The Fifth Sunday in Lent:
March 22, 2026



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CHRIST CHURCH IN THE CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK
A parish of the Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey
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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 is 9:30 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— *Emily, Jeannine, Lizette, Michael, Milton, Pat, Patricia, Sarah, Suzanne, Timothy*
Anglican Cycle *– we pray for The Anglican Church of Korea*
Diocesan Cycle *– The Rev. Douglas J. Reans*
Christ Church Ministry *– Church School*
Birthdays this week *– Jeffrey Fields, Robert Stephenson. Mark Trautman*
Memorial Flowers—*are given by the late Mrs. Walter Fetterly in memory of Edith Van Kusper Kenyon*

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 Rev. Scott Russell– 732.545.6262 ext. 1 or Rev. Daphne P. Roberts—732.545.6262 ext. 3

If you would like to schedule home communion, please contact Rev. Roberts and she will arrange for either herself, or a Lay Eucharistic Visitor to bring communion to you. Please do not hesitate to contact Rev. Russell 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

March 22, 2026
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9:30 AM

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: A PENITENTIAL ORDER, RITE II *BCP, p. 351*

SILENT PROCESSION

THE WORD OF GOD

The Presider welcomes the congregation, and then says

Presider Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;
People **His mercy endures for ever.**

The Celebrant may say

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Lord, have mercy.
Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you**.
Presider 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 SCRIPTURE LESSON Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord." So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 130

1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord;
Lord, hear my voice; *
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.
2 If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss, *
O Lord, who could stand?
3 For there is forgiveness with you; *
therefore you shall be feared.
4 I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; *
in his word is my hope.

5 My soul waits for the Lord,
more than watchmen for the morning, *
more than watchmen for the morning.
6 O Israel, wait for the Lord, *
for with the Lord there is mercy;
7 With him there is plenteous redemption, *
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

THE SECOND LESSON Romans 8:6-11

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

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

GRADUAL HYMN "Awake O sleeper" **Blue *Hymnal 1982*, #547**

GOSPEL LESSON John 11:1-45

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him,

"Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him." When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world." When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because

he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

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

SERMON Rev. Scott Russell

All who are able please stand

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 the Church and for the world.**

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

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION BCP, p. 360

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

All who are able please kneel or stand. Silence is kept for a space.

ALL **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 your Son 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.**

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

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 on the following page as the gifts are presented

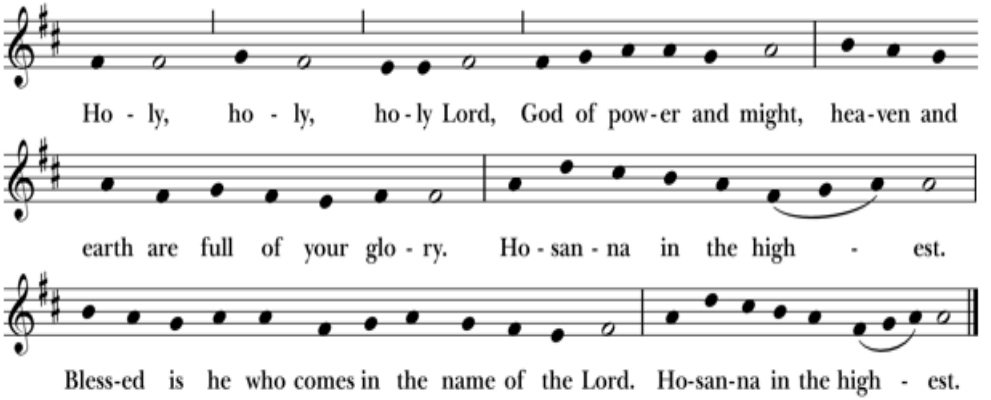
OFFERTORY HYMN "Come ye disconsolate" **Red LEVAS II *Hymnal*, #147**

