The Second Sunday in Lent:
March 16, 2025

BREAD OF LIFE

Bread for Growth

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CHRIST CHURCH IN THE CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK
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WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH, an Episcopal parish of the worldwide Anglican Communion. We are glad you are here, and we invite you to enter fully into worship this morning, and to receive Holy Communion or a blessing at the communion rail. We invite you to ask questions, explore, and to make yourself known to those around you. Please pick up any other information about the parish located on the table in the back of the church. Tell us more about yourself by filling out one of the cards located in each pew. Help us to make this a place where God's grace is freely shared by all.

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME AT ALL SERVICES. Changing stations are available in both rest rooms at the Paterson Street entrance; you can get there through the side door of the church.

WE REJOICE that you have chosen to worship here this Lent season. If you would like to learn more about our Parish, please phone the Parish Office at 732.545.6262. Many of our upcoming events are listed on our web site, christchurchnewbrunswick.org; we hope that you decide to join us.

ABOUT THE LITURGY

Inclusive Language in Worship: Because language has the power to shape our thinking about God and one another, Christ Church makes every effort to bring the language of worship in line with biblical theology that affirms that the personhood of God embraces all that is truly female and male, and that men and women are equals. In our liturgy some historical texts that are widely known and loved are left unchanged.

YOU ARE INVITED to worship with us any Sunday.

Our regular service times are 8:00 and 10:30 AM.

FREE PARKING VOUCHERS

Are available for the Lower Church Street parking deck next to the church grounds. Please see an usher for a voucher and instructions.

INTERCESSIONS

AT EVERY CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST prayer is offered with intercession for the Universal Church, the nation, the welfare of the world, the concerns of this community, those who suffer and those in any trouble, and the departed. Please feel free to add your own petitions during the prayers, either silently or aloud. If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, you may also fill out the form in the Prayers of the People book in the back of the Church.

WEEKLY INTERCESSIONS

We remember in today's prayers:
The Sick and Others in Need— *Arnold, Barb, Brianna, Dennis, Doreen, Edith, Florence, Georgia, Hansford, Jean, Jeannine, Jefferson, Jim, Julia, Kristen, Margaret, Pam, Pat, Robert, Stanford, Steve, Thalia, Theayer, Timothy, Tisha, Vivian, Yvonne*
Anglican Cycle *– we pray for The Church of the Province of Central Africa*
Diocesan Cycle *– Matthew P. McDermott*
Christ Church Ministry *– Christ Church Choirs*
Birthdays this week *– Akean Benjamin, Jeffrey Fields, Alice Garber, Andrew Kilkenny, Peggy Smith*
Memorial Flowers— *are given by Catherine and Paul Ambos in memory of W. Graham Hann.*

PASTORAL CARE

If you are in crisis, having surgery, are in the hospital and are in need of pastoral counseling from a clergy person, please do not hesitate to contact the Rev. Joanna Hollis—732.354.1450 or the Rev. Daphne Roberts -732.991.6733.

If you would like to schedule home communion, please contact Rev. Hollis and she will arrange for either herself, or a Lay Eucharistic Visitor to bring communion to you. Please do not hesitate to contact either Rev. Hollis or Rev. Roberts if you know of someone who is in need of care or counseling.

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Worshipping God Serving God's People
Christ Church New Brunswick

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8:00 AM

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: A PENITENTIAL ORDER, RITE I *BCP, page 319*

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PRELUDE

THE WORD OF GOD *BCP, page 323*

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People **His mercy endureth for ever.**

BCP, page 320

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THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *BCP, page 320*, 321

Deacon Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept.

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

Presider The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

KYRIE *BCP, page 324*

Presider Lord, have mercy upon us.
People **Christ have mercy upon us.**
Presider Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

God, our mother hen,
we gather beneath your ever-expanding wings
to see how you will meet us today.
Though we grow and mature,
we cannot outgrow your love.
Though our belief grows more complex,
your mysteries always outpace our imaginations.
Help us grow and mature today as we worship,
delighting in new understanding
and greater depth of meditation.
Cause our hearts, empowered by your Spirit,
to expand like dough becoming bread.
Amen.

