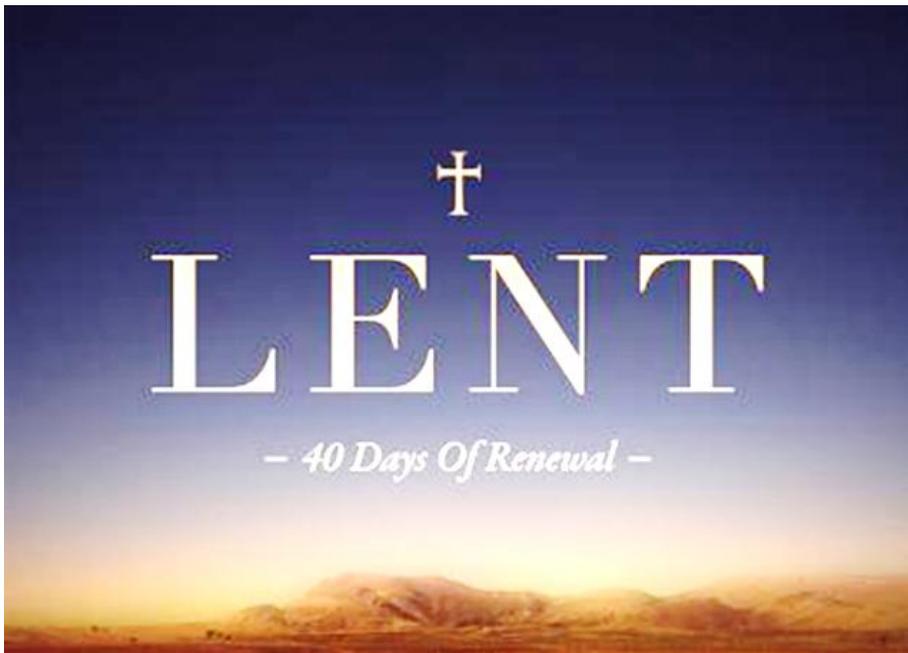


CHRIST CHURCH ANGLICAN

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First Sunday in Lent & Vestry **February 22, 2026 Holy Eucharist 10:30am**



Presider: The Rev. Brendon Bedford
Lay Reader: Francis Richardson
Organist: Ashton Dunk

Server: Lynn McTaggart
Cantor: Victoria Alcock
Reader: Garry Minielly
Greeter: Bill Alcock



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 Three Liturgical Preludes: No. 1 & 2 – George Oldroyd.

OPENING SENTENCE

Please stand as you are able.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN Forty Days and Forty Nights #175
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.**

Presider: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: **His mercy endures forever.**

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.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Presider: Dear Friends in Christ, as we prepare for the Paschal Feast, continuing in the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers, let us make ready our hearts to renew the covenant of our baptism.

Let us kneel, as we are able, before our Creator and Redeemer.

Please kneel, as you are able.

Presider: Let us ask God to bring to light the things now hidden in darkness, and to disclose to us the secret purposes of our hearts.

And most especially, let us remember the covenant of our baptism and test our hearts and conscience to know how faithfully we have persevered in resisting evil, and whenever we fell into sin, have repented and returned to the Lord.

A period of silence is kept where our individual and communal sins related to this baptismal vow are recalled.

Presider: Holy and immortal God,

All: **you formed us from the dust in your image, and redeemed us from sin and death by the cross of our Saviour.**

Through the washing of baptism you raised us up with him to share in the new covenant with all your holy people.

But we have squandered the inheritance of your saints, and have wandered far in a land that is waste.

Therefore we turn to you in penitence and humility. In your great mercy, forgive us and restore us, that we may rejoice in your presence, 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.**

KYRIE ELEISON, CHRISTE ELEISON, KYRIE ELEISON
(Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy)

Cantor *All*
Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

Cantor *All*
Chris - te e - lei - son. Chris - te e - lei - son.

Cantor *All* Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S TALK

The Proclamation of the Word

THE FIRST READING

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Reader: A reading from the Book of Genesis

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 32

O God, you for - gave me the guilt of my sin.

(1) Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,
(2) and whose sin is put away!
(3) Happy are they to whom God imputes no guilt,
(4) and in whose spirit there is no guile! **R.**

(1) While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,
(2) because of my groaning all day long.
(3) For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;
(4) my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer. **R.**

(1) Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
(2) and did not conceal my guilt.
(3) I said, "I will confess my transgressions to God."
(4) Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin. **R.**

(1) Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble;
(2) when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
(3) You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble;
(4) you surround me with shouts of deliverance. **R.**

(1) "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go;
(2) I will guide you with my eye.
(3) Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding;
(4) who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you." **R.**

(1) Great are the tribulations of the wicked;
(2) but mercy embraces those who trust in God.
(3) Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in God;
(4) shout for joy, all who are true of heart. **R.**

THE SECOND READING

Romans 5:12-19

Reader: A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand, as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

#717 is played once and repeated by congregation.

717 Praise to You, O Lord

Unison

Praise to you, O Lord, King of e - ter - nal glo - ry.

The image shows a musical score for a unison piece. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The piece is marked 'Unison'.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 4:1-11

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

As before the Gospel, #717 is repeated by congregation.

Please be seated.

THE CHARGE TO VESTRY

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

Francis Richardson

Lay Reader

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 Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord #531
blue hymn book

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Eucharistic Prayer #3, page 198 (preface for Lent 1)

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: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth,
because you bid your faithful

.....

Therefore we raise our voices to you in praise to proclaim the
glory of your name.

THE SANCTUS (HOLY) - sung

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

All: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

Presider: (BAS, p198) We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation;

.....
Therefore, Father, according to his command,

**All: we remember his death
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;**

.....
By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (sung)

#684 blue hymn book

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) sung

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 Just As I Am #615 blue hymn book
Please stand as you are able.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Presider: All your works praise you, O Lord.

All: **And your faithful servants bless you.**

THE FINAL BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN Giver of the Perfect Gift #180

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

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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: St. Anne's (Byron), London; St. George's, London; St. James Westminster, London; St. John the Evangelist, London.

The Parish: We hold in our prayers: John Howard, Shelly Hurst, Geoffrey Hutchinson 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, John, Katharine, Ted, and their families, and any others who are in need of our prayers.



NEXT WEEK

March 1, 2026, Second Sunday in Lent

The readings are: Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17;
John 3:1-17 or Matthew 17:1-9.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join us, immediately after the service, for Vestry. Pick up a plate of sandwiches (GF provided) and a beverage in the Parish Hall and join us in the nave where the meeting will be held.

 During Lent, the Wednesday 12noon BCP (said) service will continue; however, the 1pm Bible study will pause and start up again after Easter.

FAITH SEEKING UNDERSTANDING THIS LENT – The book study, on the book, *Revelation for Everyone* by N.T. Wright continues every Thursday at 4pm. This week (Feb. 26th) it will take place at St. George's, Blue Mountains, 166 Russell St. E., Clarksburg (crn Marsh & Russell).

Piano/organ Recital – February 28, 20026 at Kincardine United Church – 4pm. For info, speak to Ashton Dunk, our organist.

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