

The Parish of Christ Church Andover, Massachusetts

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First Sunday in Lent

The Holy Eucharist, Rite I

February 22, 2026 
at eight and ten o'clock in the morning

Voluntary O Man, Bewail Thy Grievous Fall, BWV 622 *Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)*

All stand, as able

The Great Litany [S-67] (*spoken at 8:00 a.m.*)

The Officiant at the Litany may be a lay cantor.

BCP, p. 148

Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy

People

preserve us for ev - er.

Officiant

Spare us, good Lord.

From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the

A musical score for 'Good Lord, Deliver Us' in G major. The top line shows a soprano vocal line with lyrics: 'devil; and from everlast-ing dam-na-tion,'. The bottom line shows an alto vocal line with lyrics: 'Good Lord, de-liv-er us.' The score includes a basso continuo line with a thick black bar. The vocal parts are marked with 'People' above them. The music is in common time.

(This same response is sung after the petitions that follow)

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church Universal in the right way,

Musical notation for the text "We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord." The notation consists of a bass clef, a common time signature, and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are aligned with the notes: "We" (two notes), "beseech" (one note), "thee" (one note), "to" (one note), "hear" (one note), "us," (one note), "good" (one note), and "Lord." (one note). The notes are black on a white staff.

When the litany is sung immediately before the Eucharist, the Litany concludes with the Kyries (which may be sung to any setting), and the Eucharist begins with the Salutation and the Collect of the day.

On all other occasions, the Litany continues as follows:

The Officiant sings the concluding Collect.

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Collect for the First Sunday in Lent

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from Genesis (2:15-17, 3:1-7 NRSV)

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.” Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’” The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate;

and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

At the 10:00 a.m. service, the Congregation is invited to join the Choir in singing the even verses of the psalm.

Tone VIII.1



Psalm 32

1 Happy are they whose transgressions are for/given, *
and whose /sin is put away!

2 Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no /guilt, *
and in whose spi/rit there is no guile!

3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered a/way, *
because of my /groaning all day long.

4 For your hand was heavy upon me /day and night; *
my moisture was dried up as in the /heat of summer.

5 Then I acknowledged my sin to /you, *
and did /not conceal my guilt.

6 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the/Lord." *
Then you forgave me the /guilt of my sin.

7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of /trouble; *
when the great waters overflow, they /shall not reach them.

8 You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from /trouble; *
you surround me with shouts /of deliverance.

9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should /go; *
I will /guide you with my eye.

10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no under/standing; *
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they /will not stay near you."

11 Great are the tribulations of the /wicked; *
but mercy embraces those who /trust in the Lord.

12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the/Lord; *
shout for joy, all /who are true of heart.

A Reading from Romans (5:12-19 NRSV)

As sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned-- sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn 150 (10:00 a.m.)

Forty days and forty nights

Aus der Tiefe rufe ich

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew (4:1-11 NRSV)

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” But he answered, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’” Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’” Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Michael J. Hodges

The Nicene Creed

BCP, p. 358

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 Peace

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Then the Minister and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Offertory

Celebrant Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory Hymn 150 (8:00 a.m.) Forty days and forty nights *Aus der Tiefe rufe ich*

Offertory Anthem (10:00 a.m.) Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake *Richard Farrant (c. 1530-1580)*

Hymn at the Presentation 143, verse 1 The glory of these forty days *Erhalt uns, Herr*

The Great Thanksgiving*Eucharistic Prayer A**BCP, p. 361***Lift up your hearts [Hymnal S-120]***Sursum corda (Sung at 10:00 a.m.)**Plainsong*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.*The Celebrant proceeds.*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a proper Preface is sung or said.

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:

Holy, holy, holy Lord [Hymnal S-124] *Sanctus (10:00 a.m.)**David Hurd (b. 1950)*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

The Celebrant continues

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:

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.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer [Hymnal S-119] *(10:00 a.m.)**Plainsong*

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

Fraction Anthem: Lamb of God [Hymnal S-161] *Agnus Dei* (10:00 a.m.)