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FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Old Testament: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

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yet my heart shall not be afraid;
4 And though war should rise up against me, *
yet will I put my trust in him.
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of my life;
6 To behold the fair beauty of the Lord *
and to seek him in his temple.
7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe
in his shelter; *
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling
and set me high upon a rock.
8 Even now he lifts up my head *
above my enemies round about me.
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with sounds of great gladness; *
I will sing and make music to the Lord.
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have mercy on me and answer me.
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Your face, Lord, will I seek.
12 Hide not your face from me, *
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.
13 You have been my helper;
cast me not away; *
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.
14 Though my father and my mother forsake me, *
the Lord will sustain me.
15 Show me your way, O Lord; *
lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.
16 Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, *
for false witnesses have risen up against me,
and also those who speak malice.
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18 O tarry and await the Lord's pleasure;
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Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.
Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

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GOSPEL Luke 13:31-35

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Presider The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

SERMON Rev. Joanna Hollis

THE NICENE CREED *BCP, p. 326*

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 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 and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader Let us pray for our own needs and the needs of others.

The Leader requests the prayers of the People of God for the world, the mission of the Church, and for those individuals who have asked for or need our prayers. If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, please fill out the form in the Prayers of the People book in the back of the Church.

After the last petition, the Presider adds a concluding Collect.

People **Amen.**

THE PEACE *BCP, page 332*

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN "One Bread, One Body " **Red LEVAS *Hymnal*, #151**

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic Prayer II, BCP, page 340*

Presider The Lord be with you.

ALL **And with thy spirit.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

ALL **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

ALL **It is meet and right so to do.**

Presider It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

The Presider continues with the Proper Preface of the Day and then continues.

Presider Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS

ALL **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:**
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The people may stand or kneel as able

Presider All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory. And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same

Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

ALL **Amen**

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Presider breaks the bread.

Presider O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world,
ALL **have mercy upon us.**
Presider O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world,
ALL **have mercy upon us.**
Presider O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world,
ALL **grant us thy peace.**

INVITATION

Presider The gifts of God for the People of God.

The congregation may kneel or sit following the Invitation. All are most welcome to receive Communion. If you do not wish to receive communion this morning, you are cordially invited to come forward with your arms crossed to receive a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available; please speak to the member of the clergy who is serving the bread.

The Bread and Cup are given to the Communicants with these words

Minister The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven.
Recipient **Amen.**
Minister The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.
Recipient **Amen.**

AFTER COMMUNION

Presider Let us pray.

ALL **Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and also are heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

LENTEN CHARGE *AND* DISMISSAL

Presider Go now into the world brimming with love for God and others.
May you share the bread of life,
offering not only what sustains the body but what nourishes the soul.
Live your lives serving in the way of Jesus,
extending compassion to the weary,
offering hope to the despairing,
and providing bread to the hungry.

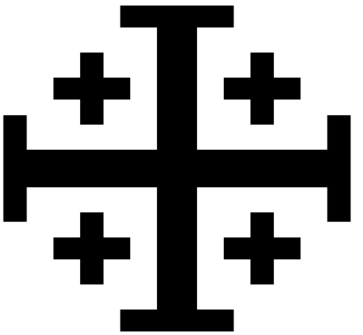
People **Amen.**

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Elergy* M. Peters

Christopher Colabaugh, Trombone



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PRELUDE Intro to Service Music for Lent

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BCP, page 351

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CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION *BCP, p. 352, 353*

