The Last Sunday after the Epiphany:
March 2, 2025



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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 Epiphany 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 Anglican Church of Burundi*
Diocesan Cycle – *The Rev. Maxine J. Cleghorn*
Christ Church Ministry – *Acolytes and Servers*
Birthdays this week – *Gordon Arsenoff, Stan Judson, Hugh Pemberton, Julia Pemberton*

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: RITE ONE

References marked "BCP" are from the black Book of Common Prayer *in your pew.*

PRELUDE *Gymnopedie* E. Satie

THE WORD OF GOD *BCP, page 323*

The Presider welcomes the congregation, and then says

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.**
Amen.

COLLECT OF PURITY *BCP, page 324*

The Presider says

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

The Presider continues

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

GLORIA *BCP, page 324*

Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee,
we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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Old Testament: Exodus 34:29-35

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People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 99

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he is enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earth shake.
2 The Lord is great in Zion; *
he is high above all peoples.
3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; *
he is the Holy One.
4 "O mighty King, lover of justice,
you have established equity; *
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."
5 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and fall down before his footstool; *
he is the Holy One.
6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, *
they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.
7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.
8 "O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; *
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds."
9 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and worship him upon his holy hill; *
for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

THE SECOND LESSON 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

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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.

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

People **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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 Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones" **Blue *Hymnal 1982*, #618**

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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 Gos-

pel 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 Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
ALL **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

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.**

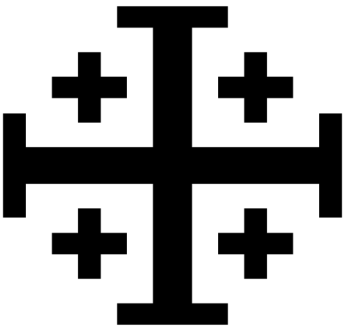
AFTER COMMUNION

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.**

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

The Presider gives the blessing.
People **Amen.**
The Deacon dismisses the people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Suite Espanola* T. Brown



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THE HOLY EUCHARIST: ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP

THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE *Gymnopedie* E. Satie

All who are able please stand as the ministers enter, and sing

ENTRANCE HYMN "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" **Blue *Hymnal 1982*, #135**

The Presider welcomes the congregation, and then says

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

GLORIA **Red LEVAS *Hymnal*, #241**





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GRADUAL HYMN "O Light of Light, Love Given Birth " **Blue *Hymnal 1982*, #134**

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People **Amen.**

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION EOW

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 **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. 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.

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

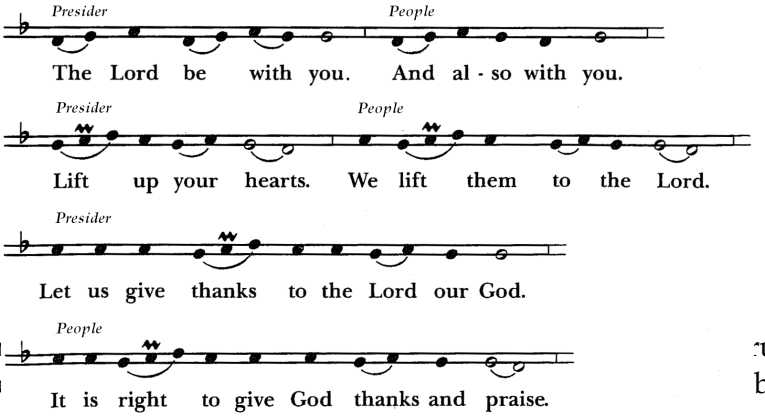
All who are able please stand and sing the Offertory Carol on the following page as the gifts are presented

OFFERTORY HYMN "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones" **Blue *Hymnal 1982*, #618**

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Enriching Our Worship, Prayer 3



Presider All than ue and loving
God; through J by whom you

created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; you brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; and so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout for joy:

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Presider Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you call a



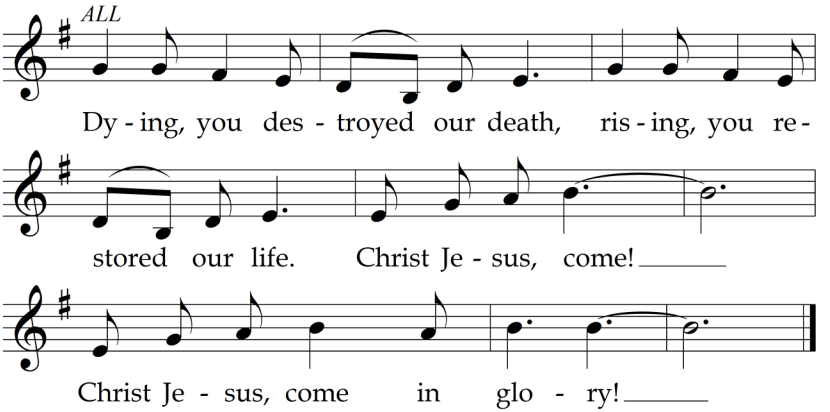
people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the New Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the

forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

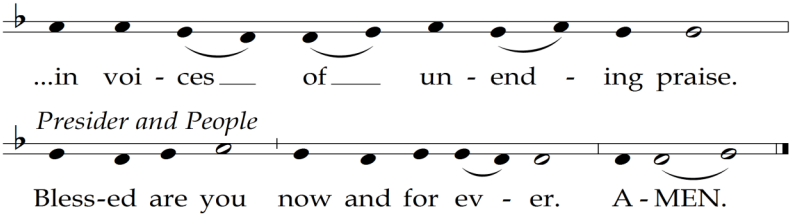
And so remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

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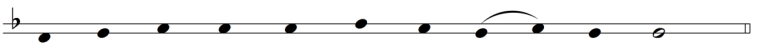


Presider Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice, and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator



Presider

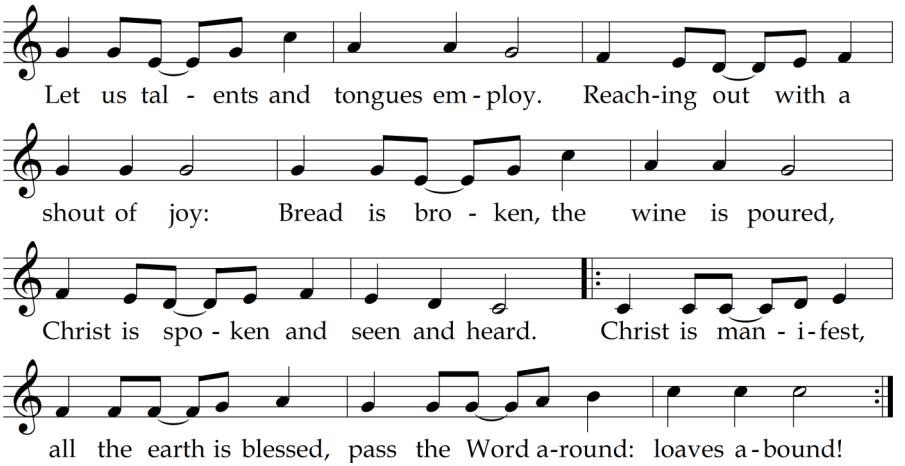


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INVITATION

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 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" **Red LEVAS Hymnal 109**

AFTER COMMUNION

All who are able please stand

Presider Let us pray.

ALL **God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

FINAL HYMN "When Morning Gilds the Sky" **Blue *Hymnal 1982*, #427**

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

The Presider gives the blessing.

People **Amen.**

The Deacon dismisses the people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Suite Espanola* T. Brown

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PARISH NOTES FOR MARCH 2, 2025

SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 2 – MARCH 8, 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.	**Church School**
	9:30 a.m.	**Choir Warm Up, Sanctuary**
	10:30 a.m.	**Holy Eucharist, Sanctuary**
Tuesday	**6:00 p.m.**	**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner, Nicholas Room**
	7:30p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday	**7:00a.m.**	**Ashes to Go, New Brunswick Train Station**
	12:00p.m.	**Noonday Prayer, Zoom**
	7:30 p.m.	**Ash Wednesday Service, Sanctuary**
	7:30 p.m.	WomenSpirit, Zoom
Thursday	7:00p.m.	St. Alban's Bible Study, Zoom

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

RaiseRight™
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It's almost past time for the March Christ Church RaiseRight! Order

Paul Ambos will be placing a new card order on the morning of WEDNESDAY, March 5. Please place your orders accordingly. Advise him by email when you mail it of what your order is so that he can place it on time despite possible Post Office delays. 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.

Thank you for your support of this parish program.


TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2025
SHROVE TUESDAY
DINNER SERVED
6:00PM - 7:30PM
ENTRY FEE
Adults: $10
Children ages 5-12: $5
Children under 5: Eat free.



Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025

Ashes to Go

7:00am New Brunswick Train Station
Rev. Hollis will be providing ashes.

Ash Wednesday Service

7:30pm Joint Service at Christ Church

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 March 15, 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.



Open Choir is Sunday, March 16!

All are Welcome to Sing!
Meet up at 9:30am in the Sanctuary.



Join members of Christ Church Sunday, March 16 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.



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) New Vestry members, Jonathan Gloster - People's Warden, Eleanor Forbes - Outreach coordinator and Debra Lowe - Personnel were welcomed. John Ager was reelected Treasurer and Gordon Arsenoff was reelected Clerk of the Vestry.

2) Jim Nichols updated the Vestry on the boiler replacements and the Vestry passed a resolution authorizing the purchase of two new boiler units, which with God's help, will be in place prior to Lent .

