

CHRIST CHURCH

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CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, NEWTON

The Second Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2026

8:00 & 10:00 am

**omitted at 8:00 am*

As we prepare our hearts and minds for worship, please keep conversation to a minimum.

*Prelude My Faith Looks Up To Thee *arr. David Hegarty*

*Processional Hymn #473 Lift high the cross *Crucifer*

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

People **His mercy endureth for ever.**

Celebrant 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 Confession of Sin & Absolution

Celebrant Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

The Congregation is invited to kneel. A period of silence is kept.

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.

Celebrant 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

8 am: spoken; 10 am: S-91

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

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -
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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from thy ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of thy Word, Jesus Christ thy Son; who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Congregation may please be seated.

The First Lesson

Genesis 12:1-4a

The LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 121

prayed responsively

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
 from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the LORD, *
 the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved *
 and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
 shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The LORD himself watches over you; *
 the LORD is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
 nor the moon by night.
- 7 The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; *
 it is he who shall keep you safe.
- 8 The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
 from this time forth for evermore.

The Second Lesson

Romans 5:12-19

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith.

If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) – in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

***Sequence Hymn #440**

Blessed Jesus, at thy word

Liebster Jesu

Clergy The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

The Holy Gospel

John 3:1-17

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may

have eternal life. “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Chris Streeter, Rector

The Nicene Creed

Please stand.

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

Please stand or kneel.

Let us pray for the Church, the world and all people according to their needs.

A brief silence is kept.

God our Creator, we acknowledge that you are the God of all people, the God of all generations. We thank you for our lives, which are in your hands; for our souls, which are in your keeping; and for the signs of your presence we encounter everyday.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all people in their daily life and work; for our families, friends, and neighbors; for all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble; for all who endure the consequences of war; for those serving in our Armed Forces; and for those on our prayer list. Comfort and relieve those who suffer, and help us to be agents of your healing and wholeness.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

The season of Lent calls us to a time of self-reflection. Guide us, O God, as we look inward so that we may see the truth of our lives; and give us the courage and strength to make an honest effort to live according to your will. We pray for your pardon, forgiveness, and support.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all whom we love, but see no longer. Grant them light and peace in that place where there is no pain or sorrow, but life eternal.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant may add a concluding collect.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**



Welcome & Announcements

The Rev. Chris Streeter

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***Offertory Anthem**

Anima Christi

Robert J. Powell

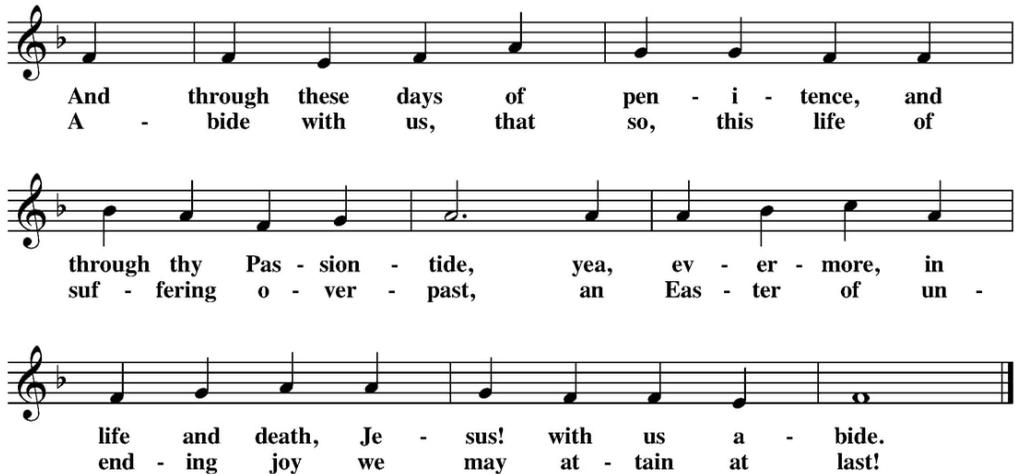
Soul of Christ, sanctify me;
Body of Christ, save me;
Blood of Christ, refresh me;
Water from the side of Christ, wash me;
Passion of Christ, strengthen me;
O Good Jesu, hear me;

Within thy wounds hide me;
Suffer me not to be separated from thee;
From the malicious enemy defend me;
In the hour of my death call me,
And bid me come to thee,
That with thy saints I may praise thee for ever and ever.
Amen.

- Anonymous

***Presentation Hymn**

St. Flavian



And through these days of pen - i - tence, and
A - bide with us, that so, this life of
through thy Pas - sion - tide, yea, ev - er - more, in
suf - fering o - ver - past, an Eas - ter of un -
life and death, Je - sus! with us a - bide.
end - ing joy we may at - tain at last!

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer II

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People **It is meet and right so to do.**

Celebrant

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. Who dost bid thy faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by thy Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which thou hast prepared for those who love thee.

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 and Benedictus

8 am: spoken; 10 am: S-114

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of
Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -
- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth -
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Celebrant

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. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
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, forever
and ever. Amen.