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

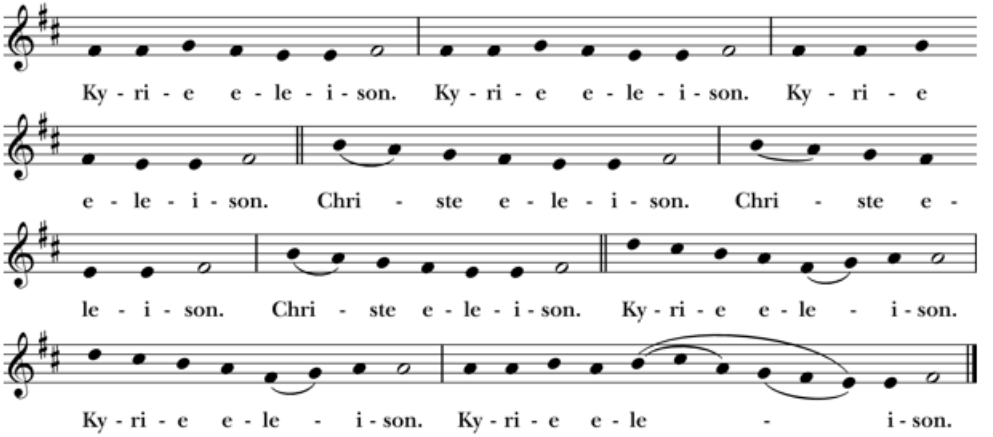
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Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

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KYRIE *The Blue Hymnal 1982, Service Music*, **#86**
David Hurd



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All who are able please stand for the Gospel procession and sing

GRADUAL HYMN "O Jesus Christ, May Grateful Hymns be Rising "

Blue *Hymnal 1982*, #590

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 13:31-35

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SERMON Rev. Joanna Hollis

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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 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 and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader Let us pray for our own needs and the needs of others.

The Leader requests the prayers of the People of God for the world, the mission of the Church, and for those individuals who have asked for or need our prayers. If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, please fill out the form in the Prayers of the People book in the back of the Church.

After the last petition, the Presider adds a concluding Collect.

People **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The People and Ministers greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

All who are able please stand and sing the Offertory Carol on the following page as the gifts are presented

OFFERTORY DUET "The King of Love, My Shepherd Is " French Horn, Lousie Deis
Trumpet, Stephen Greenwood

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic Prayer A, BCP, page 361*

The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

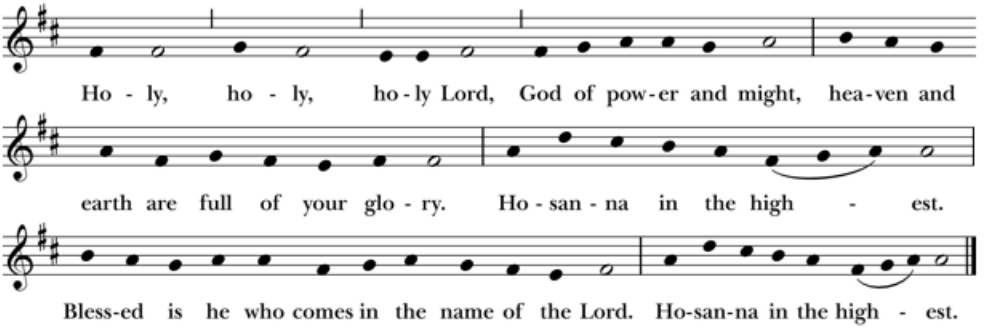
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**
Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

The Presider continues with the Proper Preface of the Day.

Presider 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 *The Blue Hymnal 1982, Service Music*, **#124**
David Hurd

