The Fourth Sunday in Lent:
March 30, 2025



Lent Four: Bread for Sharing

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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 Province of the Anglican Church of the Congo*

Diocesan Cycle – *The Rev. Philip B. Carr-Jones*

Christ Church Ministry – *Discipleship and Adult Formation Committee*

Birthdays this week – *Nayla Caruso, Zara Jarrett, Sylvia Aubee, David Briggs, Jean Houvener, Rosanne Jhamb*

The flowers at the Lectern— *are given by the children of Barbara Livezey Clarke in memory of Barbara Livezey Clarke*

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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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.

Please kneel or stand as you are able. 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.

TODAY'S COLLECT FROM THE BREAD OF LIFE SERIES

God of fellowship, laughter, and friendship,
you invite everyone to join in joyful worship.
We are here not because we are better than anyone else
but because we are all your beloved children.
You welcome us into worship with extravagant love.
May our hearts and minds be awakened.
Be glorified in our worship today
and in the fellowship we share.
Amen.

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Old Testament: Joshua 5:9-12

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From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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GOSPEL Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

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always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

Deacon 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

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

LENTEN HYMN "Shepherds of Souls, Refresh and Bless " **Blue *Hymnal 1982*, #343**

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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

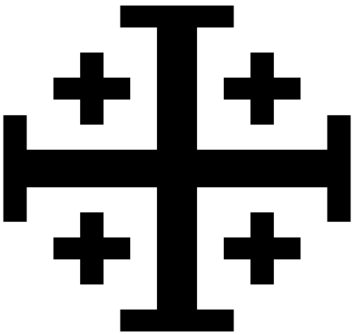
Presider Go now into the world brimming with love for God and others.
May you share the bread of life,
offering not only what sustains the body but what nourishes the soul.
Live your lives serving in the way of Jesus,
extending compassion to the weary,
offering hope to the despairing,
and providing bread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

People **Amen.**

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Fugue in c minor* J.S. Bach



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THE WORD OF GOD *BCP, page 355*

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BCP, page 351

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BCP, page 352

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

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

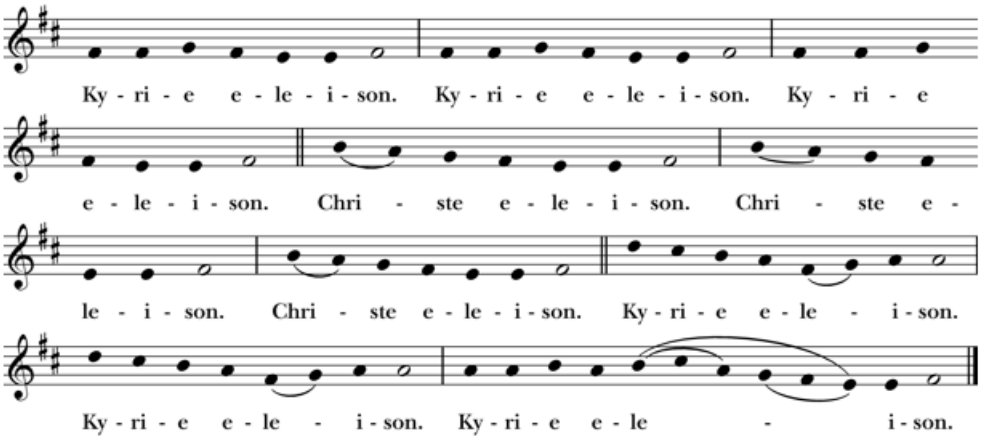
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Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

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KYRIE *The Blue Hymnal 1982, S*86
David Hurd



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

GRADUAL HYMN "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy " **Blue *Hymnal 1982*, #469**

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
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Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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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

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 Hymn as the gifts are presented

OFFERTORY HYMN "Shepherds of Souls, Refresh and Bless " **Blue *Hymnal 1982*, #343**

