



# CHRIST CHURCH ANGLICAN

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## **Second Sunday in Lent** **March 1, 2026 Holy Eucharist 10:30am**



Presider: The Rev. Brendon Bedford  
Lay Reader: Francis Richardson  
Organist: Ashton Dunk

Server: Sarah Howard  
Cantor: Francis Richardson  
Reader: Linda Emptage  
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**

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** Melody in D Minor; Prelude on “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”  
- Paul Fey

## **OPENING SENTENCE**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN** The God of Abraham Praise #347  
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, and to disclose to us the secret purposes of our hearts.

And most especially, let us remember the covenant of our baptism and test our hearts and conscience to know how faithfully we have persevered in resisting evil, and whenever we fell into sin, have repented and returned to the Lord.

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

*Cantor* *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**

Genesis 12:1-4a

Reader: A reading from the Book of Genesis

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 121**

The Most Ho - ly One watch - es o - ver you.

- (1) I lift up my eyes to the hills;
- (2) from where is my help to come?
- (3) My help comes from God,
- (4) the maker of heaven and earth. **R.**

- (1) Who will not let your foot be moved
- (2) who watches over you and will not fall asleep.
- (3) Behold, God keeps watch over Israel
- (4) and will not slumber nor sleep; **R.**

- (1) God watches over you;
- (2) a shade at your right hand,
- (3) So that the sun shall not strike you by day,
- (4) nor the moon by night. **R.**

- (1) Our God shall preserve you from all evil;
- (2) and shall keep you safe.
- (3) God shall watch over your going out and your coming in,
- (4) from this time forth for evermore. **R.**

## THE SECOND READING

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

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 and a repeat sign.

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 3:1-17

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.*

**COMMISSIONING OF CHURCHWARDENS  
& MEMBERS OF PARISH COUNCIL**

*All those elected or appointed as Churchwardens and as Parish Council members come before the altar.*

Presider: Brothers and sisters in Christ, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one body, and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good. Our purpose today is to recognize and affirm the ministries for which these laypeople have offered themselves.

**Declarations by the Outgoing Churchwardens' Team**

Presider: Churchwardens, for the past year, have you faithfully exercised your office as Churchwardens and Deputy Churchwardens by being examples of Christian life to all people, and by watching over the matters for which you had responsibility?

**Outgoing Wardens' Team: We declare that we have carried out our responsibilities this past year in the sight of Jesus Christ, and to the best of our skill and knowledge.**

Presider: Churchwardens, I recognize the service and leadership .....  
..... through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

*The previous year's Churchwardens hand their staves, symbols of their office, to the Rector and to a fellow parishioner, respectively.*

*Presider addresses the congregation.*

Presider: Victoria, Barb, Carol, Lynn, Norma, Linda, Janet, Gene, Jean and Francis have offered themselves for the ministry of Parish Council Members. Is it your will that they fulfil this ministry?

**People: It is.**

Presider: Garry and Bill have offered themselves for the ministry of Churchwarden and Toni and Gail, for the ministry of Deputy Churchwarden. Is it your will that they fulfill this ministry?

**People: It is.**

### **Commissioning of 2026 Parish Council**

Presider: Victoria, Barb, Carol, Lynn, Norma, Linda, Janet, Gene, Jean and Francis .....  
Therefore, will you, as long as you are engaged in this work, perform it with care, to the honour of God and the benefit of the Church?

**Incoming Parish Council Members: I will.**

### **Commissioning of Incoming Churchwardens' Team**

Presider: Garry, Bill, Gail, Toni, the Church is the Body of Christ, .....  
.....  
Therefore, will you, as long as you are engaged in this work, perform it with care, to the honour of God and the benefit of the Church?

**Incoming Churchwardens Team: I will.**

*The Churchwardens and Parish Council turn to face the congregation.*

Presider: Will you uphold these people, the Churchwardens and Parish Council members of our parish, in their ministries?

**People: We will.**

Presider: Let us pray..... Blessed are you, O God, now and for ever.

**People: Amen.**

*The Wardens come forward and are entrusted with their respective signs of office.*

Presider: I invite you to greet your new Churchwardens and Parish Council.  
*The congregation greets these individuals.*  
*Please sit 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:** O God, Beyond All Face and Form #412

(tune #641) 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** Breathe on Me, Breath of God #649 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** Your Hand, O God, Has Guided #444  
blue hymn book

### **THE DISMISSAL**

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please be seated.*

### **POSTLUDE**

Meditation on “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” – Paul Fey  
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Kyrie Eleison from Sing a New Creation; Doxology: Bob Tadman.

## **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: Church of the Epiphany, London; St. John the Evangelist Collegiate Chapel, Huron University College; The Good Shepherd Worshipping Community, Lambeth; St. Jude's, London.

**The Parish:** We hold in our prayers: Tom & Bev Ingoldsby, Doreen Isaac, Allan & Jeanne Johnston 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: Bruce & Heather, Charlie & Marg, Deanie, Fraser, Gord, Katharine, Ted, and their families, and any others who are in need of our prayers.

**Rest of the Soul of the Departed:** Berkeley

### **NEXT WEEK**

**March 8, 2026, Third Sunday in Lent**

**The readings are:** Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42.

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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 During Lent, the Wednesday 12noon BCP (said) service will continue; however, the 1pm Bible study will pause and start up again after Easter.

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**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 5th) it will take place here at Christ Church.

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Daylight Saving Time returns next Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>. It is recommended to turn your clocks ahead before retiring for the night (and change batteries in smoke detectors).

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