



Morning Prayer Rite One
The 4th Sunday in Lent
March 30, 2025 8:00 AM

*Notes referencing posture – stand, sit, kneel – should be assumed to be optional.
Assistive hearing devices are available in Surface Hall, outside the double doors.*

Tolling of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

The Congregation stands for the procession.

Processional

BCP 38

Officiant If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8, 9*

Confession of Sin

BCP 41

Officiant Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Officiant and People together *kneeling*

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O

most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

Officiant The Almighty and merciful Lord grant us absolution and remission of all our sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

All stand

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips.
People **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

Officiant and People Together

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: **Come, let us adore him.**

Venite *Officiant and People Together.*

BCP 44

**O come, let us sing unto the Lord;
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving
and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.
For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the corners of the earth,
and the strength of the hills is his also.
The sea is his, and he made it,
and his hands prepared the dry land.
O come, let us worship and fall down,
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is the Lord our God,
and we are the people of his pasture
and the sheep of his hand.
O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.
For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth,
and with righteousness to judge the world
and the peoples with his truth.**

- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *
and whose sin is put away!
- 2 **Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, *
and in whose spirit there is no guile!**
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *
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 understanding; *
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.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Sit for the reading of the scriptures.

The First Lesson

Joshua 5:9-12

The LORD said to Joshua, “Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt. And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the

day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Canticle 14

Officiant and People Together, All Standing.

BCP 90

O Lord and Ruler of the hosts of heaven, *
 God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob,
 and of all their righteous offspring:
You made the heavens and the earth, *
 with all their vast array.
All things quake with fear at your presence; *
 they tremble because of your power.
But your merciful promise is beyond all measure; *
 it surpasses all that our minds can fathom.
O Lord, you are full of compassion, *
 long-suffering, and abounding in mercy.
You hold back your hand; *
 you do not punish as we deserve.
In your great goodness, Lord,
 you have promised forgiveness to sinners, *
 that they may repent of their sin and be saved.
And now, O Lord, I bend the knee of my heart, *
 and make my appeal, sure of your gracious goodness.
I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned, *
 and I know my wickedness only too well.
Therefore I make this prayer to you: *
Forgive me, Lord, forgive me.
Do not let me perish in my sin, *
 nor condemn me to the depths of the earth.
For you, O Lord, are the God of those who repent, *
 and in me you will show forth your goodness.
Unworthy as I am, you will save me,
 in accordance with your great mercy, *
 and I will praise you without ceasing all the days of my life.
For all the powers of heaven sing your praises, *
 and yours is the glory to ages of ages. Amen.

All sit.

The Second Lesson

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 21 *Officiant and People Together, all standing*

BCP 95

You are God; we praise you;

You are the Lord; we acclaim you;

You are the eternal Father:

All creation worships you.

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,

Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

The glorious company of apostles praise you.

The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.

The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you;

**Father, of majesty unbounded, your true and only Son, worthy of all
worship, and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.**

You, Christ, are the king of glory, the eternal Son of the Father.

When you became man to set us free you did not shun the Virgin's womb.

**You overcame the sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all
believers.**

You are seated at God's right hand in glory.

We believe that you will come and be our judge.

**Come then, Lord, and help your people, bought with the price of your own
blood, and bring us with your saints to glory everlasting.**

The Holy Gospel

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

So Jesus told them this parable: “There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up 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 like one of your hired hands.”’ So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then 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 slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe – the best one – and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

“Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’ ”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

The Ven. Kellie Mysinger

The Apostles' Creed

Standing.

BCP 53

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

The people stand or kneel.

BCP 54

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Officiant Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer *Officiant and People Together.*

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.

Suffrages A *Said responsively at the asterisk.*

BCP 55

Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

And grant us thy salvation.

Endue thy ministers with righteousness;

And make thy chosen people joyful.

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

For only in thee can we live in safety.

Lord, keep this nation under thy care;

And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

Let thy way be known upon earth;

Thy saving health among all nations.

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Create in us clean hearts, O God;

And sustain us with thy Holy Spirit.

Collect of the Day

BCP 167

Gracious 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.**

Additional collects and prayers.

The General Thanksgiving *Officiant and People Together.*

BCP 58

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

BCP 59

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee; and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

All Standing.

The Recession

The Dismissal

All Respond **Thanks be to God.**

The altar greenery is given to the glory of God and in memory of Scottie MacGregor by Mom-Mom, Colyeon, and Nayne.