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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. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. 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.
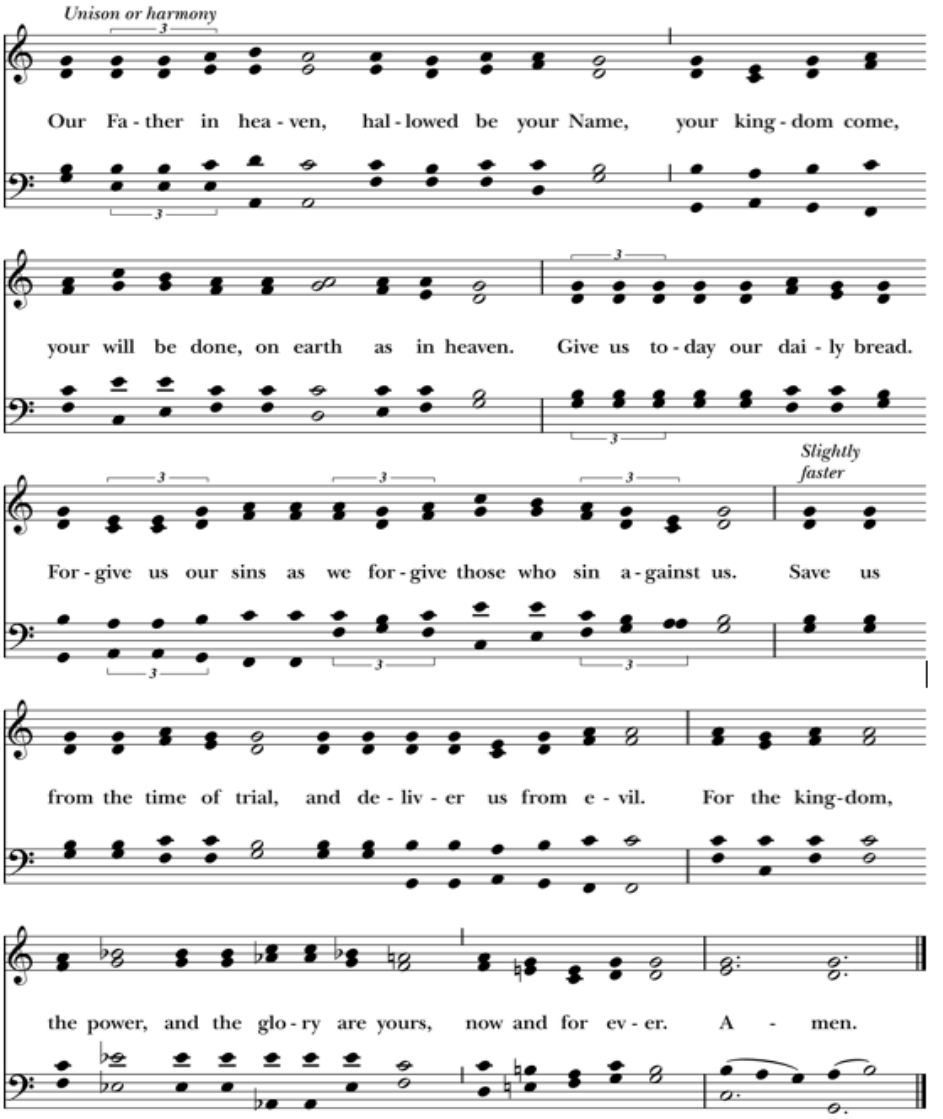
The Celebrant continues

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.