ALL



The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

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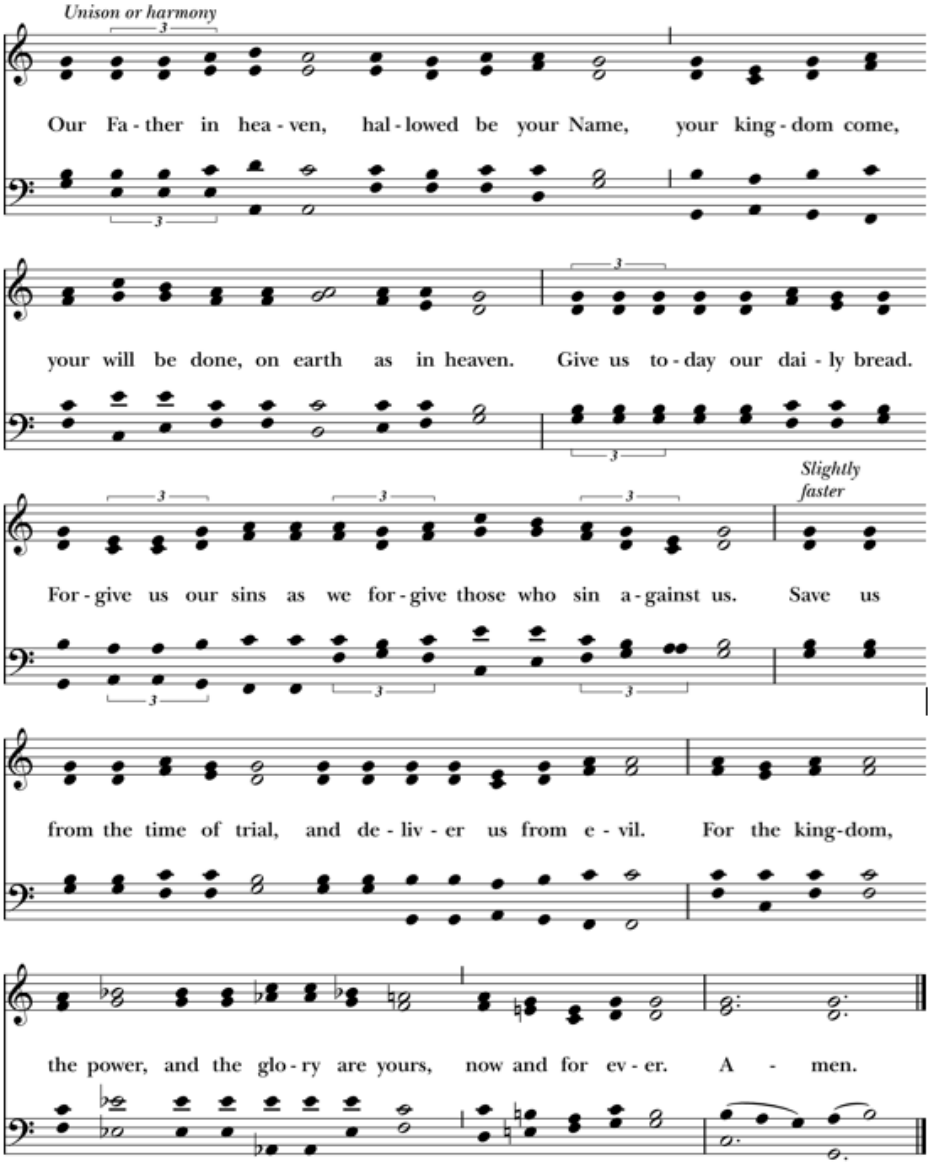
We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

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

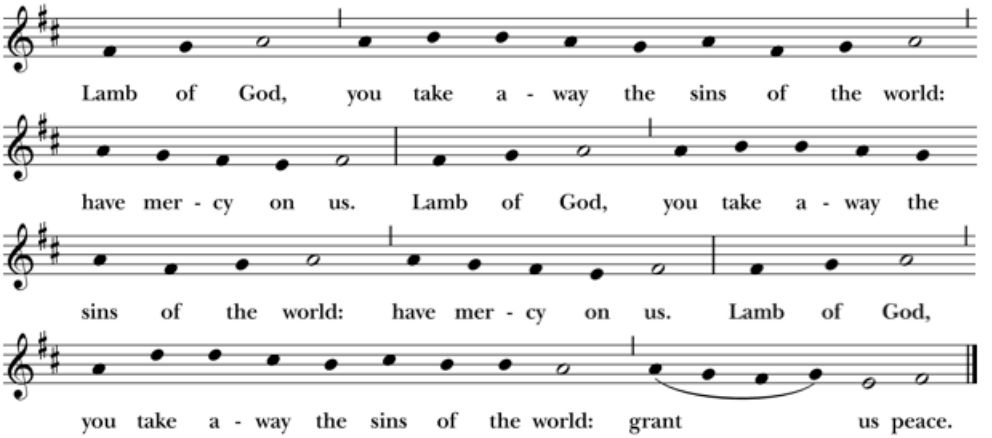
Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

Presider As our brother Christ taught us, we now pray,

ALL *The Blue Hymnal 1982, Service Music*, **#150**
David Hurd



BREAKING THE BREAD *The Blue Hymnal 1982, Service Music*, **#161**
David Hurd



INVITATION

Presider The gifts of God for the People of God.

