



CHRIST CHURCH ANGLICAN

MEAFORD

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The Good Shepherd window (exterior); Christ Church Anglican, Meaford

Fifth Sunday of Easter **(with Special Vestry meeting following)** **May 3, 2026 Holy Eucharist 10:30am**

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

Server: Lynn McTaggart
Reader: Toni Bothwell
Cantor: John Howard
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 Christ Is Risen (BWV 627) – J.S. Bach (Berenreider Pub.)

Please stand as you are able.

OPENING SENTENCE

The service begins at the font at the back of the building.

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Presider: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Presider: May his grace and peace be with you.

People: **May he fill our hearts with joy!**

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Presider: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God’s mercy and forgiveness.
.....
To him to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and for ever.

People: **Amen.**

Processional

Hymn: By All Your Saints Still Striving #283 blue hymn book
(please follow words below)

**By all your saints still striving, for all your saints at rest,
Your holy name, O Jesus, forever more be blessed.
You rose, our King victorious, that they might wear the crown
And ever shine in splendour reflected from your throne.**

All praise, O Lord, for Stephen who, martyred, saw you stand
To help in time of torment, to plead at God's right hand.
Like you, our suffering Saviour, his enemies he blessed,
With "Lord, receive my spirit," his faith, in death, confessed.

Then let us praise the Father and worship God the Son
and sing to God the Spirit, eternal Three-in-One,
till all the ransomed number who stand before the throne,
ascribe all power and glory and praise to God alone.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Please be seated.

Children's Focus

The Proclamation of the Word

THE FIRST READING

Acts 7:55-60

Reader: A reading from the Book of Acts.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 31:1-5, 15-16

The psalm refrain is sung once by the cantor and is then repeated by the congregation.

Lord Je - sus, re - ceive my spir - it.

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame;
deliver me in your righteousness.

Incline your ear to me;
make haste to de'-liver me. **R**

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe
for you are my crag and my stronghold;
for the sake of your Name,
lead me and guide me. **R**

Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me,
For you are my tower of strength,
Into your hands I commend my spirit,
For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth. **R**

My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.
Make your face to shine upon your servant, and in your loving kindness save me. **R**

THE SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:2-10

Reader: A reading from the First Letter of Peter

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand, as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (from Sing a New Creation)

190 Alleluia

The image shows a musical score for the Alleluia. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a bass clef staff. The treble staff contains chords and a melody line, while the bass staff contains a bass line. The chords are labeled as D, A/C#, G2/B, D/A, G, D/F#, Em, A, and D. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia!' are written below the treble staff. The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system continues the same melody and bass line.

Please turn to face the Gospel reader.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 14:1-14

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 reading:

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION #190 Alleluia (from Sing a New Creation)

repeated by congregation.

Please be seated.

HOMILY

John Howard

Lay Reader

Please stand, as you are 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, kneel or stand, as you're able.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lynn McTaggart

Intercessor

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 Call Us, Lord, to Be #450 blue hymn book

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Eucharistic Prayer # 3– BAS page 198 with Preface for Easter

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,
..... 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 - #212 *Sing a New Creation*

**All: Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed, blessed, blessed is the one coming in the name,
the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!**

BAS pg 198

Presider: We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation;
..... 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 (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 Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life #569

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 Stand Up and Bless the Lord #350
blue hymn book

THE DISMISSAL

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

Please be seated.

THE POSTLUDE

Concerto “This Is the Day that God Made – Paul Fey

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CCLI Streaming Plus Licence™ A 22817038. 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: Christ Church, Ayr;
St. James, Cambridge; St. John’s, Cambridge; St. Luke’s, Cambridge.

The Parish: We hold in our prayers: Bob & Val Page, Katharine Peat, Joan Randall 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, Charlie & Marg, Deanie, Fraser, Gord, Katharine, Ted and their families, and any others who are in need of our prayers.

For the Soul of the Departed: Susan Burk

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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Our Prayer List. Please let Canon Kevin know if there is anyone who continues to need our prayers and whose name will continue on the prayer list into the next month.

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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 my husband, Bob and son, David, a gift of Simy Wilton.

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NEXT WEEK

Sunday, May 10, 2026, Sixth Sunday of Easter

The readings are: Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:7-18; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Please grab a coffee/tea/juice and a snack and join us in the nave for a brief Special Vestry meeting. Be sure to sign the Registry book. Thank you.

The Wednesday Eucharist and Study Group resumes on Wednesday May 6, 2026. Canon Kevin will be the officiant. Following the service we will begin a study of the Book of Genesis. Please review chapter one. All are welcome!



Guess Who's Coming to Dinner? Is a fundraiser for Christ Church on Saturday, May 23rd. PLEASE SAVE THE DATE. You may consider being a host or a guest. Hosts will provide the dinner, their home and # guests they can seat at their table. Guests will have a fabulous evening full of wonderful friendship, fun and food! Guests are asked to make a freewill donation with all proceeds gratefully accepted by Christ Church Anglican, Meaford.

Sign-up sheets for host or guest are available now in the Parish Hall – please fill them out or call the office to have one sent to you, 519-538-1330. Info: Victoria Alcock, Carol Norton or Chris Clark or 519-538-1330 or office@christchuranglican.ca For details, see eblast or bulletin boards.

In an attempt to continue to make Christ Church a good earth steward, we would appreciate it if you would place used compostable cups, plates & napkins as well as leftover food in the green (compostable) bin in the collection area as you leave the Parish Hall. Thank you.

The Free Community Breakfast is every Monday (unless a stat holiday) from 8:30 to 10AM as usual. All are welcome.



With recent requests, we recognize Christ Church as a scent-free facility. Thank you for your observation of this and cooperation.

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