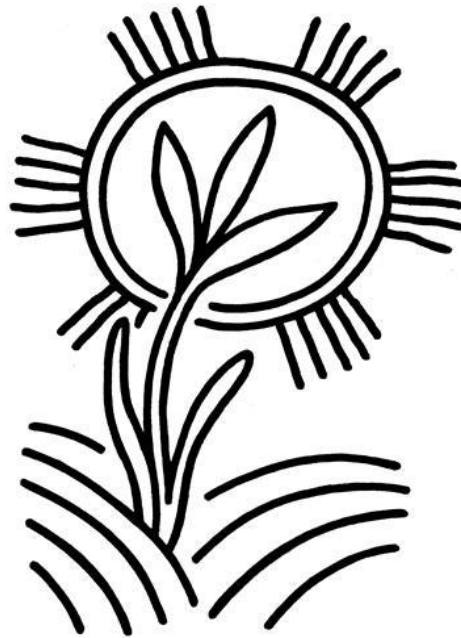


**CHRIST CHURCH PARISH  
EPISCOPAL**

10:00 AM

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 17, 2024



***WELCOME***

Christ Church is an Episcopal Parish in the Diocese of Massachusetts. We welcome and honor the God-given gifts that make us unique as individuals and strong as community. You and your family are welcome regardless of age, ethnicity, sexual orientation, marital status or prior religious affiliation.

# The Word of God

## ENTRANCE HYMN

*Hail, thou once despis'd Jesus*

1982 Hymnal 495

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

*Celebrant*        Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People*            **God's mercy endures for ever.**

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*The Celebrant says*

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*The Priest stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

**KYRIE**

***Unity Mass by Norah Duncan***

*Standing together, the people sing:*

**Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.  
Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.  
Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.**

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*Celebrant*        The Lord be with you.

*People*            **And also with you.**

*Celebrant*        Let us pray.

**Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

## **The Lessons**

**FIRST READING:**

**Jeremiah 31:31-34**

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

“The days are surely coming,” says the LORD, “when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband,” says the LORD. “But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days,” says the LORD: “I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know me, from the

least of them to the greatest,” says the LORD; “for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.”

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.  
*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

*Silence may follow.*

### **Psalm 51:1-13**

*Remain seated.*

<sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; \*  
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

<sup>2</sup>Wash me through and through from my wickedness, \*  
and cleanse me from my sin.

<sup>3</sup>For I know my transgressions, \*  
and my sin is ever before me.

<sup>4</sup>Against you only have I sinned \*  
and done what is evil in your sight.

<sup>5</sup>And so you are justified when you speak \*  
and upright in your judgment.

<sup>6</sup>Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, \*  
a sinner from my mother's womb.

<sup>7</sup>For behold, you look for truth deep within me, \*  
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

<sup>8</sup>Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; \*  
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.

<sup>9</sup>Make me hear of joy and gladness, \*  
that the body you have broken may rejoice.

<sup>10</sup>Hide your face from my sins, \*  
and blot out all my iniquities.

<sup>11</sup>Create in me a clean heart, O God, \*  
and renew a right spirit within me.

<sup>12</sup>Cast me not away from your presence, \*  
and take not your holy Spirit from me.

<sup>13</sup>Give me the joy of your saving help again \*  
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

**SECOND READING:**

**Hebrews 5:5-10**

*The people sit.*

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Hebrews.

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

*Silence may follow.*

**SEQUENCE HYMN**

***What wondrous love is this***

**1982 Hymnal 439**

*All stand.*

**GOSPEL:**

**John 12:20-33**

*All stand.*

*Deacon*        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
John.