The Fraction

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

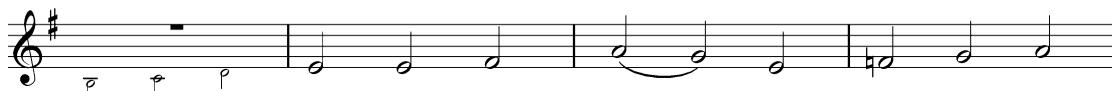
8 am: *Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
 People Therefore let us keep the feast.

10 am:

*Agnus Dei (S158)

Men

Healey Willan



O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -



way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -

Women



on us. O Lamb of God, that



ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have

The Solemn Prayer

During the season of Lent, in place of a blessing, a solemn Prayer over the People is used:

Celebrant Keep this your family, Lord, with your never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of your heavenly grace, they may be upheld by your divine protection; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***Closing Hymn #401**

The God of Abraham praise

Leoni

The Dismissal

Clergy Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
People **Thanks be to God.**

There is no Voluntary during the season of Lent.

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Serving in God's House Today

8 am

Lector: Cecelia Clayton

L.E.M.: Eric Fohl

Ushers: Mark Dubel

10 am

Lectors: Debbie Mello, MaryAnn Risley,

Walter Thies

L.E.M.: Pauline Josephs

Ushers: Kurt Lutz & Randy Kurie

Joining us in worship & fellowship on February 22, 2026

8:00 am: 17

10:00 am: 88

Christ Church Prayer List

For those who are ill: John, Amy, Linda, Joyce, Laura, Adam, Ryan, Lindsay, Herder, Edgar, Daryl, Ruth, Ishi, Carol Irene, Jennifer, Art, Mike, Louise, Sharon, Gail, Nadine. Ray, Yonnie, Terry, Mrs. Ceriello, Jeff, Marsha, Jim, Mary, Jason, Georgeann, Ellie, Maey Ellen, Steve, Marie, Carolyn, Madeline, Steve, Tricia, Gizelle, Lynn, Joyce, Ed and Chandler

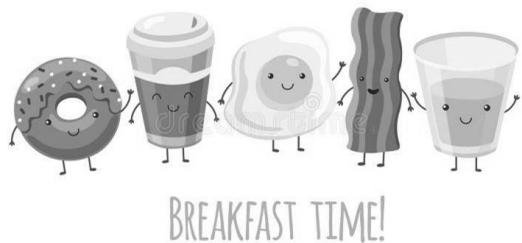
For those serving in the armed forces: Parker, Dean, Michael, Angel, Jonathan and Nicholas.

We rejoice with... William Silva, Katherine Bischoff, Julia Kiechel, Olivia Manser, Laura Pachnos and all who are celebrating their birthdays this week.
Also with Douglas & Lina Scott on their anniversary.

Please contact Karrie Miller in the church office to have names added or removed from our prayer list.

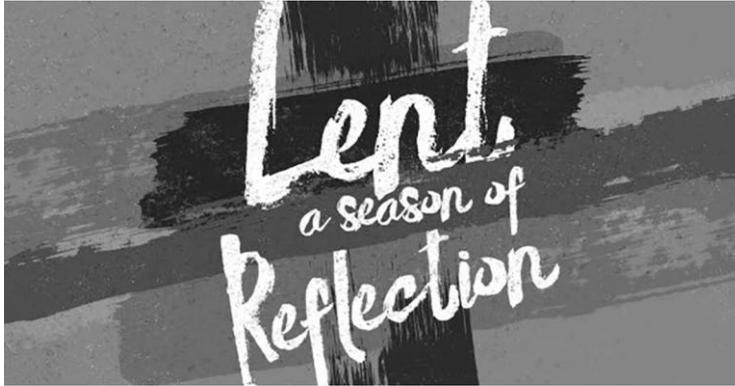
Announcements & Events

**Monthly Parish Breakfast
Next Sunday, March 8
Beginning at 8:45 am**



Our monthly parish breakfast will be held
next Sunday, March 8 between services, beginning at 8:45 am.

Plan to join us for this time of delicious food and fellowship.



Lenten Series 2026
Wednesday Evenings in Lent
7:00-8:00 pm

**Spiritual Struggles:
Strategies for Strengthening & Sustaining our Faith**

Our prayer book invites us into the season of Lent through “self-examination, repentance, prayer, and by reading and meditating on God’s holy Word” (pg. 265).

You are invited to join in this holy work with others through our five-week Lenten series. **Led by Chris Streeter and Tricia Lyons**, we will spend time identifying some of the spiritual struggles and pitfalls that can challenge and discourage us. Utilizing both large and small group formats, we will look at different strategies and resources that can help strengthen our faith and renew our connections to God, each other and our own, best selves.

We hope you will join us throughout the season of Lent, preparing our ourselves in heart, body, mind and spirit for the coming of Easter and reclaiming the joys given to us through the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Our series continues this Wednesday, March 4 from 7:00-8:00 pm in Holley Hall.



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