# THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT Laetare MARCH 30, 2025



The Prodigal Son, 1642 drawing by Rembrandt

# **Christ Church**

Woodbury, New Jersey
A Parish in the Diocese of New Jersey
8:00 am & 10:00 am







#### **Welcome to Visitors and Guests**

We are delighted to have you with us today. The ushers will be glad to assist in any way they can to make your visit more comfortable. Please take a moment to introduce yourself to the clergy at the door following the service and sign the guest book in the church porch / vestibule.

<u>Child care</u> is available during the 10<sub>AM</sub> service for infants to age 4. Parents are given pagers. An usher will be happy to escort you there.

<u>Sunday School</u> (from age 3 through grade 12) begins after children and young people receive Holy Communion or a Blessing at the Altar Rail during the 10AM service and then proceed to their classrooms. (Most Sundays September through May). **There is Sunday School Today.** 

<u>Adult Forum</u> is held in the Upper Assembly Room following the 10AM service when Sunday School is in session, and ends at 12 NOON when the children are dismissed from their classes. All are welcome! **There is Adult Forum Today.** 

Adult Bible Study Mondays at 8:00 pm on Zoom, Scott Carr is hosting an online Bible Study. The topic is St. Paul's letter to the Philippians. More information is in the announcements.

<u>A Lift</u> is available for those who require assistance in reaching the Upper and Lower Assembly Rooms. The ushers will be glad to help with its operation.

<u>Safety Precaution</u> Because there is no adult supervision in the parish house, children under the age of 13 leaving the service for any reason need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

<u>Exiting and Entering</u>—To avoid unnecessary distractions during the service, please try to exit and enter during a hymn if possible. (But we do understand that when urgent needs arise it may not be possible!)

Let Reverence and Quietness Characterize your Entrance into God's House

# The Fourth Sunday in Lent Holy Eucharist: Rite I - 8:00 am

The congregation stands when the bell is rung.  Opening AcclamationBook of Common Prayer (BCP) 323
The Collect for PurityBCP 323
Summary of the Law BCP 324
Kyrie eleison BCP 324
The Collect of the Day (The Fourth Sunday in Lent): Bulletin p. 5
THE LITURGY OF THE WORD
The people are seated The First Lesson: Joshua 5:9-12
The people remain seated Gradual Psalm 34:1-8 Benedicam Dominum Bulletin p. 6 Read responsively by verse
The Second Lesson: II Corinthians 5:17-21
The people standing The Holy Gospel: Luke 15:11-32
The people are seated The Sermon Fr. Civale
The people standing The Nicene Creed BCP 327
The Prayers of the People
The people kneeling Confession of Sin
The people standing The Peace BCP 332

#### THE HOLY COMMUNION

#### Offertory Sentence

The people are seated until the Offering is brought forward the people standing At the Presentation:

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.

People And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer I BCP 333
Sursum corda BCP 333
Sanctus et Benedictus qui venit
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 congregation kneels for the canon of the Mass  The Great Amen
The Lord's PrayerBCP 336
Fraction BCP 337
Agnus Dei
Prayer of Humble Access
Invitation to Communion
Behold the Lamb of God; Behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.
Celebrant and People  Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.  All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion. Those who are not baptized or who do not wish to receive Communion are invited to come to the altar for
a blessing, indicated by placing crossed hands over the chest.
The people kneeling.  Post Communion Prayer
The Blessing BCP 339
The people standing Dismissal



# The Fourth Sunday in Lent Holy Eucharist: Rite I, 10:00 am

Prelude: <i>Sonata in G</i>	A. Soler (1729-1783)			
The congregation stands when the bell is rung. Processional Hymn 620 "Jerusalem, my hap	ppy home"Land of Rest			
Introit: Lætáre Ierúsalem	Mode VII			
Laetare Jerusalem et conventum facite omnes qui diligitis eam; gaudete cum laetitia, qui in tristitia fuistis, ut exsultetis et satiemini ab uberibus consolationis vestrae. Laetatus sum in his quae dicta sunt mihi: in domum Domini ibimus. Gloria Patri	Rejoice ye with Jerusalem; and be ye glad for her, all ye that delight in her: exult and sing for joy with her, all ye that in sadness mourn for her: that ye may suck, and be satisfied with the breasts of her consolations. I was glad when they said unto me:* we will go into the house of the Lord. Glory be, As it was, Rejoice ye,			
Opening AcclamationBook of Common Prayer (BCP) 323				
Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.				