The congregation may kneel or sit following the Invitation. All are most welcome to receive Communion. If you do not wish to receive communion this morning, you are cordially invited to come forward with your arms crossed to receive a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available; please speak to the member of the clergy who is serving the bread.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

Minister The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven.
Recipient **Amen.**
Minister The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.
Recipient **Amen.**

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER FOR THOSE JOINING US ONLINE:

Gracious God, our sustainer and source of all good things in the universe. As we gather in community this day, we are mindful of those who through circumstance or conscience are unable to partake of the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation at this time. You are the source of the food and water which nourishes and sustains us. As we are the product of all we have partaken, we know that we are infused with your life-giving food and drink and that are never separated from you. Though we are many, we are joined in Christ. We are one Body, one Cup in the name of the One God. Amen.

COMMUNION ANTHEM Shine on Me R. Dilworth

Christ Church Open Choir

Shine on me, shine on me, I wonder if the lighthouse will shine on me.
Is a light shining above? Is it shining above in the heavens for me?
Shine on me, shine on me, I wonder if the lighthouse will shine on me.

Is a light shining above? Is it shining above in the heavens for me?
I'm wonderin' wonderin' wonderin' if there's a light
- that is shinin' above in the heavens for me.
Oh, is a light shinin above? Is it shinin' above in the heavens for me?
I'm wonderin, wonderin' wonderin' if there's a light that will shine on me.
Will it shine on me?

Oh! Is a light shinin' above? Is it sinin above in the heavens for me?
I'm wonderin',wonderin', wonderin'n if there's a light
-that is shinin' above in the heavens for me.
Oh is a light shin above? Is it shinin' above in the heavens for me?
I'm wonderin', wonderin', wonderin' if there's a light that will shine on me.
Will it shine on me?

AFTER COMMUNION

All who are able please stand

Presider Let us pray.

ALL **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.**
Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FINAL HYMN "One Bread, One Body " **Red LEVAS *Hymnal*, #151**

LENTEN CHARGE *AND* DISMISSAL

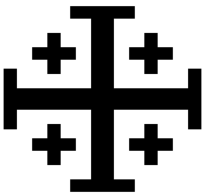
Presider Go now into the world brimming with love for God and others.
May you share the bread of life, offering not only what sustains the body but what nourishes the soul.
Live your lives serving in the way of Jesus,
extending compassion to the weary,
offering hope to the despairing,
and providing bread to the hungry.

People **Amen.**

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Elergy* M. Peters
Christopher Colabaugh, Trombone



PARISH NOTES FOR MARCH 16, 2025

SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 16 – MARCH 22, 2025

Parish Office Hours This Week:
Tuesday and Wednesday – 9:00am to 2:30pm
Friday – 9:00am to 12:30pm

Sunday	**8:00 a.m.**	**Holy Eucharist, Sanctuary**
	9:30 a.m.	**Open Choir + Warm Up, Sanctuary**
	10:30 a.m.	**Holy Eucharist, Sanctuary**
Tuesday	7:00p.m.	Tuesdayers
Wednesday	**12:00p.m.**	**Noonday Prayer, Zoom**
	7:30 p.m.	WomenSpirit, Zoom
Thursday	7:00p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
	7:00p.m.	St. Alban's Bible Study, Zoom
Saturday	9:00a.m.	Make Bread and Break Bread, Christ Church Lenten Retreat, Nicholas Room

*JOIN US AFTER THE 10:30 AM SERVICE FOR COFFEE HOUR IN THE NICHOLAS ROOM



Join members of Christ Church TODAY after the 10:30am service for a "Packing Party"!

