4:00pm. Each week the location alternates between parishes, St. George's Blue Mountains and Christ Church.

It begins at Christ Church on February 19th.

Visit the church office to pick up your copy of the enlarged print book (\$34.64 includes tax) or purchase in print or on kindle online. (Facilitated by Canon Gray and Fr. Brendon).



Join us for a special service, on Ash Wednesday, February 18th at 10:30am with the *Imposition of Ashes*, an ancient way to begin the season of Lent.

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

The next Repair Cafe is Saturday, February 14th from 9am to 12noon. Bring in your small items to repair, rather than throw them out and enjoy a cup of coffee.



You are invited to bring in your palm crosses -- up until Sunday, February 15th -- to be burned on Ash Wednesday.

Vestry Sunday is February 22. This will be a brief meeting (like an Annual meeting) following the 10:30am service. A light lunch will be available to have and take into the church for the meeting. All church members are invited to attend and have a say in the “goings-on” of the church.

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