The Collect of the Day (The Fourth Sunday in Lent)

His mercy endur - eth for ev - er.

racious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which giveth life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.* 

#### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The people are seated	1
The First Lesson	Joshua 5:9-12

Lector A reading from the prophet Joshua.

he Lord said to Joshua, "This day I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you." And so the name of that place is called Gilgal to this day. While the people of Israel were encamped in Gilgal they kept the passover on the fourteenth day of the month at evening in the plains of Jericho. And on the morrow after the passover, on that very day, they ate of the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. And the manna ceased on the morrow, when they ate of the produce of the land; and the people of Israel had manna no more, but ate of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The people remain seated

Gradual Psalm 34:1-8 Benedicam Dominum...... Gregorian Tone II Said responsively by verse during 8 am Mass only.

I WILL alway give thanks unto the Lord; \* his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

My soul shall make her boast in the Lord; \* the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.

O praise the Lord with me, \* and let us magnify his Name together.

I sought the Lord, and he heard me; \* yea, he delivered me out of all my fear.

They had an eye unto him, and were lightened; \* and their faces were not ashamed.

Lo, the poor crieth, and the Lord heareth him; \* yea, and saveth him out of all his troubles.

The angel of the Lord tarrieth round about them that fear him, \* and delivereth them.

O taste, and see, how gracious the Lord is: \*
blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;\* as it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

The Second Lesson ...... II Corinthians 5:17-21

*Lector* A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

If any one is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. So we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We beseech 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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The people standing

Tract: Oui confidunt Mode IV

hey that put their trust in the Lord, shall be even as the mount Sion: which may not be removed, but standeth fast for ever. The hills stand about Jerusalem; even so standeth the LORD round about his people; from this time forth for evermore.

The Holy Gospel ...... Luke 15:11-32

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

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

esus said, "There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that falls to me.' And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of

my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants.' And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to make merry. "Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.' But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, 'Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found."

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

The people are seated	
The Sermon	Fr. Civale
The people standing The Nicene Creed	BCP 327
The Prayers of the People: Form III	BCP 383

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for thy holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve thee;

That thy Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of thy Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; *That there may be justice and peace on the earth.* 

Give us grace to do thy will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in thy sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise thee for thy saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in thy heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

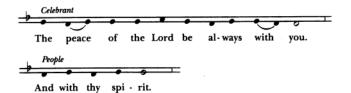
The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The people kneeling

Confession of Sin ...... BCP 330

The people standing

The Peace BCP 332



All are invited briefly to greet one another with a sign of peace

#### THE HOLY COMMUNION

Lighten mine eyes, that I sleep not in death; lest mine enemy say, I have prevailed against him.

The people are seated until the Offering is brought forward

The people standing  The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer I
Sursum corda
Celebrant People
The Lord be with you. And with thy spi - rit.
Celebrant People
Lift up your hearts. We lift them up un to the Lord.
Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.
People
It is meet and right so to do.
Sanctus et Benedictus qui venit
The Great Amen BCP 336
Celebrant   People
A-men.
The Lord's Prayer
Fraction
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
There-fore let us keep the feast.
Agnus Dei