Supplies will be packed for the Choice Food and Resource Center during Coffee Hour. Goodies will be supplied by the Ambos Family. We hope to see you there!

Can't make it to the packing party, but want to help? Donations of diapers in sizes 4, 5, 6, and 7 as well as adult incontinence products in all sizes are in constant demand.

Donations can be made via Zelle or check please note "diaper donation" or "Choice Food and Resource Center in the subject line.

Thank you to all who participated in today's Open Choir +.

You made a joyful noise!



Make Bread and Break Bread: Christ Church Lenten Retreat 2025

Date: Saturday, March 22nd
Time: 9am-1pm
Location: Christ Church Nicholas Room
Join us for a wonderful intergenerational morning of fellowship, prayer, communion bread-baking (including gluten-free), bread tasting and stretching as we reflect on our Lenten theme: Bread of Life. ALL AGES WELCOME!

While registration is not required, it is encouraged so that we can prepare the appropriate amount of retreat materials. You can use the following link or call/email the office: https://forms.gle/xmYuUbohkkHY9ih6A

Fourth Century Task Force

Up to joining us on our journey to the 4th Century as described at the Annual Meeting? Please mark your calendars for **Sunday, March 23,** when we plan to kick off our discernment about the challenges and opportunities presented by our Church Campus during coffee hour, or contact Jim, Mark McMahon, Jonathan Gloster or Reverend Hollis directly. Together we will do our part to revitalize Christ Church, in the community, in our faith and in our campus.



Join Christ Church for Lenten Talktime via Zoom!

Next meeting Tuesday, March 25

Dates: **Tuesdays - March 25 and April 8**

Time: 6pm-6:45pm

Zoom Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86492004593?pwd=R0M1aXBPKzFkTXdjbEdDaEhOZ2hnZz09

Join Rev. Hollis and others for casual chats, Q&As and/or inspirational stories regarding the week's devotional focus (or anything else you'd like to discuss regarding our Lenten study together)!



Lenten Series- Bread of Life

Nourish your soul with *Bread of Life*. When the world feels heavy—divided and uncertain—hearts ache, minds seek peace, and souls hunger for hope. In these moments, while many search for a way forward, the bread of life reminds us of abundance. There is enough love, grace, and hope for all.

Bread of Life highlights how Jesus fed people—not just their bodies but their souls—with good news, redemption, and stories of God's kin(g)dom. From wedding feasts to eating with tax collectors to feeding thousands, people left Jesus' presence with full hearts and bellies. *Bread of Life* provides everything you need to set the table and equip all ages in your congregation and community to be nourished, both in body and spirit.

As we journey through Lent, from the wilderness to the shorelines of Galilee, we will find the sacred in the ordinary—like bread, simple yet essential. This Lent, gather your community together to break bread, savor in the divine generosity of God, and rise to share with the world out of the abundance we have received from the bread of life.

Vestry Key Topics

1) A discussion was held on identifying candidates to lead the Stewardship efforts for this year. Vestry members will talk with certain individuals to help up discern the best approach for Christ Church.

2) The Vestry celebrated the return of heat to the Sanctuary. Two new boilers were installed at a total cost of a little over $40,000. Insurance has already reimbursed us for almost $28,000 of the total expense, resulting in a net cost of a little over $12,000 for the parish.

3) A lively discussion was held on scheduling events for spring and summer at the church. If you have any ideas or would like to participate in this process, please contact a Vestry member.

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Paul Ambos, will be placing a new card order on the morning of **Monday, April 7**. Please place your orders accordingly. If you plan to mail him an order with a check, please (a) mail it by **Wednesday, April 2**, or, better, (b) advise him by email when you mail it of what your order is so he can place it on time despite possible Post Office delays. Or, if you place your own order directly on the RaiseRight website or app, Paul will be able to see it there when he orders the monthly batch.

You can avoid writing Paul a check by using their payment options through your checking account of credit card (checking costs a 29 cent charge per order; credit cards charge a percentage that is usually more). And if you want physical cards delivered directly to your home, you can do that through the app, although you will be charged for delivery. If you order for delivery through him, the church covers the delivery charge.

