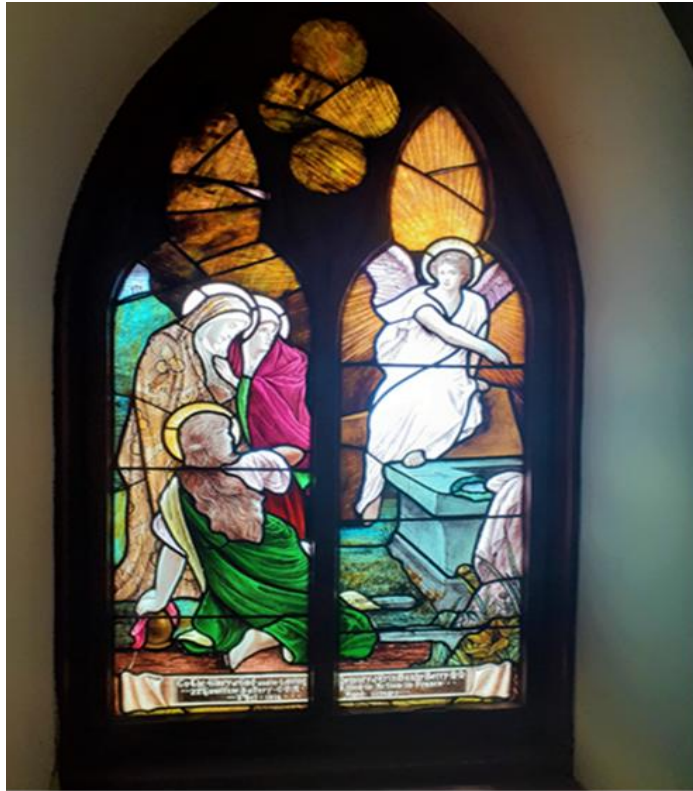




CHRIST CHURCH ANGLICAN

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The Deserted Tomb, South Window, Christ Church Anglican, Meaford

Vigil of Easter **April 4, 2026 Holy Eucharist 8:00PM**

Presider: The Rev. Brendon Bedford, Rector
Homilist: The Rev. Canon Kevin Bothwell
Lay Reader: Francis Richardson
Pianist: Ashton Dunk

Greeter: Garry Minielly
Cantor: Francis Richardson
Server: Sarah Howard
Reader: Toni Bothwell

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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THE SERVICE OF LIGHT

The congregation gathers outdoors and the fire is kindled.

The Paschal Candle is brought to the presider to be blessed.

THE BLESSING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

The Paschal Candle is lit.

Presider: May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

People: Amen.

The presider sings the following three times, with the people responding each time as the candle is processed.

Presider: The light of Christ.


People: Thanks be to God.


The people light their candles from the fire of the Paschal Candle and pass it to each other's candles, following the presider into the church and taking their places in the pews. Pew candles are lit.

Please remain standing, as you are able.

THE EXSULTET – The Proclamation of Easter

Presider: Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels!
..... Let this place resound with joy, echoing the
mighty song of all God's people!

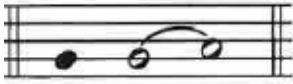

The Lord be with you And also with you.


Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.


It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider: It is truly right that with full hearts and minds and voices we should praise the unseen God.....
..... Christ, that Morning Star, who came back from the dead, and shed his peaceful light on all creation, your Son who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

People:



A - men.

*The lights of the church are turned on,
and the congregation may extinguish their candles.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please be seated.

OLD TESTAMENT READING 1 – Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Reader: A reading from the Book of Genesis.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

A period of silence is held. The presider offers a concluding prayer.

OLD TESTAMENT READING 2 – Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13

Reader: A reading from the Book of Genesis.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

A period of silence is held. The presider offers a concluding prayer.

OLD TESTAMENT READING 3 – Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21

Reader: A reading from the Book of Exodus.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

A period of silence is held. The presider offers a concluding prayer.

OLD TESTAMENT READING 4 – Isaiah 55:1-11

Reader: A reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

A period of silence is held. The presider offers a concluding prayer.

OLD TESTAMENT READING 5 – ZEPHANIAH 3:14-20

Reader: A reading from the Book of the prophet Zephaniah.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

A period of silence is held. The presider offers a concluding prayer.

Please stand, as you are able.

THE GLORIA (Sung)

702 (blue hymn book)

**All: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we
worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of
God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you
are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you
alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in
the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

NEW TESTAMENT READING – Romans 6:3-11

Reader: A reading from Paul’s letter to the Romans.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 114



The psalm refrain is sung once by the cantor and is then repeated by the congregation and again after each verse.

(1) When Israel came out of Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,
(2) Judah became God's sanctuary and Israel God's dominion. **R.**

(1) The sea beheld it and fled; Jordan turned and went back.
(2) The mountains skipped like rams, and the little hills like young shēep. **R.**

(1) What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? O Jordan, that you turned back?
(2) You mountains, that you skipped like rams? you little hills like young shēep. **R.**

(1) Tremble, O earth, at the presence of God, at the presence of the Holy One of Jacob.
(2) Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water and a flint-stone into a flowing spring.
R.