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

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

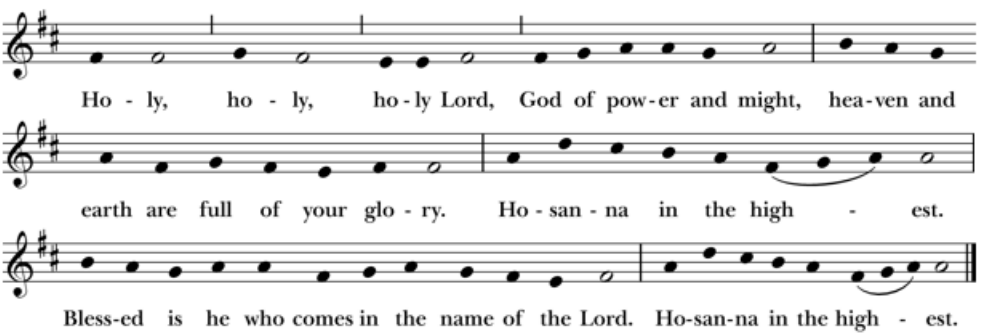
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**
Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven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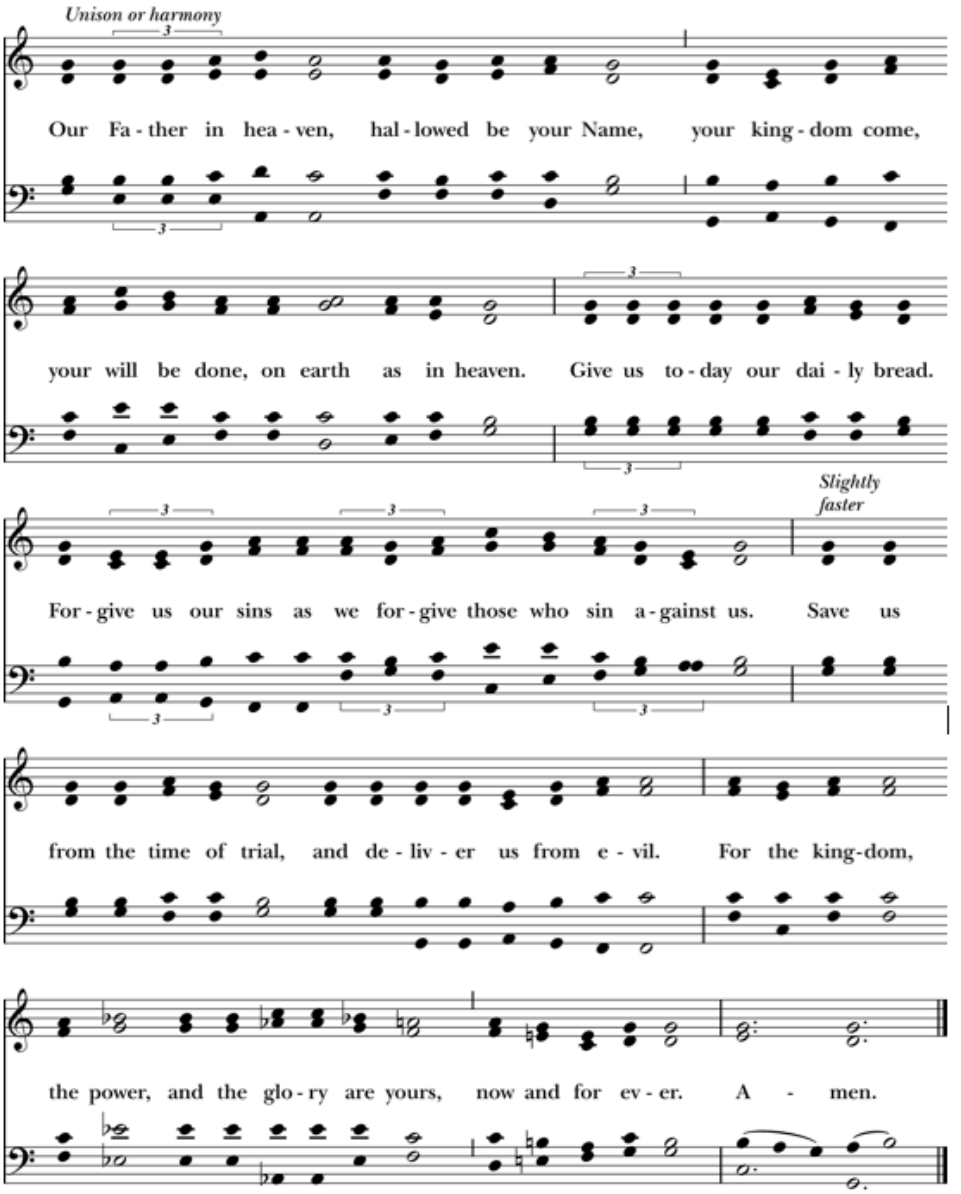
The Celebrant continues