*People*        **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. “Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say— ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

*Deacon*        The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*        **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **THE SERMON**

**The Rev. Melissa Howell**

*A time of silent reflection may follow The Sermon*

## **THE CREED**

*All stand.*

**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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
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 again 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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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.**

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*All remain standing.*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

***For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.***

For this community, the nation, and the world;

***For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.***

For the just and proper use of your creation;

***For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.***

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

***For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.***

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
***For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.***

For all of our lay ministers, for James our Deacon, Melissa our Priest, Alan and Carol our Bishops, and Michael our Presiding Bishop.  
***For all who serve God in God's Church.***

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Hear us, Lord;

***For your mercy is great.***

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own thanksgivings*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

***And praise your Name for ever and ever.***

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom, remembering especially today the Estes family in whose honor and memory the Lamp of Presence has been given.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

***Who put their trust in you.***

*The Celebrant prays a concluding collect:*

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **THE PEACE**

*All stand.*

*Celebrant*        The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*            **And also with you.**

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# The Holy Communion

## **OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

## **OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

# **The Great Thanksgiving**

*The People remain standing.*

*Celebrant*        The Lord be with you.  
*People*            **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant*        Lift up your hearts.  
*People*            **We lift them to the Lord.**  
*Celebrant*        Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People*            **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**SANCTUS****Sanctus Holy, holy, holy Lord****EOM2 124***People*

Sanc - tus, Sanc - tus, Sanc - tus Do - mi - ne De - us

Sab - a - oth, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Glo - ri - a tu - a. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of Hosts:

Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

- san - na in ex - cel - sis. Bles - sed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in ex -

- cel - sis. Ho - san - na in ex - cel - sis.

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*The People stand or kneel.*

*The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself;  
 and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you,

in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

**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,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

### FRACTION ANTHEM

*The Celebrant breaks the bread. A period of silence is kept. Then all sing:*

The musical score is set in 6/8 time and B-flat major. It consists of four staves. The top staff is for the vocal leader, with lyrics: "Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have". The second and third staves are for piano accompaniment, with the right hand in treble clef and the left hand in bass clef. The bottom staff is for a second vocal part, likely the response, with lyrics: "Response". The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and dynamic markings.

*Leader* *Response*

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have

The first system of music consists of three staves. The top staff is a vocal line in G major, with lyrics underneath. The second and third staves are piano accompaniment, with the right hand playing chords and the left hand playing a bass line. The lyrics are: "mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have". The word "Response" is written above the end of the vocal line with a downward arrow.

*Leader*

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:

The second system of music consists of three staves. The top staff is a vocal line in G major, with lyrics underneath. The second and third staves are piano accompaniment, with the right hand playing chords and the left hand playing a bass line. The lyrics are: "mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:". The word "Leader" is written above the beginning of the vocal line.

*Response*

grant us peace.

## INVITATION

*The Presider invites the people to Communion with these or similar words:*

Wherever you are on your journey, you are welcome at God's table.

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ lived, died, and rose for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*To receive the Sacrament, come forward in two lines down the center aisle, to either the main altar or the chapel altar rail. Please fill in all the spaces along the rail. Standing or kneeling, hold out your hands. The minister will place the bread in your palm. You may then receive the wine by drinking from the larger cup or intincting (dipping) the bread in the smaller cup. If you do not wish to receive the wine, cross your arms across your chest as the cup bearers come to you. If you would prefer a blessing, come forward to the rail, cross your arms across your chest, and the minister will bless you.*

*At the main altar, once you have received, stand and exit through the side door closest to you (either left past the organ or right through the choir room) to walk around and back into the sanctuary, using the side aisles to return to your seat.*

**COMMUNION HYMN**

*O wheat whose crushing was for bread*

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**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of Christ,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

**SOLEMN PRAYER**

*The Deacon or Celebrant says,*

Bow down before the Lord.