David Hurd

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Invitation to Communion

Celebrant This is Christ's table of love and forgiveness. 'The Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation' provide food for our souls. All are welcome to draw near and share these holy mysteries. Take Christ within your bodies and become the Body of Christ.

The Congregation is invited to join the choir in singing the communion hymn.

Communion Hymn 321 (10:00 a.m.) My God, thy table now is spread

Rockingham

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.

The Blessing

Announcements

Hymn 142 (10:00 a.m.) Lord, who throughout these forty days

St. Flavian

Dismissal

People **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary Prelude in C Major, BWV 567

Johann Sebastian Bach

During the season of Lent, please refrain from applause following the postlude.

An appropriate response would be respectful silence or a quiet "Amen".



The Parish of Christ Church

As we have been fed at God's Table as the Body of Christ, we warmly invite you to join us for a time of fellowship and refreshments following the service. Our Coffee Hour is held in the Parlor following the 8:00 a.m. service, and we gather in the Parish Hall after the 10:00 a.m. service. These are wonderful opportunities to connect with others.

**Everyone is Welcome at God's Table ~ Christ Church Andover
Serving at Today's Service**

Celebrant and preacher	The Rev. Michael J. Hodges, Rector
Organist	Barbara A. Bruns
Choir	Parish Choir
Lectors	(8:00) Frances Jennings Dodson (10:00) Tim Pickard
Eucharistic Ministers	(8:00) Marie Wagner (10:00) Rosemarie Buxton
Ushers	(8:00) Doug Nason (10:00) Carol Jackson, Jon Vacik
Flowers	Diane Hastings
Altar Guild	(8:00) Debbie Kelley (10:00) Ann Beale
Verger	Chris Wagner
Videographer	Ross Morgan

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Welcome to Christ Church!

We're delighted you have found us! We are blessed by your presence here today and want to do everything possible to make you feel at home. In our celebration of Holy Communion, we believe that everyone is welcome at God's table. Our welcome extends to all people without preference for age, ability, gender, race, ethnic or religious background, sexual orientation, marital or family status. We desire to know ourselves and one another as God knows us - as beloved children of God - and to embody Jesus' own example of radical hospitality. If you have questions about this parish specifically, or about the Episcopal Church in general, please ask someone seated near you. There's a lot of wisdom in the helpful people in the pews. You may also talk with the Rev. Michael Hodges, our Rector.

Children: Children's activity bags for borrowing are available on the children's bookshelf in the back of the church. Our service is enriched by the presence of children; they learn liturgical behavior by observation. Let them see you participate in and enjoy the service!

Accessibility: Plastic magnifying sheets are available at the rear of the church. There are also hearing assistance devices located in the rear of the church. Please ask an usher for assistance.

Restrooms: Restrooms, including one with a changing table, are located behind the Parish Hall at the end of the long hallway on the left. Follow the red signs.

Land Acknowledgement: We acknowledge that Christ Church is located on the ancestral lands of the Pennacook tribal nation, an Algonquian-speaking tribe of the Wabanaki Confederacy composed of the Pennacook, Pawtucket, and other Indigenous people. This was their home for more than 10,000 years. We acknowledge these caretakers of the land and waters: the elders who lived before, the Indigenous people today and the generations to come. We are guests on this land and have used it and its people for our betterment, often at their expense. We commit to doing our part to become better stewards of this land, understanding the impact of present and past exploitation, and working toward a more just and equitable future.

Our Weekday Services: Our weekday services of Morning Prayer take place on Zoom on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 7:00 a.m. Our Wednesday morning Eucharists take place in person in the North Chapel at 7:00 a.m. Our services of Compline are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:00 p.m. on Zoom. All are welcome! To join any of our online services, go to our homepage for the Zoom links.



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