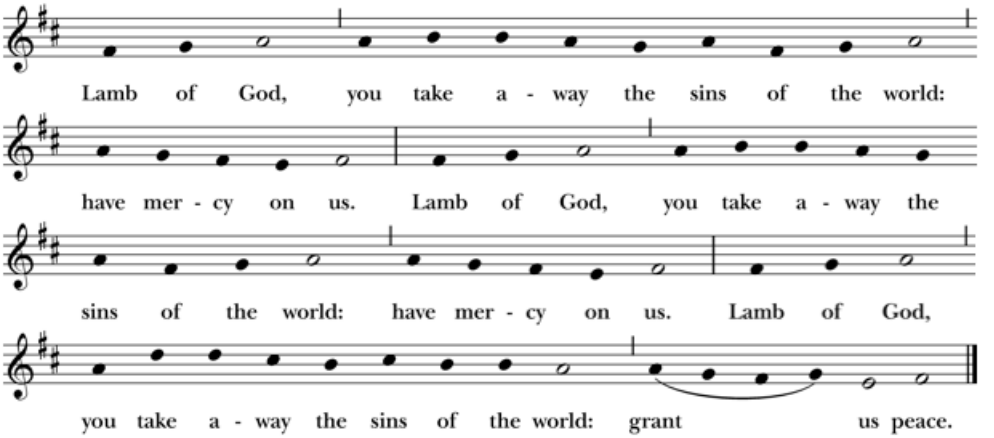
Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your 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 Hymnal 1982, Service Music*, **#150** David Hurd



BREAKING THE BREAD 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 HYMN "Humbly I adore thee" **Blue *Hymnal 1982*, #314**

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 "All my hope on God is founded" **Blue *Hymnal 1982*, #655**

BLESSING *AND* DISMISSAL

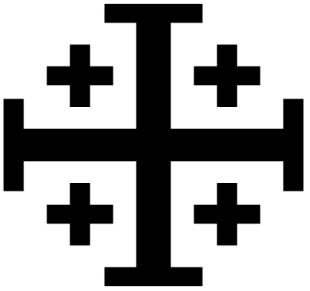
Presider Grant, most merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; through Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SILENT RECESSION



PARISH NOTES FOR MARCH 22, 2026

SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 22 – MARCH 28, 2026

Parish Office Hours This Week:
Tuesday and Thursday – 9:30am to 3:00pm
Friday – 9:30am to 1:00pm

Sunday **9:30 a.m.** **Holy Eucharist, Sanctuary**

Tuesday 7:00p.m. Tuesdayers, Zoom

Wednesday **12:00p.m. Noonday Prayer, Zoom**
7:30 p.m. WomenSpirit, Zoom

Thursday 7:00p.m. St. Alban's Bible Study, Zoom

Saturday 11:00a.m. Rutgers Day of Service, Christ Church

*JOIN US AFTER THE 9:30 AM SERVICE FOR COFFEE HOUR IN THE NICHOLAS ROOM

Sunday, March 29
Palm Sunday, Rite II

Sunday, April 5
Easter Sunday, Rite I



Join Us for Rutgers Day of Service!

Come out and lend a hand at **Christ Church** on **Saturday, March 28 from 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM** for the **Rutgers Day of Service**!

We will be working on several **indoor and outdoor projects** to help spruce up Christ Church and make our space even more welcoming for the community.

Bring your energy and willingness to help.
Every hand makes a difference!



Lenten Loot for the Lord

Don't let your coins sit lonely at home.
Bring them to Christ Church!
From now until Easter Sunday we will collect loose change. Look for the jar in the back of the church. All proceeds go to the Rector's Discretionary fund.



Do you have books gathering dust on your shelf? Ready to make room for new books?

Christ Church is holding a Book Sale on **April 25 (Rutgers Day) from 9:00 am -3:00 pm.**

To help us, please bring books in **GOOD** condition (no mold, no water damage, no missing pages or broken bindings), to Christ Church starting this Sunday, March 15. We will be collecting books through April 18.
We are also collecting bags for the shoppers to use.

We would greatly appreciate volunteers to help with the book sale on April 25. The sale will take place in the garden. If you have a large tent that we could use, please let us know.
Proceed go to Rector's Discretionary fund.

Refreshments may be for sale in the Nicholas Room.
If you have any questions, please contact Sheila Cooper or Mark McMahon.

RaiseRight™
Simply the right way to fundraise

It is time for the Christ Church April RaiseRight Order!