Invitation to Communion
Behold the Lamb of God; Behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.
Celebrant and People Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.
All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion. Those who are not baptized, or who do not wish to receive Communion, are invited to come to the altar for a blessing, indicated by placing crossed hands over the chest.
Communion Sentence Ierúsalem quæ ædificátur
Jerusalem is built as a city, that is at unity in itself: for thither the tribes go up, even the tribes of the Lord; to testify un-to thy name, O Lord.
Motet A New Commandment
Communion Hymn 693 "Just as I am"
The people kneeling Post Communion Prayer
The Blessing BCP 339
The people standing Dismissal
Deucon People
Let us bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.
Setting: Copyright & Church Publishing Inc.
Processional Hymn 590 "Guide me, O thou great Jehovah"
Postlude: <i>Sonata~Toccata</i>



#### The Season of Lent

During Lent, the Church gives us the time to refocus on our relationship with Christ and to do what we need to do to prioritize and get closer to Him. It is about conversion, a continuous turning away from sin and a reorientation, through grace, toward God. This includes penance, fasting and self-denial. It also includes taking something on which draws us closer to God and the Church. It might include weekday Mass and Stations of the Cross. It might include extra reading of Scripture and the spiritual classics. It might include volunteering at a local food bank. These upcoming weeks we walk with Jesus into the wilderness and continue to the Cross on Good Friday with our eye always on His glorious Resurrection.



#### The Sacrament of Penance

The Sacrament of Reconciliation of a Penitent can be found on page 447 of the BCP. It

is a very beneficial way to help us have a fresh start in life. It helps us to have a more intimate appreciation of God's tenderness and compassion towards us. It helps us let go of the burden of sin as we remember that we are forgiven. This helps us bring our shame and regret to God and place those nagging feelings at the foot of the cross. It can bring into focus how we need to change and develop healthier kinds of behavior. We change our behavior by first changing why we think and feel the way we do. God supports us in that change by grace. The confidential spiritual counsel that a priest can give us, helps us put our life in perspective, which helps us change to the person we are called to be.



The Sacrament of Penance (Confession) and spiritual counsel are always available by appointment. Please don't hesitate to reach out to Fr. Civale.

#### **Those Who Serve Today**

#### 8:00 am

Server & Chalice: Jeff Wenzel

Lector: Maureen Carrigan

**Usher**: Mark Hendricks

#### 10:00 am

Organist & Choir Director: Nick Mynyk

**Master of Ceremonies**: Steve Lewis

Thurifer & Boat: Chris Cranston

Crucifer: Scott Cranston

1<sup>st</sup> Server: Cece Lyden

2<sup>nd</sup> Server: Joey Lyden

Torches: Rebecca Piskun & Thomas Piskun

Acolyte Master: Emily Piskun

Chalice Bearers: Steve Lewis & Scott Carr

Lector I & Intercessor: John Lyden

Lector II: Aimee Lyden

Ushers: Dennis Sims & Charles Lewis

**Nursery**:

Coffee Hour: Sarah Rash & Debbie Rash

Vestry Lock Up: Robertta Shomo Notewriter: Gwen Simpson Food Bank: Sue Velasquez Vestry Counters: Team 3:

Steve Lewis, Robertta Shomo &

Charles Lewis

#### Prayer List

Pray for those who are sick or in any other adversity.

Pray for those who are in immediate need, especially: Warren, David, Darrah, Charles, Rosie, Steve, Fran, Mike, Jim, Gloria.

Pray for those with enduring needs: Jillian, Carroll, Jill, Amanda, Tara, Jackson, Jack, Ed, Jason, Samuel, Michael, Alex, Paul, Baby Rick, Tom, Mary, Bruce, Ivan, Andy, Joy, Kathi, Sean, Maya, Miguel, Carl, Linda, Douglas, Alfred, Sally, Ariella, David, James, Téo and Peter, Pat, Anne, Josephine, Ronald, Tony, Jordan, Mason, David, Charles, Sue, Barbara, Michael, Tyler and Laura, Marjorie, Jacob, Michele, Stephanie, Riley, Julia, Susan, June, Amy, Kathleen, Cora, Dottie, Debbie, Norman, Tracey, Ginger, Candi, Becky, Carter, Rose, Adam, Dick, Daniel, Michael, Brad and Susan, Kathi, Lynn, Ralph, Peggy, Audrey, Sissy, Averil.

