



# CHRIST CHURCH ANGLICAN

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## Third Sunday of Easter

**May 4, 2025 Holy Eucharist 10:30am**

Presider: The Rev. Brendon Bedford, Rector

Homilist & Lay Reader: John Howard

Organist: Charlie Strimas

Server: Sarah Howard

Reader: Norma McCauley

Cantor: John Howard

Greeter: Gene Latour



## 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**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**OPENING SENTENCE**

*The service begins at the font at the back of the church 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.**

**Hymn**

**Of Praise:** Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above #310 blue hymn book

*(The altar party processes to the altar.)*

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

# Children's Focus

## The Proclamation of the Word

### THE FIRST READING

Acts 5:27-32

Reader: A reading from the Book of Acts.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 30

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



(1) I will exalt you, O God, because you have lifted me up;

(2) and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

(1) O my God, I cried out to you,

(2) and you restored me to health.

(3) You brought me up, O God, from the dead;

(4) you restored my life as when I was going down to the grave. **R.**

(1) Sing to the Most High, all you servants;

(2) give thanks for the remembrance of God's holiness.

(3) For wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, but favour for a lifetime.

(4) Weeping may spend the night, but joy comes in the morning. **R.**

(1) While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed.

(1) You, God, with your favour, made me as strong as the mountains."

(2) Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.

(3) I cried to you, O God;

(4) I pleaded with you and said. **R.**

(1) "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit?

(2) Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?

(3) Hear, O God, and have mercy upon me;

(4) O God, be my helper. **R.**

- (1) You have turned my wailing into dancing;
- (2) you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.
- (3) Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;
- (4) O God, I will give you thanks for ever. **R.**

## THE SECOND READING

Revelation 5:11-14

Reader: A reading from the Revelation to John

Reader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand, as you are able.*

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

### 190 Alleluia

The image shows a musical score for the Alleluia #190. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia!' are written below the treble staff. Above the treble staff, the following chords are indicated: D, A/C#, G2/B, D/A, G, D/F#, Em, A, D. The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system continues the melody and accompaniment.

*Please turn to face the Gospel reader.*

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 21:1-19

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.**

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia** (#190, 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, stand or kneel, 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.*

*Remain standing, as you are able.*

**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– 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 - #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.**

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)**

Presider: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

**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)**

Lamb Of God (Agnus Dei) sung

**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** Will You Come and Follow Me #430  
(blue hymn book)

*Please stand, as you are able.*

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

## THE DOXOLOGY

**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**   Crown Him with Many Crowns   #378  
(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

Psalm from George Black, The Psalter.  
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Gospel Acclamation #190 Alleluiah! Norah Duncan IV 1987, 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. Matthew's, Windsor; Trivitt Memorial, Exeter; St. George's, Goderich • Christ Church, Port Albert.

**The Parish:** We hold in our prayers: David Appleyard, Ted & Elizabeth Appleyard, Doug & Muriel Armitage 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 Diocese of Jerusalem.

**Intercessions:** For healing and hope we hold up to God: Charlie & Marg, Dave, Deanie, Dolores & Irving, Doug, Fraser, Geoff, Grace, Katharine, Linda, Norma, Rob, Ted, and their families, and any others who are in need of our prayers.

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***Memorial Flowers on the Altar***

*Flowers at the Altar today are given to the Glory of God and with grateful thanks for the life and ministry of loved family members and friends, a gift of Simy Wilton.*

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.

**NEXT WEEK**

**Sunday, May 11, 2025, Fourth Sunday of Easter**

The readings are: Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23; Revelation 7:9-17; John 10:22-30.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Following the service, please join us for coffee and fellowship time in the Parish Hall.

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The Free Community Breakfast takes place here every Monday (unless a stat holiday) from 8:30 to 10AM. All are welcome – please join us for a hearty breakfast.

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The next Repair Café is Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025 from 9AM to 12NOON. Please plan to join us for a cup of coffee and bring in your small items for repair.

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Parish Council meets Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 7PM.

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A Spring Cleanup is planned for Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. from 9 - 12noon. If you have some time (and are willing) please come out to help sort and clean up the lounge.

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**Thank you** for your contribution to the **Meaford Foodbank** – they are still in need of supplies: mac and cheese, rice, canned vegetables, canned fruit, children's snack items: juice boxes, granola bars, fruit cups, apple sauce. **If you are able, please leave an item(s) in the bin at the back of the church.**

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**PASTORAL CARE:** From April 30 to May 11<sup>th</sup> inclusive, please contact the Rev. Canon Kevin Bothwell at 905.933.1032 or [kevinbothwell@diohuron.org](mailto:kevinbothwell@diohuron.org).  
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