



# CHRIST CHURCH ANGLICAN

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## **Fifth Sunday in Lent** **March 22, 2026 Holy Eucharist 10:30am**



The Raising of Lazarus: Rembrandt (Rembrandt van Rijn)  
Dutch ca. 1632; <https://www.metmuseum.org/art/collection/search/369805>.

Presider: The Rev. Brendon Bedford  
Lay Reader: John Howard  
Organist: Ashton Dunk

Server: Lynn McTaggart  
Reader: Barb Horne  
Cantor: John Howard  
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** The Church Organist: Voluntary - John Stanley; Verset - Domenico Zipoli.

## **OPENING SENTENCE**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN** God, My Hope on You Is Founded #529  
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,  
.....  
striven to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, respecting,  
sustaining and renewing the life of the earth.

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

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Reader: A reading from the Book of Ezekiel

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 130**

Our God shall re - deem us from all\_\_ our\_\_ sins.

- (1) Out of the depths have I called to you, O God:
- (2) God, hear my voice;
- (4) let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication. **R.**

- (1) If you were to note what is done amiss,
- (2) O God, who could stand?
- (3) For there is forgiveness with you;
- (4) therefore you shall be feared. **R.**

- (1) I wait for you, O God, my soul waits for you;
- (2) in your word is my hope.
- (3) My soul waits for God, more than sentinels for the morning,
- (4) more than sentinels for the morning. **R.**

- (1) O Israel, wait for God,
- (2) the One with whom there is mercy;
- (3) With you, O God, there is plenteous redemption,
- (4) and you shall redeem Israel from all their sins. **R.**

## THE SECOND READING

Romans 8:6-11

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 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), and the time signature is 4/4. 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 ends with a double bar line.

# THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 11:1-45

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 kneel, as you're able.*

### **THE GREAT LITANY**

Please see Insert.

*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:** From the Falter of Breath #489 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 pray,

**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** Spirit of the Living God #647 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** O Spirit of the Living God #40 blue hymn book

### THE DISMISSAL

**Presider:** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

*Please be seated.*

### POSTLUDE

The Church Organist: Prelude and Fugue - Johann Kaspar Ferdinand Fischer (Concordia Pub.)

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CCLI Streaming Plus Licence™ A 22817038. Psalm from George Black Psalter; Lamb of God, David Clark Isele.  
Kyrie Eleison, #179, 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: Parishes of Oxford Centre • St. John's, Eastwood • Christ Church, Oxford Centre • St. Paul's, Princeton; Parish of the Thames • St. John's, Thamesford; • St. George's-on-the-Wye, Thorndale.

**The Parish:** We hold in our prayers Blake & Stephanie Lambe, David & Susan Lambe, Brian & Laurie Laporte 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, Carol Ann, 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 29, 2026, Sunday of the Passion (Liturgy of the Palms)**

**The readings are:** Matthew 21:1-11; Isaiah 50:4-9A; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 26:14-27:66 *or* Matthew 27:11-54 (short version).

### PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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



The Chancel Guild are making palm crosses and would love some help on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. Please join them from 1-2pm for a fun time.

**Quiet afternoon before Holy Week.** Join Canon Kevin at the church on **Friday March 27<sup>th</sup>** for a quiet afternoon of prayer and reflection. Please let Canon Kevin know if you are coming so we can estimate numbers. [kevinbothwell@diohuron.org](mailto:kevinbothwell@diohuron.org) All are welcome. Bring a friend if you wish.

**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 26h) it will take place at St. George’s, the Blue Mountains (Clarksburg).**



**Easter Decorating - On Saturday April 4<sup>th</sup> at 10 am, the Chancel Guild will be decorating the church for our Easter celebration. Extra hands are always appreciated for this joyous occasion! All are welcome.**

**Maundy Thursday is April 2<sup>nd</sup>** and the service is at 7pm, held here in conjunction with St. George’s, Clarksburg. **Prior to the service, a meal will be served at 5:30pm.** If you would like to sign up for the meal, please call Gail Latour at 226-662-0227.

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