

**The Parish of Christ Church  
Andover, Massachusetts**

For this week's  
announcements and  
prayer list, please scan:



**Fifth Sunday in Lent**

**March 17, 2024**

**The Holy Eucharist, Rite II**

**at eight and ten o'clock in the morning**

**Voluntary**

Aria on a Chaconne

*Joel Martinson (b. 1960)*

**Hymn 495**

Hail, thou once despised Jesus!

*In Babilone*

**A Penitential Order: Rite Two**

*BCP, p. 351*

**Kyrie eleison: [Hymnal S-86] (10:00 a.m.)**

*David Hurd (b. 1950)*

**Collect for the Fifth Sunday in Lent**

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**A reading from Jeremiah (31:31-34 NRSV)**

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

*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 51:1-13**

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-/kindness; \*  
in your great compassion blot out my /offenses.
- 2 Wash me through and through from my /wickedness \*  
and cleanse /me from my sin.
- 3 For I know my trans/gressions, \*  
and my sin is ever /before me.



- 4 Against you only have I /sinned \*  
and done what is e/vil in your sight.
- 5 And so you are justified when you /speak \*  
and upright in /your judgment.
- 6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my /birth, \*  
a sinner from /my mother's womb.
- 7 For behold, you look for truth deep with/in me, \*  
and will make me understand wis/dom secretly.
- 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be /pure; \*  
wash me, and I shall /be clean indeed.
- 9 Make me hear of joy and /gladness, \*  
that the body you have bro/ken may rejoice.
- 10 Hide your face from my /sins \*  
and blot out all my /iniquities.
- 11 Create in me a clean heart, O /God, \*  
and renew a right spirit /within me.
- 12 Cast me not away from your /presence \*  
and take not your holy Spi/rit from me.
- 13 Give me the joy of your saving /help again \*  
and sustain me with your bounti/ful Spirit.

### A reading from Hebrews (5:5-10 NRSV)

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.” In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

*Lector*           The Word of the Lord.

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

**Gradual Hymn 474** (10:00 a.m.)

When I survey the wondrous cross

*Rockingham*

### The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John (12:20-33 NRSV)

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

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

*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 Prayers of the People** *Based on Form III, BCP, p. 387*

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

**That we all may be one.**

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

**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Alan and Carol, our bishops, and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

**That they may be faithful ministers of your 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 your will in all that we undertake;

**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Remembering especially Becky, Peter, Debbie, Maddie, Wendy, Sue, Nancy, Mary, Timothy, Leslie, Debbie, William, and Karen, and those family and friends of parishioners who have been commended to our prayers, have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Remembering especially James Paul Bierbaum, Richard Erb, and Kathy Remmes, give to the departed eternal rest;

**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

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, in our time, of this sacred space.

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

I invite your prayers and thanksgivings either silently or aloud.

*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 474 (8:00 a.m.)** When I survey the wondrous cross *Rockingham*

**Offertory Anthem (10:00 a.m.)** Turn thy face from my sins *Thomas Attwood (1765-1838)*

*Turn thy face from my sins, and put out all my misdeeds.*

*Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.*

*Cast me not away from thy presence, and take not thy Holy Spirit from me. (Psalm 51:10-12)*

**Hymn at the Presentation 143, verse 5** O Father, Son, and Spirit blest *Erhalt uns, Herr*

## The Great Thanksgiving

*Eucharistic Prayer A*

*BCP, p. 361*

**Lift up your hearts [Hymnal S-120]** *Sursum corda (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 [S-124]** *Sanctus (10:00 a.m.)*

*David Hurd*

**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.)**

**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***

*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.

**Communion Hymn 170** (10:00 a.m.)

To mock your reign, O dearest Lord

*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 441, verses 1-4** (10:00 a.m.)

In the Cross of Christ I glory

*Rathbun*

**Dismissal**

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

**Voluntary**

Prelude and Fugue in D minor

*Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)*

*During the season of Lent, please refrain from applause following the postlude.  
An appropriate response would be respectful silence or a quiet "Amen".*

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

**Serving at Today's Service**

The Rev. Michael J. Hodges

Celebrant and Preacher

Barbara A. Bruns

Organist

The Parish Choir

(8:00) Debbie Kelley

Altar Guild

(10:00) Marie Wagner

(8:00) Karen Herman (10:00) Terry Morgan, Doug Kuhlmann

Eucharistic Ministers

(8:00) Frances Jennings Dodson (10:00) Tim Pickard

Lectors & Intercessors

(8:00) Iris Roskell (10:00) Jon Vacik, Rick Gossman

Ushers

Sophie Marcinelli

Videography

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## **Holy Week Service Schedule**

### **The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday – March 24**

**8 a.m.** Blessing of the Palms, Passion Reading, and Holy Eucharist

**10 a.m.** Blessing of the Palms, Passion Reading, and Holy Eucharist

### **Wednesday in Holy Week– March 27**

**7 a.m.** Holy Eucharist with Healing in the North Chapel

**7:30 p.m.** Taizé Service in the Apse (front) of the church

### **Maundy Thursday – March 28**

**7:30 p.m.** Maundy Thursday Liturgy with foot washing,  
Holy Eucharist and stripping of the altar in the church.

**9 p.m.- 12 noon Friday** - “Watch through the Night” vigil

### **Good Friday – March 29**

**7:30 p.m.** Good Friday Liturgy with music and Holy Communion  
from the Reserved Sacrament

### **Easter Vigil – March 30**

**8 p.m.** The Great Vigil of Easter - Worshippers will gather  
in the Courtyard for the lighting of the new fire

### **Easter Day – March 31**

**9 a.m.** Festal Holy Eucharist with Parish Choir, Schola,  
St. Cecilia Choristers, Angel Choir, and Trumpet

**10:15 a.m.** Easter Brunch & Easter Egg Hunt

**11 a.m.** Festal Holy Eucharist with Parish Choir and Trumpet

## 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.

**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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