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.**

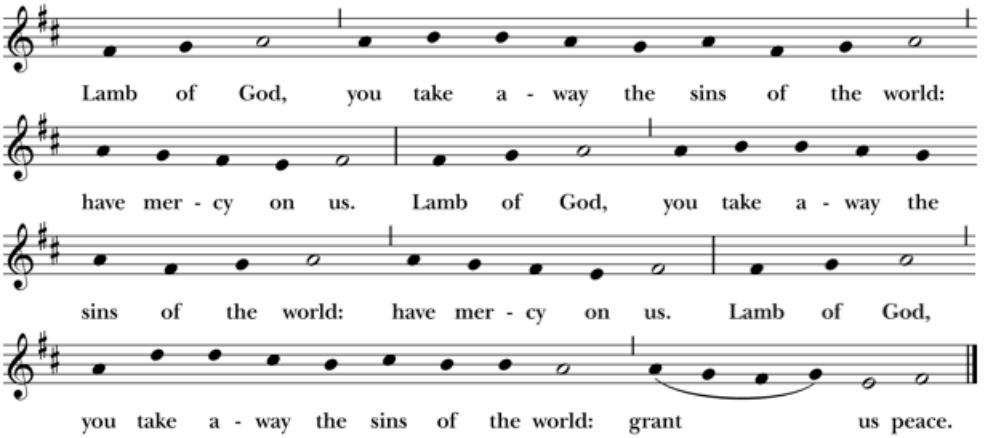
Presider As our brother Christ taught us, we now pray,

ALL *The Blue Hymnal 1982, S*150
David Hurd



BREAKING THE BREAD

*The Blue Hymnal 1982, S*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.

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

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 "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessings" **Blue *Hymnal 1982*, #686**

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 *Fugue in c minor* J.S. Bach

PARISH NOTES FOR MARCH 30, 2025

SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 30 – APRIL 5, 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.	**Choir Warm Up, Sanctuary**
	9:30 a.m.	**Church School**
	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	4:00p.m.	Children's Pre-Rehearsal Activities & Homework Time
	5:00p.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal
	7:00p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
	7:00p.m.	St. Alban's Bible Study, Zoom

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

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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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When?

Monday, April 7
11:30am – 9pm

Join us with friends and family for dine-in or take-out orders.
Place orders in person or by phone (not online) and
mention you are there for Christ Church's fundraiser.
Come for lunch, for dinner, or for both.

Proceeds will benefit the CCNB general fund.

BREAD OF LIFE



Join Christ Church for Lenten Talktime via Zoom!

Next meeting Tuesday, April 8

Dates: **Tuesdays - 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.



2025 Easter Flower Memorials and Gifts

At Easter, Christ Church is beautified with flowers memorializing departed loved ones, commemorating anniversaries, or representing thank offerings.

We welcome your contributions for Easter memorials. To be listed in the service leaflets, we must receive your contribution no later than **Sunday, April 13.** Gifts may be mailed to the Parish Office, sent by Zelle, or placed in the collection plate.

Flower memorials and gifts may also be provided throughout the year. The cost for a single date in 2025 is $50; a perpetual memorial may be established with a one-time contribution of $500.

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For _____

Flowers for Easter		**$**
Flowers for other single 2025 date(s)		
Date(s)		**$**
Perpetual Memorial(s)		
Date(s)		**$**
	Total	**$**

Make checks payable to Christ Church (please write Flower Memorial in the memo line).
Place in collection plate or mail to: **Christ Church, 5 Paterson Street, New Brunswick, NJ 08901**
Contributions may also be made by Zelle to admin@christchurchnewbrunswick.org

2025 Holy Week and Easter Music Memorials and Gifts



This year, we will be augmenting the liturgies of Palm Sunday & Eastertide with voices & musical instruments. Just as flowers, plants, and other decorations adorn our worship space on festive occasions, special instruments also add to the beauty of our liturgies. Will you consider a donation to our Easter music? Donations may be given as memorials or thanksgiving. Gifts may be mailed to the Parish Office or put on the collection plate. Checks should be received in the office by **Sunday, April 13.**

Please Print Clearly

Given by _____

Telephone _____

Address _____

Memorial [ ] In thanksgiving [ ]