*The People bow or kneel. The Presider says*

Look with compassion, O Lord, upon this your people; that, rightly observing this holy season, they may learn to know you more fully, and to serve you with a more perfect will; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN**     *O love, how deep*     **1982 Hymnal 448**

**DISMISSAL**

# Announcements

**Please keep the following people in your prayers during the coming week.**

Linda Garrone; Steven Mills-Price; Sharon Steadman; Cindy Boyer; Tina MacAllister; Nicole Smith; Laurie Ghelfi Smith; Owen Smith; Doug Perry; Maryanne Kerrigan; Suzanne Williamson-Vico; Dianne Powers; Louise Woodruff; Norm Zinger; William Underhill; Ruth Ann Cederholm; Karen Romero; Margie Kaupp; Valerie B. Pflock; the family of June Smith; Richard Larraga; Jeff Carter; Carol Owen; Sam Barry; Bill Lutz; Gabriel; Wil Bernard; Nicole Zapolski; Caleb Eaton and family

**We ask your prayers for those serving in the military and their families:**

Josh Zabin, Andrew Barton, Austin Vico, Tory Boudreau

## From the Office

**In order** to have your announcements included in the weekly bulletin and *Keeping Connected*, please send them to the office by 12 Noon on Wednesday. They should include date, time, place, description of event and contact information and should be written exactly the way you want them to appear.

**Keeping Connected** – Christ Church’s weekly eNewsletter can now be found on our website [christchurchplymouth.org](http://christchurchplymouth.org). Visit our website to view the newsletter or scroll to the bottom of the page and enter your name and email to have it sent directly to your inbox.

## Adventures In Learning

Greetings Church School Families,

Our Church School is bustling with activity as we gear up for the upcoming Easter celebrations. We want to extend our heartfelt thanks for entrusting us with your children in both church school and worship. Beginning a Sunday morning in the church building with the warm greetings and high-fives from your child is truly special. Watching your child participate in the Lord's Supper and sharing in that sacred moment not only nurtures their faith but also enriches the spiritual tapestry of our entire community.

Being part of the communion experience alongside believers of all ages, witnessing the connection between adults and children as they share profound words about Jesus, and offering prayers with folded arms create visual reminders of Jesus' sacrifice for all of us. We understand that parenting is a demanding journey, and there might be Sundays when you crave a moment of quiet reflection. We also acknowledge that there may have been times when you wondered if your little ones truly belonged in the worship setting. Despite these challenges, we encourage you to persevere, because beyond the joy your children bring to our collective worship, you are actively shaping their path of lifelong worship—a journey we're privileged to undertake together.

## Church School Holy Week Schedule

### March 24th: Palm Sunday--Palm Procession

- Students will attend Church School at 9:30 and teachers will bring them into Church for the opening procession and blessing of the palms. We will return to class afterward to learn more about Palm Sunday.
- Prepared Communion class will meet as usual after their regular Church School class.

### March 28th: Maundy Thursday--Prepared Communion Class, Bread Making, and Foot Washing

- **5:00 PM Prepared Communion Class:** Bread Making, Soup and Supper in the Parish Hall. ALL families are invited to bring 1 cup of your favorite vegetable (or more!) for our community chicken broth soup. While the soup is simmering students will hear the story of the last supper and participate (if they choose) in a foot washing activity. We will share a simple supper together after the lesson.
- We will make Communion Bread for the 7PM service, visit the Sacristy and the altar with Robin Nielson. She will show them how to set the altar and show them the "secret door"! We will also make our very own Communion Bread to be blessed and used at the 7 pm service.

### March 29th: Good Friday--Stations of the Cross for All Ages

- **10:30 AM Story and Craft:** All families are invited to participate in a craft, story lesson, and snack focused on Good Friday and Easter.
- **12:00 PM Stations of the Cross:** Stations of the Cross for students and families. This is a truly meaningful way to help students understand the events of that day and the sacrifice that Jesus made for us.

### March 31st: EASTER SUNDAY!!

- There will be an Easter Egg Hunt for kids of all ages after the 10 AM service. We are providing special bags for collecting your eggs!

Please encourage your children to invite their friends to our Good Friday activities and stations of the cross and our annual easter egg hunt.