Gospel Acclamation (from Sing a New Creation)

190 Alleluia



THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 28:1-10

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.

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation #190 Alleluia *(repeated by congregation)*

THE HOMILY

The Rev. Canon Kevin Bothwell

Honorary Assistant Priest

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

The congregation turns to face the font at the back of the church.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

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

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

Presider: We thank you Almighty God, for the gift of water.

.....
.....

.....To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

RENEWAL OF VOWS

Presider: Dear friends, through the paschal mystery we have been buried with Christ in baptism, so that we may rise with him to a new life. Let us now renew the promises we made in

baptism, when we rejected Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy catholic Church.

Presider: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People: I do.

Presider: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Presider: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Presider: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: I believe in God the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Presider: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: I will, with God's help.

Presider: Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: I will, with God's help.

Presider: Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

People: I will, with God's help.

Presider: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

People: I will, with God's help.

Presider: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: I will, with God's help.

Presider: Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

People: I will, with God's help.

Presider: God the creator, the rock of our salvation, has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, through our Lord Jesus Christ. May he keep us faithful to our calling, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

ASPERGES - CONGREGATION IS SPRINKLED

Hymn: I Believe in God Almighty #44 blue hymn book

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.

Please stand, as you are able.

OFFERTORY HYMN Alleluia! Sing to Jesus #374

Blue hymn book

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Eucharistic Prayer # 3– BAS page 198 with the Easter preface.

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: (BAS, pg 222) Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth, we give you thanks and praise for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord;

.....
.....Therefore joining our voices with the whole company of heaven, we sing our joyful hymn of praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

THE SANCTUS (HOLY)

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: We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people;
Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

**All Therefore, Father, according to his command,
we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;**

Presider: and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.
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

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)

THE 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.

HYMN DURING COMMUNION Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain #215
(blue hymn book)

Please stand, as you are able.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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 Christ Is Risen, Christ Is Risen #220 blue hymn book

THE DISMISSAL

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

Please be seated.

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Alleluiah! #190 Gospel Acclamation 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: Circle of Faith • Church of the Messiah, Kincardine • St. Matthew's, Kingarf • St. Luke's, Pine River • St. Thomas, Walkerton.

The Parish: We hold in our prayers; Abigail & Shaun Lewis, Gordon Light & Barbara Liotskos, Norma McCauley 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.

Rest of the Soul: Tom Ingoldsby

If you would like to place flowers on the altar in memory of a loved one, please contact Muriel Armitage, with advance notice if possible, at 519-538-2852.

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Memorial Flowers on the Altar

Flowers at the altar are given to the Glory of God and with grateful thanks for the life and ministry of our parents, Bob and Jean Richardson and brother, Michael, a gift of Francis and Robert & family.

NEXT WEEK

Sunday, April 12, 2026, Second Sunday of Easter

The readings are: Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Psalm 16, 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Free Community Breakfast will be paused on Easter Monday, April 6th resuming April 13th from 8:30 to 10AM as usual.

Midweek BCP (said) service is Wednesday, April 8 at 12noon. The 1pm bible study is paused until May 6th.

Repair Cafe is Saturday, April 11th from 9:00am to 12:00noon. Bring your small items that need repair and join us for a cup of coffee.

For Pastoral Care –please contact the Rev. Brendon Bedford at 226-974-5060 or brendonbedford@diohuron.org. Re all other ministries, questions or concerns, please call the Church office at 519-538-1330 or office@christchurchanglican.ca.



*Easter Flowers in Memorial
To the glory of God for the life of, and:*

In loving memory of family and friends

Gift of Deanie & Garry Minielly

In loving memory of Paul and Win

Gift of Durene Butchart

In loving memory of family and friends

Gift of Linda & Frank Emptage

Wishing all a Happy Easter!

Gift of Dennis & Joanne Knight

In loving memory of Joyce & Jack Milner and Pat & Don Horne

Gift of Barb & Ron Horne

In loving memory of deceased members of the Corley, Richardson & Page families

Gift of Francis & Jean Richardson

In loving memory of Albert & Wilma Carefoot

and Ashley Clock

Gift of the family.

In loving memory of family loved ones.

Gift of Mary & Carl Adams

In loving memory of Andrew Mark Day

Gift of Auntie Victoria and Uncle Bill

In loving memory of loved ones

Gift of Gail & Gene Latour

In loving memory of John McTaggart

Gift of Lynn McTaggart

In loving memory of William McCauley gone but never forgotten

Gift of Norma McCauley



*Easter Flowers in Memorial
To the glory of God for the life of, and:*

*In loving memory of our parents Win and George Shaw
and my husband, Dennis Bell.*

Gift of Maureen Bell and Family

In memory of a loving husband and father, Ray Wheeler

Gift of Howie & Wanda Wheeler

In loving memory of our brothers, Malcolm and Alan

Gift of Barrie & Mary Lennox

In loving memory of family members

Gift of Carol Norton



**Easter Blessings to you
and your loved ones.**