3) A discussion was held on Immigration and how it may affect employees and tenants of Christ Church. Available resources were reviewed and made available to the Vestry.



The Episcopal Migration Ministries (EMM) and the Office of Government Relations (OGR) have launched a new Immigration Action Toolkit page on the Episcopal Church website.
This toolkit consolidates a wide range of resources in one place, making it a go-to destination for immigration information. While some resources focus on the Episcopal Church's response to the current situation, it also includes helpful links on topics like Family Preparedness and Know Your Rights, which are valuable to people of all faiths or none at all.

To stay updated on this ever-evolving issue and hear from knowledgeable experts, a 30-minute weekly webinar is available. You can register here.

MARCH 2, 2025
TRANSFIGURATION
OF OUR LORD

taking faith home

Jesus' glory shines on the mountaintop.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	**Luke 9:28-43a**	**Jesus is transfigured**
Monday	**Exodus 34:29-35**	**The shining face of Moses**
Tuesday	**2 Corinthians 3:12—4:2**	**God's new agreement**
Wednesday	**Psalm 51:1-17**	**A prayer for forgiveness**
Thursday	**Acts 10:1-33**	**God speaks to Peter**
Friday	**Acts 10:34-48**	**Peter talks with Cornelius**
Saturday	**Psalm 99**	**Our Lord is King**
Sunday	**Luke 4:1-13**	**The temptation of Jesus**

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

And while he [Jesus] was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. **Luke 9:29 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:
Almighty God, give us faith to witness your glory in our lives and to be obedient to your reign through Christ Jesus our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:
Dear God, we thank you for this food; may it remind us of your glory and power that cares for us each and every day through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:
May the Glory of God in Christ be your strength.

MILESTONES MINISTRY

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MARCH 2, 2025

taking faith home

HYMN OF THE WEEK

Shine, Jesus, Shine

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:

- Think or tell about a mountaintop experience you have had or someone you know has.
- When have you felt God's presence in your life?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Luke 9:28-43a.

This was a mountain top experience. Threatening clouds, confusion, and the divine voice came together for three disciples to witness the glory of the Lord Jesus. After they descended the mountain, this other-worldly experience of Jesus' transfiguration was followed by an exorcism that frees a little boy of a demon (v. 42). Jesus continued his healing and teaching ministry as he journeyed to Jerusalem. One day this mountain top experience, the story of Jesus' transfiguration, would be retold again and again by the three disciples. We may find ourselves longing for such a powerful mountaintop experience to give us the assurance of God's presence in our lives. Just as Peter, James, and John experienced Jesus' glory, it may leave us in silence with a feeling of fear and bewilderment as we take time to understand our mountaintop experiences.

Discuss: What experience have you had that has given you the assurance of God's presence?

Pray: **Awesome God, thank you for the story of Jesus' glory witnessed by his disciples; may your glorious presence through Jesus Christ strengthen our faith. 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 encourage someone to live with faith and courage?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5. The day before the start of Lent is called Shrove Tuesday. The name 'shrove' comes from the practice of being "shriven": going to church to confess your sins and receive absolution. Shrove Tuesday is also called Pancake Tuesday or Fat Tuesday because households used up their remaining eggs and fats before Lent by making pancakes on this day. Observe Shrove Tuesday with a pancake breakfast or dinner. While you are eating, think or talk about what you might wish to give up or add for Lent.

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**

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

	March 2	**March 9**
Presider	Rev. Joanna Hollis	Rev. Joanna Hollis
Preacher	Rev. Joanna Hollis	Rev. Daphne Roberts
Deacon	Rev. Daphne Roberts	Rev. Daphne Roberts
Organist	Suzanne McDonald	Suzanne McDonald
8:00 a.m.	**8 AM**	**8 AM**
Lector & Intercessor	Jonathan Clark	Meegan Adames
LEM *LEM will read the Epistle*	Elizabeth Clark	Sheila Cooper
Vestry Announcements	Jonathan Clark	Mark McMahon
Ushers		
Altar Guild	Mervis Johnson, Nancy Walworth	Nancy Walworth, Sheila Cooper
10:30 a.m.	**10:30 A.M.**	**10:30 A.M.**
Lector & Intercessor		Doreen Sirjue
LEM *LEM will read the Epistle*	Artie Phills	Jonathan Gloster
Acolyte / Server		
Vestry Announcements	Jonathan Gloster	
Usher		Mel Garber
Production Minister	Steve Caruso	Steve Caruso
Altar Guild	Mervis Johnson, Nancy Walworth	Nancy Walworth, Sheila Cooper
Coffee Hour		
Counters		

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Historic Christ Church is a mutually supportive Christian community worshiping in the living Anglican tradition of beauty in liturgy and music. Christ Church bears witness to the love of Christ in prayer, service and fellowship.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME HERE.

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