8 AM Ministers of the Service

Officiant	The Ven. Kellie Mysinger
Lector	Jan Funk
Shepherd	Tom Fabian

This Week at Christ Church

Sunday, March 30

Fourth Sunday in Lent

8:00 AM Morning Prayer Rite I

9:00 AM Bread of Angels

9:00 AM CEC 101

9:00 AM Children's Sunday School

9:00 AM Conversations with Scripture

9:00 AM Youth Sunday School

10:00 AM Morning Prayer Rite II

12:00 PM Weekly submission deadline for next Sunday's bulletin

Monday, March 31

9:00 AM Education for Ministry

12:00 PM Stations of the Cross

5:00 PM Education for Ministry

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous – Moore Hall

Tuesday, April 1

12:00 PM The Art of Lent

12:00 PM Centering Prayer – Chapel

4:00 PM Yoga – Moore Hall

Wednesday, April 2

7:30 AM Morning Prayer – Conference Room

11:00 AM Wednesday Community Lunch

12:00 PM Healing Eucharist

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous – Moore Hall

5:30 PM – 9:30 PM Episcopal Campus Ministry

Thursday, April 3

Friday, April 4

Church office is closed

Saturday, April 5

8:00 AM Brotherhood of St. Andrew – Conference Room

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous

*Streamed services can be found at [facebook.com/cecbg](https://www.facebook.com/cecbg) or

<https://www.youtube.com/c/CECBG>

TO VIEW THE ENTIRE CHURCH CALENDAR, please access our website, cecbg.com.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

3/30 Bebe Smith

4/03 Ken Cline

4/03 Sophia Frassinelli

3/31 Sue Edwards

4/03 Caroline Derryberry

4/04 Angie Stewart

3/31 Dominic Frassinelli

4/03 Henry Pepper III

4/04 Josh Greenwell

Worship

AN INVITATION TO A HOLY LENT The Season of Lent is a chance to reconnect with God through practices like Bible study, prayer, and fasting. How you live into this invitation is up to you, however, Christ Church is offering several ways to engage each week.

Monday @ Noon - Stations of the Cross

Tuesday @ Noon – “The Art of Lent” Discussion Group

Wednesday @ Noon - Holy Eucharist

Thursday - Confession by Appointment

LIVESTREAM WORSHIP will continue at 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM on Sunday mornings on Facebook and YouTube.

Learn and Grow

CONVERSATIONS WITH SCRIPTURE meets on Sunday mornings at 9 AM in the All Saints Room. On November 10 we will begin a journey through The Book of Common Prayer, the Christian life, and basic beliefs of our faith. Our guide will be “Walk in Love” by Scott Gunn & Melody Wilson Shobe. Copies are available in the All Saints Room. All are welcome to participate in this ongoing open discussion, or maybe just listen in.

BREAD OF ANGELS is a group of adults of all ages who gather to explore what it is to be a Christian in the world in which we find ourselves. We begin our new year reading *Falling Upward, A Spirituality for Two Halves of Life* by Franciscan Priest Richard Rohr. Rohr, author of 36 books, is widely respected for supporting interfaith relationships and somewhat unorthodox views of God, speaking more to action and less to dogma. Join us at 9:00 in the Conference Room.

CENTERING PRAYER is Tuesdays at 12:00 PM. We are meeting in the Chapel. Anyone who is interested is welcome. Any questions, please contact Kathy Wise-Leonard at 270-779-5595 or email billkathyleonard@bellsouth.net or Janice Erbach at 270-904-1164 or email kassta@jadegrel.net.

Radiate

CHURCHES UNITED IN CHRIST HELP MINISTRY is one of the oldest outreach ministries of Christ Church. In partnership with two other downtown Christian churches, we attempt to assist families with their utility bill, emergency prescriptions, gasoline for an out of town doctor appointment, etc. For a long time, the NEED has far exceeded our resources to help. In order to effectively sustain this ministry, we need for members to step up with a pledge of \$10 or more per week. The Help Ministry at Christ Church currently distributes well over \$1,000 per month to those in need. We only help an individual once every 12 months. Please include a gift to the Help Ministry in your gifts to Christ Church! God Bless!

WEDNESDAY COMMUNITY LUNCH is now serving sack lunches. We are in need of monetary donations to further our program. Your donations are appreciated and can be put in the offering plate with a designation to WCL or may be made online at <https://www.cecbg.com/secure-giving>. We are also encouraging folks to join our team of volunteers to assemble and serve! Contact Mary Cash (marygcash@gmail.com), or Janice Erbach (kassta@jadegrel.net) for more information.

ONLINE GIVING Make a secure contribution online to the current year operating fund and/or other funds. You can make your donations through the church website.