Paul Ambos, will be placing a new card order on the morning of **Monday, April 6.** Please place your orders accordingly. If you plan to mail him an order with a check, mail it by **Wednesday, April 1.** Please 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. If you place your own order directly on the RaiseRight website or app, he will be able to see it there when he orders the monthly batch.

Don't want to write a check? No problem! Use the RaiseRight payment options through your checking account or credit card (checking costs a 29 cent charge per order; credit cards charge a percentage that is usually more). If you want physical cards delivered directly to your home, you can arrange delivery through the app. There is a charge for delivery. If you order for delivery through Paul, the church covers the delivery charge. RaiseRight website is **https://www.raiseright.com/shop.**

Thank you for your support of this parish program.



2026 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, March 29**. 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 2026 is $50; a perpetual memorial may be established with a one-time contribution of $500.

Please print clearly

Given by_____

Telephone_____

Address _____

For_____

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

2026 Holy Week and Easter Music Memorials and Gifts



This year, we will be augmenting the liturgies of 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, March 29.**

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 22, 2026
FIFTH SUNDAY
IN LENT

taking faith home

Jesus' resurrection means new life now.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	**John 11:1-45**	**The raising of Lazarus**
Monday	**Ezekiel 37:1-14**	**Valley of dry bones**
Tuesday	**Romans 8:6-11**	**Life in the Spirit**
Wednesday	**Romans 8:12-17**	**Wonderful future of God's people**
Thursday	**1 Peter 1:1-9**	**A real reason for hope**
Friday	**Colossians 3:12-17**	**New life in Christ**
Saturday	**Psalm 130**	**Trusting the Lord in times of trouble**
Sunday	**Matthew 21:1-11**	**Jesus enters Jerusalem**

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Jesus said to her [Martha], "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" **John 11:25-26 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:
Dear God of life and hope, we thank you for the promise of the resurrection and the power it brings to us each day through Jesus Christ, the Messiah, the Son of God. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:
Dear God, we thank you for the strength we receive through this food and the faith and hope we receive through Jesus our Savior and Lord. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:
May God free you from all burdens and give you peace.

MILESTONES MINISTRY

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MARCH 22, 2026

taking faith home

HYMN OF THE WEEK

Christ Is the Life

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:

- What is something you are looking forward to do in the future?
- How does the promise of Jesus' resurrection influence your life today?

DEVOTIONS

Read: John 11:1-45.

With the story of the raising of Lazarus, Jesus makes it clear that he is not only the source of *"the resurrection on the last day"* (v. 24), but the source of life now. Jesus does not just say he is the resurrection. He says, *"I am the resurrection and the life"* (v. 25). In this story we gain understanding of what it means that Jesus is the *"Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world"* (v. 27). The future hope of the resurrection is so important and so real that it changes our life in the present. Even though Jesus weeps with his friends, grief does not control his—or our—life. Our lives are to be freed from the daily powers of sin, fear, and death. *"Unbind him and let him go"* (v. 44) is the message for us, too. Jesus comes to us when our burdens are many, to unbind us and set us free. Jesus says, *"[E]veryone who lives and believes in me will never die"* (v. 26).

Discuss: How does faith in Jesus impact your priorities, your values, your relationships?

Pray: **God of resurrection promise, remind us of the new life we are given each day 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 or support someone who is grieving a loss?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

During the fifth week in Lent, light five of the six purple candles on your Lenten Candle Cross. The acronym **ACTS** (Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication) has been introduced as a way to pray. This week use this acronym (**ACTS**) as a guide for prayer.

Pray: **Dear God, I praise you for . . . , forgive me for . . . , I thank you for . . ., I pray for (name of people or situations) . . . , in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, amen.**

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**

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Usher		
Production Minister	Jonathan Gloster/ Karen Bemis	Jonathan Gloster
Altar Guild	Shannon Pullaro/ Margaret Brown-Stansbury	Nancy Walworth/ Shannon Pullaro
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