Please advise the Parish Office of any names that no longer need to be on this list. Thank you.

#### **Adult Forum**



Please join Father Civale at coffee hour and Adult Forum. For the rest of the year we will be exploring the history and development of western liturgy since the early Church. This will be done through the lens of our current Book of Common Prayer.



#### Choristers

There is no chorister rehearsal today, Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup>.

### Weekday Services this Week



Lenten Feria
10:00 AM Mass with Prayers for Healing

#### Thursday, April 3

Lenten Feria Richard Bishop of Chichester 6:30 pm Mass

#### Friday, April 4

Lenten Feria
5:30 PM Evening Prayer with Stations of the Cross



#### The Sacrament of Penance

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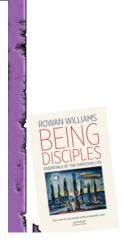


#### **Stations of the Cross and Evening Prayer**

Fridays 5:30 pm

Now through Friday, April 11, 2025.

<b>Upcoming Events</b>					
Monday	March 31	6:00 рм	AA Meeting		
Lenten Feria John Donne, Priest		8:00 рм	Adult Bible Study (Zoom)		
Tuesday	April 1	Noon	AA Meeting		
Lenten Feria		8:00 рм	AA Meeting		
Frederick Dennison Maurice, Priest					
Wednesday	April 2	10:00 ам	Mass with Prayers for Healing		
Lenten Feria		6:00 рм	Ecumenical Lenten Supper & Discussion		
Thursday	April 3	6:30 рм	Mass		
Lenten Feria		7:00 рм	Executive Committee		
Richard, Bishop of Chichester		8:00 рм	AA		
Friday	April 4	5:30 рм	Evening Prayer with Stations of the		
Lenten Feria			Cross		
Sunday	April 6	8:00 ам	Mass		
5 <sup>h</sup> Sunday in Lent		8:30 am	Choral Scholar Rehearsal		
		9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal		
		10:00 ам	Mass		
			Sunday School, Adult Forum		
		Noon	Special Choir Rehearsal for Palm		
			Sunday & Easter		



#### 2025 Lenian Supper and Book Discussion

at Christ Episcopal Church

March 12, 19, 26 & April 2, 2025 Supper & Fellowship 6:00 pm - 6:45 pm Presentation & Discussion 6:45 pm - 7:30 pm Discussion will be led by Woodbury Clergy members

Child Care will be provided including a mac & cheese dinner.



#### Readings for the Fifth Sunday in Lent

Old Testament: Isaiah 43:16-21

New Testament: Philippians 3:8-14

Gospel: Luke 20:9-19

\*Please note Christ Church uses the RSV Bible Translation



## **Spring Convocation Meeting**



Tuesday, April 1, 2025



7:00 pm



St. George's Episcopal Church 305 North Broadway Pennsville, NJ 08070

Convocation Delegates need to confirm their attendance with the office. Thank you.

#### **Adult Bible Study**

#### Continues: March 31, 2025 at 8:00 pm



Join Christ Church in an 8-week Bible Study on St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians, February 17-April 7 using Philippians, N. T. Wright for Everyone Study Guide. We will meet on Mondays at 8 PM over Zoom to explore together this scriptural invitation to joy in the midst of suffering as we prepare for Lent and Easter. You can access the Zoom meeting at this link:

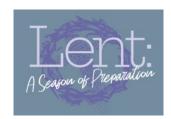
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For more information, reach out to Scott Carr, scotthcarrjr@gmail.com.