General Announcements

DISCERNMENT COMMITTEE A committee helping Father Steve and the Vestry discern next steps following Mother Becca's departure is planning a series of listening sessions on the future of Christ Church. Watch your email in the coming days to sign up to attend one of these get-togethers. Your input is vitally important as we listen for what God has in mind for our community of faith.

Parish Prayer List

**indicates new*

Parishioners of Christ Church

Judy Adams	Nick Heil	Carroll Smith
Aldis Brunson	Jennifer Lindsey	Crystal Stiles
Vickie Cole	David McKillip	Josh Stiles
Dolores Dodd	Paula Morgan	Teddi Taylor
Pipes Gaines	Gretchen Niva	Carroll Travelsted
Dean Gilbert	Leigh Constans Pierce	Sam Tuggle
Suzanne Hanratty	Karen Robeson	
Bob Harrison	Deb Stein	

Parishioners of Christ Church teaching overseas

Boo Petersen, South Africa Galen Olmsted, Venezuela

In Remembrance

*B. W. Lyons, *father of Greg Lyons*
Ricardo Pereira Matos, *requested by Jenny Morehead*
Peggy Robinson, *requested by Belinda Palmer*

In Thanksgiving

For our Cloister Community

Military serving overseas known by Christ Church parishioners

Parishioners of Christ Church in discernment for ordained ministry

David Kem
Laurie Joyce

Family of Christ Church parishioners

Anastasia Arnold, *daughter of Deb Stein*
Martha Burch, *mother of David Burch*
Jerre Coleman, *son of Ward & Jane Coleman*
Nancy Cook, *cousin of Sue Edwards*
Ron Corn, *brother of Vonda Garringer*
Dixie Daniel, *sister of Portia Wimp*
Walter Derryberry, *father of Pitt Derryberry*
Allen Dodd and family, *son of Dolores Dodd*
Spencer & Abby Goidel, *grandson & wife of Don
& Lou Goidel*
Joan Harper, *mother of Mike Harper*
Kim Hart, *daughter of Tom Hart*
Jessie Hurst and family
Jerry McKenzie, *brother-in-law of George Anna
McKenzie*
Debbie Morrison, *sister-in-law of Brian Morrison*
Daniel Ohrmundt, *brother-in-law of Laurie Joyce*
Ken Parks, *nephew of John Grider*

Robert Paul, *husband of Shanna Paul*
Joyce Pedigo, *mother of Jenny Morehead*
Doyle Pendleton, *brother of Sue Wilson*
Becky Scott, *sister of Ken Stein*
Kathryn Smith, *mother of Tony Smith*
Elizabeth Sothoron, *daughter of Mary & Jeff
Cash*
Randy Spencer, *brother-in-law of Dorian
Walker*
Betty Spraker, *mother of John Spraker*
Mark Spraker, *brother of John Spraker*
Debbie Stiles Wurth, *aunt of Josh Stiles*
James Swick, *son of Cathie Huston*
Kelly Taylor, *daughter-in-law of Teddi Taylor*
Dwight & Judy Trew, *cousin of George Anna
McKenzie*
Jack and Helen Tyson, *parents of Helen Siewers*

Others known by Christ Church parishioners

Donna Ahrens, *requested by Devan MacGregor*

Dick Anderson, *requested by Father Steve*

Braylen Bell, *requested by Vonda Garringer & Lilah*

Wendy Blakenship, *requested by Devan MacGregor*

Keith and Jan Cassada and family, *requested by Laurie Joyce*

David Corns, *requested by Clyde Joyce*

Earl & Kaleb Denney, *requested by Bonnie Schlicht*

Chris & Amy Engelhoven, *requested by Jenny Morehead*

Sharon Harvey, *requested by Doug Lawhorn*

Danny Horn, *requested by Laurie Joyce*

Ann King, *requested by George Anna McKenzie*

Morgan King, *requested by George Anna McKenzie*

Debra Lanham, *requested by Brian Morrison*

Blake Layne, *requested by John Carbin*

Jeanne Marie Patterson, *requested by Barbie Tatman*

The Rev. Michael Vollman, *requested by the Clergy*

Sally Watson, *requested by Belinda Palmer*

Kristen Wheeler, *requested by Deacon Kellie*

Christ Episcopal Church Vestry Members

Class of 2026

Tommy Adams
Jamie Chaffin
Carol DuBose
Sharon Valk

Class of 2027

Margie Dotson
David Kem
Cary McAllister
Brian Morrison

Class of 2028

Neill Caudill
Les Dooley
Sue Edwards
Jimmy Stewart



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Church Office Hours

Monday – Wednesday 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM | Thursday 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM | Closed Friday