

The Parish of Christ Church  
Andover, Massachusetts

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Third Sunday in Lent

March 8, 2026

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

at eight and ten o'clock in the morning

Voluntary Beside the streams of Babylon, BWV 653 *Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)*

*All stand, as able*

Hymn 522 Glorious things of thee are spoken *Austria*

A Penitential Order: Rite Two *BCP, p. 351*

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People* **God's mercy endures for ever.**

*The Celebrant continues with the Decalogue with the people responding. All are invited to kneel.*

Hear the commandments of God to his people: I am the Lord your God who brought you out of  
bondage. You shall have no other gods but me. **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not make for yourself any idol. **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God. **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy. **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Honor your father and your mother. **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not commit murder. **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not commit adultery. **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not steal. **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not be a false witness. **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor. **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love  
the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.  
The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."

*Mark 12:29-31*

*The Celebrant then says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*The Priest stands and says*

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

**Lord, have mercy [Hymnal S-95]** (*Sung at 10:00 a.m.*)

*Kyrie*

*Litany of the Saints*

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

### **Collect for the Third Sunday in Lent**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **A Reading from Exodus (17:1-7 NRSV)**

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

*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.*



### **Psalm 95**

- 1 Come, let us sing to the /Lord; \*  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of /our salvation.
- 2 Let us come before his presence with thanks/giving \*  
and raise a loud /shout to him with psalms.
- 3 For the Lord is a great /God, \*  
and a great /King above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are the caverns of the /earth, \*  
and the heights of the /hills are his also.
- 5 The sea is his, for he /made it, \*  
and his hands have mold/ed the dry land.

- 6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the /knee, \*  
and kneel before the / Lord our Maker.
- 7 For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his /hand. \*  
Oh, that today you would /hearken to his voice!
- 8 Harden not your hearts, as your forebears did in the /wilderness, \*  
at Meribah, and on that day at Massah, /when they tempted me.
- 9 They put me to the /test, \*  
though /they had seen my works.
- 10 Forty years long I detested that generation and /said, \*  
"This people are wayward in their hearts; they /do not know my ways."
- 11 So I swore in my /wrath, \*  
"They shall not enter /into my rest."

**A Reading from The Letter of Paul to the Romans (5:1-11 NRSV)**

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn 658 (10:00 a.m.)**

As longs the deer for cooling streams

*Martyrdom*

**The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John (4:5-42 NRSV)**

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

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will

worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.” Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest?’ But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor. Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, ‘He told me everything I have ever done.’ So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

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

**The Sermon**                    The Rev. Jane W. Van Zandt

**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 Prayers of the People** *Based on Form II, BCP, p. 385*

*In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.*

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Julia, our bishop, for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, especially Becky, Peter, Debbie, Maddie, Nancy, Leslie, Ed, Mary, Ila, Bonnie, Roger, Karen, Kendra, and Kathy, and those family and friends of parishioners who have been commended to our prayers, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God. Pray that they may find and be found by God.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

We give thanks for the Pennacook-Abenaki people who inhabited the lands upon which our church building is located and we pray that we may be faithful stewards of this sacred space.

I invite your prayers and thanksgivings either silently or aloud.

*The people may add their own prayers silently or aloud.*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*Silence. The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

### **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 690** (8:00 a.m.) Guide me, O thou great Jehovah *Cwm Rhondda*

**Offertory Anthem** (10:00 a.m.) Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks *Herbert Howells (1892-1983)*

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

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

*Eucharistic Prayer A*

*BCP, p. 361*

### **Lift up your hearts** *Sursum corda*

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 [S-124]** *Sanctus (Sung at 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**

**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 [S-161] *Agnus Dei* (Sung at 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 692 (10:00 a.m.)**

I heard the voice of Jesus say

*The Third Tune*

### **Postcommunion Prayer**

*BCP, p. 365*

*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 690** (10:00 a.m.)

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

*Cwm Rhondda*

**Dismissal**

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Voluntary**

Prelude in G Major, BWV 541

*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. Jane W. Van Zandt
Organist	Barbara A. Bruns
Choir	Parish Choir
Lectors	(8:00) Frances Jennings Dodson (10:00) Kretcha Roldan
Eucharistic Ministers	(8:00) Karen Herman (10:00) Barbara Whitehair
Ushers	(8:00) Janice Parent (10:00) Matt Calnan, Jay Donovan
Flowers	Christ Church Flower Guild
Altar Guild	(8:00) Debbie Kelley (10:00) Beth Rufo
Verger	Holly Jarrell-Marcinelli
Sunday Sexton	Sophia Marcinelli
Videographer	Michael Marcinelli

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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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