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Come for lunch, for dinner, or for both.

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BREAD OF LIFE

MARCH 16, 2025
SECOND SUNDAY
IN LENT

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Jesus' compassion is greater than our misguided ways.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	**Luke 13:31-35**	**Jesus' sorrow over Jerusalem**
Monday	**Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18**	**God's covenant with Abram**
Tuesday	**Philippians 3:17—4:1**	**Stand firm in the Lord**
Wednesday	**1 Peter 5:6-11**	**Helping Christian leaders**
Thursday	**James 5:7-12**	**Patience in suffering**
Friday	**Hebrews 10:19-29**	**A call to persevere**
Saturday	**Psalm 27**	**A song of trust**
Sunday	**Luke 13:1-9**	**Parable of the fig tree**

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I [Jesus] desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing." **Luke 13:34 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:
Dear God, you are the source of all goodness and our salvation; give us confidence in your care through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen. (Psalm 27:1)

Mealtime Prayer:
Dear God, we thank you for your love that cares for us with this gift of food, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:
May Jesus be your strength and protection.

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MARCH 16, 2025

taking faith home

HYMN OF THE WEEK

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- How do you respond to someone who is being treated unfairly?
- Jesus stood firm against those who opposed him. Would you do the same? Explain.

DEVOTIONS

Read: Luke 13:31-35.

Jesus stands firm against powers that oppose him. He opposes the Roman government that alone has the power to execute him. He opposes religious leaders who have killed God's prophets. He speaks against those who cannot or will not see the healing he brings (first described in Luke 4:16-21). Jesus' desire is to gather in misguided people who oppose him, much like a hen gathers in her chicks to protect them. This compassionate image of care is a strong contrast to acts of violence. Jesus refuses to let concern for his safety deter him from his task to go to Jerusalem where he will meet betrayal, suffering, and death. His reference to *"on the third day"* (v. 32) is a clue that his work has not ended until the day of his resurrection. This Lent we reflect on the depth of our misguided ways and the greater depth of God's love in Jesus that will not be stopped.

Discuss: How might some of your actions or thoughts appear to be misguided ways?

Pray: **Loving God, forgive us when we stray from your compassionate ways and strengthen us to follow Jesus who died that we may live. Amen.**

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you speak up for someone who is being mistreated?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Prayer is an important spiritual practice for Christians. During this Lenten season, take time to focus on the prayer Jesus taught us to pray, the Lord's Prayer (Luke 11:2-4). This second week in Lent we reflect on *"Your kingdom come"* (v. 2b). Add this to verse 2a from the first week in Lent by writing it outside of the cross drawn on the paper the first week. Take a moment to think or talk about what this verse means to you.

Pray: The Lord's Prayer.

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MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

		March 16	March 23
	Presider	Rev. Joanna Hollis	Rev. Joanna Hollis
	Preacher	Rev. Joanna Hollis	Rev. Joanna Hollis
	Deacon	Rev. Daphne Roberts	Rev. Daphne Roberts
	Organist	Suzanne McDonald	Suzanne McDonald
8:00 a.m.		**8 AM**	**8 AM**
	Lector & Intercessor	Mark McMahon	Kevin Stansbury
	LEM *LEM will read the Epistle*	Kevin Stansbury	Sheila Cooper
	Vestry Announcements	Mark McMahon	Jim Nichols
	Ushers		
	Altar Guild	Mervis Johnson, Margaret Brown-Stansbury	Nancy Walworth, Sheila Cooper
10:30 a.m.		**10:30 A.M.**	**10:30 A.M.**
	Lector & Intercessor		
	LEM *LEM will read the Epistle*	Mel Garber	
	Acolyte / Server		
	Vestry Announcements	Jonathan Gloster	Meegan Adames
	Usher		Mel Garber
	Production Minister	Steve Caruso	Steve Caruso
	Altar Guild	Mervis Johnson, Margaret Brown-Stansbury	Nancy Walworth, Sheila Cooper
	Coffee Hour	Paul & Catherine Ambos	
	Counters		

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