For _____

Please make checks payable to Christ Church, and mark the memo line "Easter Music." Please place in the collection plate or mail to: Christ Church, 5 Paterson Street, New Brunswick, NJ 08901. Contributions may also be made by Zelle to admin@christchurchnewbrunswick.org

MARCH 30, 2025
FOURTH SUNDAY
IN LENT

taking faith home

God's generosity and forgiveness is for all.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	**Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32**	**Parable of the forgiving father**
Monday	**Joshua 5:9-12**	**The passover at Gilgal**
Tuesday	**2 Corinthians 5:9-12**	**The ministry of reconciliation**
Wednesday	**Proverbs 11:24-25**	**Be generous**
Thursday	**Luke 15:1-7**	**Parable of the lost sheep**
Friday	**Colossians 1:15-23**	**The work of Christ**
Saturday	**Psalm 32**	**The joy of forgiveness**
Sunday	**John 12:1-8**	**Mary anoints Jesus at Bethany**

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"'But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"
Luke 15:32 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:
Merciful God, thank you for restoring us to a loving relationship with you and for sending us out to extend your love to others. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:
Dear God, your goodness is beyond belief; may we receive this food and your love for others with thankful hearts through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:
May God bless you with a generous heart.

MILESTONES MINISTRY

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MARCH 30, 2025

taking faith home

HYMN OF THE WEEK

When Our Song Says Peace

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:

- Have you ever felt judged for a choice you made? Explain.
- How would you describe God's generosity?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32.

People can easily identify with this reading. It is one of Jesus' best-known parables. In Jesus' day there was a culture of shame and honor. The shaming in this parable is clear. The father is shamed by the request of the younger son to take his inheritance early, and the younger son is shamed by his returning home as a failure. He has done so many things wrong. The older son might be shamed because the father is spending the older son's inheritance on an unworthy brother. He is angry. In our own context, shaming is still a reality but so is anger and family divisions. This parable challenges us to examine the generosity of God, let go of our shaming, anger, and judgmentalism. We are to welcome those who in our eyes are not seen as worthy and celebrate with them that God's generosity is for them as well as for us.

Discuss: How does God's generosity and forgiveness challenge your judgment of a friend? a family member? a neighbor?

Pray: **Gracious God, you lavish your love on us in ways we cannot see and do not earn; help us to celebrate your goodness to us and to all through Christ our Lord. 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 help someone who has been judged unfairly?

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 fourth week in Lent we reflect on "*And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us*" (v. 4a). Add this verse to verses 2a, 2b, and 3 from the first, second, and third weeks in Lent by writing it around the 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.

MILESTONES MINISTRY

In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: **www.milestonesministry.org**



Holy Week and Easter at Christ Church

April 13 ~ The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

8:00 a.m. Rite I
10:30 a.m. Rite II

April 17 ~ Maundy Thursday

6:30 p.m., Agape Meal, Holy Eucharist, and Foot Washing

April 18 ~ Good Friday

Noon Walk for Peace
7:00 p.m. Good Friday Joint Service at St. Alban's

April 19 ~ Holy Saturday

8:00 p.m. The Great Vigil of Easter (Christ Church) *

April 20 ~ Easter Sunday:

The Sunday of the Resurrection
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
10:30 a.m. Festal Holy Eucharist *

An Easter Egg Hunt for children of all ages will be held after the 10:30 a.m. service

** Incense will be used at these services*

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

	March 30	April 6
Presider	Rev. Joanna Hollis	Rev. Joanna Hollis
Preacher	Rev. Joanna Hollis	Rev. Daphne Roberts
Deacon		Rev. Daphne Roberts
Organist	Suzanne McDonald	Suzanne McDonald
8:00 a.m.	**8 AM**	**8 AM**
Lector & Intercessor	Debra Lowe	Jonathan Clark
LEM *LEM will read the Epistle*	Sheila Cooper	Elizabeth Clark
Vestry Announcements	Jim Nichols	Jonathan Clark
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	Jonathan Gloster	Jonathan Gloster
LEM *LEM will read the Epistle*		Artie Phills
Acolyte / Server		
Vestry Announcements	Gordon Arsenoff	
Usher		
Production Minister	Steve Caruso	Steve Caruso
Altar Guild	Mervis Johnson, Margaret Brown Stansbury	Nancy Walworth, Sheila Cooper
Coffee Hour		
Counters		

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