Blessings in Christ,

Donna Eby & Su D'Ambrosio  
Interim Sunday School Coordinators

**Easter Egg Hunt** – We are preparing for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Christ Church. We are kindly requesting donations of plastic eggs, small, individually wrapped nut-free candies, and Easter-themed items to fill these eggs with love and joy. Your donations can be dropped off at either the education office or the church office by Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>.

**The Resource of Prayer: Six Week Lenten Series** - Join us this Lent as we explore the meaning and gift of prayer in the Christian tradition and share resources and practices to enrich our prayer lives. We will meet for six weeks, with two options for meeting times and "spaces:"

- Thursday evenings by Zoom from 6-7:30p, starting on 2/15
- Saturday afternoons in-person at church from 3-4:30p, starting on 2/17

If you have questions about the series, please contact Melissa:  
[revmelissa@christchurchplymouth.org](mailto:revmelissa@christchurchplymouth.org)

**Creation Care Team** - Join our Church Creation Care Team and be part of a community dedicated to stewarding God's creation! We're looking for passionate individuals who want to make a difference in caring for our planet. Whether you're interested in gardening, environmental education, advocacy, or simply want to learn more about sustainable living, there's a place for you on our team. Together, we can work towards a greener, more sustainable future for generations to come. Join us in putting faith into action by nurturing and protecting the world that God has entrusted to us. Our next meeting will be in person on March 14th at 3 PM. Contact Connie at [connel@aol.com](mailto:connel@aol.com) or 508.746.3805, if you wish to be included!

**Thrift Shoppe** - Spring is in the air at the Thrift Shoppe with seasonal transition of clothing now underway. Help us make room on the racks! Sales continue with all clothing just \$2.00. Beginning Thursday, March 21, all remaining winter items \$1.00.

We are grateful to the many generous donors who are at the core of this ministry. The need for donations is endless as we work to meet the needs of our community. Donations of gently used housewares, men's and women's seasonal clothing, and small furnishings from smoke-free homes can be dropped inside during shop hours, or at the garage on Saturdays from 10-1.

Volunteers of all ages are welcome, regardless of religious affiliation. For information please speak with any volunteer or contact a leader at [christchurchplymouth.org](http://christchurchplymouth.org)

Needed - bubble wrap for wrapping of glassware. Please leave in the box located below the office mailboxes. Thank you.

Shoppe Hours: Thursday and Friday 10-4 and Saturday 10-2

**Palm Sunday Weekend Passion Readers Needed** - We are looking for people to read bit parts in the Passion for each of the three Palm Sunday weekend services. Please contact Connie ([conmel@aol.com](mailto:conmel@aol.com)– 508.746.3805 if you would like to participate. Let her know for which service(s) you would be available.

**Prayer Vigil Watchers** – As has been our tradition, beginning after the Maundy Thursday service through early Friday morning, we have folks who take an hour block to sit in the chapel to watch and pray as Jesus did in the garden at Gethsemane. A sign-up sheet will be posted by St. Francis Garden door for those interested in participating., or you may call Connie 508.746.3805 or email at [conmel@aol.com](mailto:conmel@aol.com)

**Easter Flowers and Musicians** - If you wish to remember or honor a loved one or give in thanksgiving, you may do so by sponsoring the flowers and guest musicians for our Easter services. The form will be included at the end of the service bulletins. In order to have your memorial listed in the Easter bulletins, please return the form to the church office by Sunday, March 24.

**Christ Church Food Pantry** - All are welcome to the Christ Church Food Pantry! We are open by appointment:  
Tuesday 4:00-5:15, Thursday 12:00-1:15 and 4:00-5:15, and Saturday 10:00-11:15.  
Call the pantry message line: 508-746-4959, ext 6, BY 1 PM THE DAY BEFORE YOU WISH TO PICK UP YOUR ORDER. Our volunteers check messages and return your call from their homes to ask you what you need.

Leave a message if you wish to donate non-perishable food and household items, or you may leave your donations under the mailboxes outside the office or in the front entrance to the sanctuary. Squirrels like to get into any bags left on the porch of the food pantry!