# Christ Episcopal Church 2025 Lenten Offerings

# Weekly Masses

- Sunday
  - 8 am Low Mass
  - o 10 am Choral Mass
- Wednesday 10 am Mass with Prayers for Healing
- Thursday 6:30 pm Mass
- Friday 5:30 pm Evening Prayer & Stations of the Cross



### **Weekly Events**

- Monday 8 pm (February 17 April 7) Adult Online Bible Study
- Wednesday GWCM Lenten Series at Christ Church (March 12,19, 26 & April 3, 2025)
  - o 6:00 pm Soup Supper & Fellowship
  - o 6;45 pm Presentation & Discussion

## Holy Week

- Palm Sunday (April 13)
  - o 8 am Low Mass &
  - o 10 am Choral Mass
- Monday in Holy Week (April 14) 10 am Mass
- Tuesday in Holy Week (April 15) 6:30 pm Mass
- Wednesday in Holy Week (April 16) 10 am Mass
- Maundy Thursday (April 17)
  - o Io am Morning Prayer
  - o 6:30 pm Mass of the Lord's supper
  - o 8 pm Midnight The Watch
- Good Friday (April 18)
  - o 10 am Morning Prayer
  - o 12:00 pm Noonday Prayer & Stations of the Cross
  - 6:30 pm Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday
- Holy Saturday (April 19)
  - o 10 am Morning Prayer
  - 6:30 pm The Great Vigil of Easter
- Easter Day (April 20)
  - o 8 am Mass of the Resurrection
  - o 10 am Choral Mass of the Resurrection





#### **Brotherhood of St. Andrew**



The Brotherhood at Christ Church meets **the third (3rd) Thursday** of every month at 7:00 pm. Join The Brotherhood of St. Andrew for prayer, study, and service. The Brotherhood of St. Andrew is an international ministry of men within the Anglican Communion with the commission of spreading Christ's kingdom among men and youth. The Mission of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew has been bringing men and youth to Jesus Christ since its founding in 1883. The Brotherhood in

fulfilling its mission does so by following the three key disciplines of prayer, study, and service.

#### ECW, Episcopal Church Women



The ECW at Christ Church meets the **third (3rd) Wednesday** of every month at 7:00 pm. All women who attend Christ Church are considered members of the ECW. Since 1871, the National Episcopal Church Women, ECW, have championed women's rights and the Christian foundation of God and family. They are a ministry of

the Episcopal Church and celebrate that Episcopalians believe in a loving, liberating, and life-giving God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

#### We Can Do This!

Greater Cooperative Ministries needs our help. Donations are especially needed at this time due to continued high numbers of clients. What an impact Christ Church could make if each family set a goal to bring 1 (one) item to church every week.



- Cold Cereal
- •
- ▼ Mac & Cheese
- PastaPasta Sauce
- Peanut Butter
- Hearty Soups
- Grape Jelly
- Powdered milk



Please go to gwcm.org for more information and to see what else is needed.

Thank you for helping with this important ministry.

#### **Easter Flower Memorials**



The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter, April 20<sup>th</sup>, Christ Church would like to remember your departed loved ones. Please use one of the envelopes in the church for your donation and request or email the office,

office@christchurch.woodburynj.org your requests and send in a check marked Easter Flowers in the memo. Thank you.

#### The Watch



Since the 15th Century it has been a traditional practice to keep watch from the end of the Maundy Thursday mass, commemorating the Last Supper, through the night, to the beginning if the Good Friday Liturgy, the point in history when the soldiers came to take Christ to away to be crucified. We will observe this tradition from 8:00 pm until midnight on Maundy Thursday. This will be a time when you can come and pray,

meditate, watch, or do whatever you wish in quiet adoration of the Passion of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. There is a sign-up in the back of the church.

#### **Priest-in-Charge**

Fr. Lawrence Civale

Email: frcivale@christchurch.woodburynj.org

Cell Phone: (617) 947-3261, in case of a pastoral emergency.

Fr. Civale tries to keep Monday as his Sabbath day.





#### Parish Office Business Hours

Monday: 9 AM - 1 PM
Tuesday: 9 AM - 3 PM
Friday: 9 AM - 3 PM
Additional hours by appointment.

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Phone: (856)845-0190

