

CHRIST CHURCH ANGLICAN

MEAFORD

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Third Sunday in Lent March 8, 2026 Holy Eucharist 10:30am



CHRIST CHURCH ANGLICAN MEAFORD, ALTAR

Presider: The Rev. Canon Kevn Bothwell
Homilist: The Rev. Brendon Bedford
Lay Reader: John Howard
Organist: Ashton Dunk

Server: Lynn McTaggart
Cantor: John Howard
Reader: Toni Bothwell
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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 <p>CHRIST CHURCH ANGLICAN MEAFORD</p>	<p>Tax receipts are provided by PayPal Giving Fund upon donation.</p>

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 Behold the Lamb of God! - Samuel S. Wesley; Jesus, Name All Names Above - Ralph Alvin Strom; Print Thine Image Pure and Holy - Genevan Psalter, Harm: J.S Bach

OPENING SENTENCE

Please stand as you are able.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN Let My People Seek Their Freedom #471
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,
.....
we have sought and served Christ in all persons, loving our
neighbours as ourselves.

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

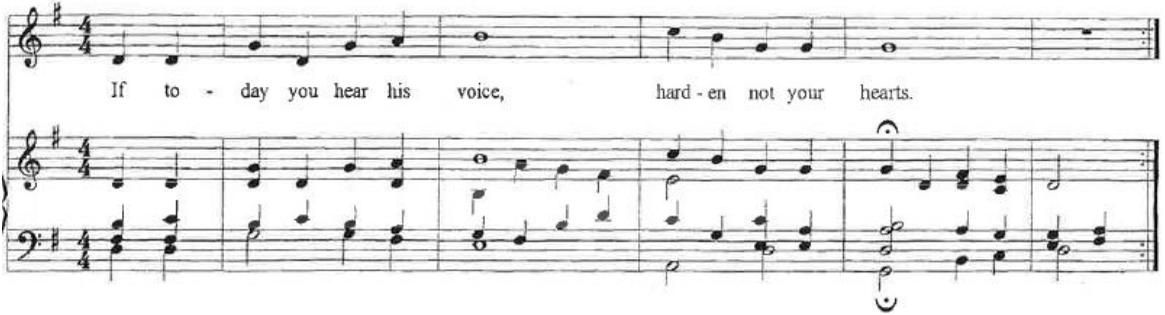
Exodus 17:1-7

Reader: A reading from the Book of Exodus

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 95



Come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence . with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to him. with psalms. **R**

For the Lord is a . great God, I and a great king aboye . all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his also. **R**

The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have molded the dry land.
Come, let us bow down and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord our Maker. **R**

For he is. our God, I and we are the people of his pasture
and the sheep of . his hand. / Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice **R**

Harden not your hearts, as your forebears did in . the wilderness,
at Meribah, and on that day at Massah, when. they tempted me.
They put me to the test, / though they had seen my works. **R**

Forty years long I detested that generation. and said,
"This people are wayward in their hearts; they do not know my ways,"
So I swore in my wrath, / "They shall not enter into my rest." **R**

THE SECOND READING

Romans 5:1-11

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 song. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff for the melody and a bass clef staff for the accompaniment. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: 'Praise to you, O Lord, King of e - ter - nal glo - ry.' The accompaniment consists of chords and single notes that support the melody.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 4:5-42

Gospeller: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

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

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.

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

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.

OFFERTORY HYMN: I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say #508

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 Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee #617 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.

Gracious God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. May we, who share his body, live his risen life; we, who drink his cup, bring life to others; we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world.

Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so that we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE FINAL BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds #620

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

In the Christ I Glory - John Stainer, Ithamar Conkey

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Kyrie Eleison from Sing a New Creation.

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. Martin-in-the-Fields, London; St. Michael & All Angels, London; St. Paul's Cathedral, London; Holy Trinity, Lucan.

The Parish: We hold in our prayers Shari Kartechner, Shirley Keaveney, Murray & Ann Kerr 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: Ayako, Heather & family, Charlie & Marg, Deanie, Fraser, Gord, Katharine, Ted, and their families, and any others who are in need of our prayers.

NEXT WEEK

March 15, 2026, Fourth Sunday in Lent

The readings are: 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join us for coffee, refreshments and fellowship after the service.

 **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 (March 12th) it will take place at St. George's.

Parish Council meeting – Tuesday, March 10, 2026 at 7pm.

Repair Cafe returns on Saturday, March 14th, 2026 from 9am to 12noon.

SAVE THE DATE: Guess Who's Coming to Dinner – a fun, social fundraiser – May 23, 2026. Details coming in April – watch for posters on bulletin boards and on the church website – www.christchurchanglican.ca and in the eblast.

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