Thanks to an outpouring of support, we are all set for egg cartons for a while! This week we are low on spaghetti & egg noodles. Ramen noodles also welcome.

If you wish to volunteer, contact Eileen Paris at [eileenpca@aol.com](mailto:eileenpca@aol.com)

For more information, please contact Barbara Wojtkiewicz at 617-291-4634, or by email at [barbara.wojtkiewicz@gmail.com](mailto:barbara.wojtkiewicz@gmail.com)

**Overnights of Hospitality Winter Emergency Shelter** - The Plymouth Taskforce to End Homelessness, in collaboration with the Fr. Bill's and Mainspring (FBMS) organization, offers winter emergency shelter to 20-25 single individuals which began here at Christ Church on Nov, 26<sup>th</sup> and will continue through Saturday, March 30.

Questions? Call Connie Melahoures, President of the Plymouth Taskforce to End Homelessness at 508.367.0516 or email [conmel@aol.com](mailto:conmel@aol.com).

The next week that Christ Church will be hosting begins March 17<sup>th</sup>.

## Christ Church 2024 Holy Week Schedule



### **Saturday March 23**

5:00 PM – Palm Saturday Holy Eucharist

### **Sunday March 24**

8:00 AM – Palm Sunday Holy Eucharist

10:00 AM – Palm Sunday Holy Eucharist

### **Tenebrae Wednesday March 27**

7:00 PM – Tenebrae Service

### **Maundy Thursday March 28**

5:00 PM – Church School bread making and soup supper

7:00 PM – Maundy Thursday Liturgy with Holy Eucharist

### **Good Friday March 29**

10:30 AM – Noon – Children's Activities

Noon – Stations of the Cross for all ages

7:00 PM – Good Friday Liturgy

### **Holy Saturday March 30**

10:00 AM – Holy Saturday Liturgy outside or in Mary Chapel

7:30 PM – Gather outside for lighting of the New Fire

8:00 PM – The Great Vigil of Easter (bring bells!)

### **Easter Sunday March 31**

8:00 AM – Easter Sunday Holy Eucharist Rite I

10:00 AM – Easter Sunday Holy Eucharist Rite II with Choir

11:30 AM – Easter Egg Hunt & Coffee Hour

**Week At - A - Glance \* March 17, 2024 – March 24, 2024**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> 11:15 AM 11:15 AM 5:00 PM	<b>The Fifth Sunday in Lent</b> <b>The Fifth Sunday in Lent</b> Coffee Hour Thrift Shoppe Volunteer Meeting Overnights of Hospitality Begin
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b> 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	<b>Morning Prayer</b> – Facebook Live Fore & Aft
<b>TUESDAY</b>	10:30 AM – 11:30 AM 12:30 PM 4:00 PM – 5:15 PM	Fore & Aft Pastoral Care Food Pantry
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b> 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM 5:00 PM	<b>Morning Prayer</b> – Facebook Live Fore & Aft Office Closed Parish Ministry Network
<b>THURSDAY</b>	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM 10:00 AM 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM 12:00 PM – 1:15 PM 1:00 PM 3:00 PM 4:00 PM – 5:15 PM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Thrift Shoppe Bible Study Fore & Aft Food Pantry Book Study Creation Care Food Pantry Lenten Series Zoom Choir Rehearsal
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b> 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	<b>Morning Prayer</b> – Facebook Live Thrift Shoppe Fore & Aft
<b>SATURDAY</b>	10:00 AM – 2:00 PM 10:00 AM – 11:15 AM 3:00 PM <b>5:00 PM</b>	Thrift Shoppe Food Pantry Lenten Series <b>Palm Saturday</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	7:00 AM <b>8:00 AM</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> 11:15 AM	Overnights of Hospitality End <b>Palm Sunday</b> <b>Palm Sunday</b> Men's Group Brunch

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Easter Instrumentalists

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