



**CHRIST CHURCH  
AN EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
IN THE DIOCESE OF EAST CAROLINA  
FOUNDED 1715, NEW BERN, NORTH CAROLINA**

Our Vision: To be a church that loves the way God Loves

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## **THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

March 30, 2025 8:30 AM

**Please silence your cell phones.**

*In this season of Lent,*

*Before the service, speak to the Lord.*

*During the Service, let the Lord speak to you.*

*After the service, speak to one another.*

### **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

#### **HEARING AND RESPONDING TO HOLY SCRIPTURE**

**Welcome**

**Prelude**

**Erbarm' dich mein, O herre Gott  
(Have mercy on me, O God)**

**J.S. Bach  
(1685-1750)**

**Entrance Hymn**

**Come thou fount of every blessing**

**H 686**

**A Penitential Order: Rite II**

**BCP 351**

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

*People* **His mercy endures for ever.**

*Celebrant* 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."

*Deacon* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

Deacon 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.**

Celebrant

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.**

Kyrie

WLP 839

The image displays a musical score for a Kyrie, consisting of three systems of music. Each system includes a vocal line (soprano or tenor) and a piano accompaniment (grand staff). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are: "Lord, have mer - cy. — Christ, have mer - cy. — Christ, have mer - cy. —". The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody. A "(Ped.)" marking is present under the first system's piano part. The lyrics are placed below the vocal line, with horizontal lines indicating the duration of each word or phrase.

— Lord, have mer - cy. —

Lord, have mer - cy. —

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.  
*People*            **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant*      Let us pray.

### Collect of the Day

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please 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.**

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.**

## 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.**

## Sequence Hymn

## The King of love my Shepherd is

## H 645

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

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.'"

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Children's Homily**

**Hannah Hutchens**

**Sermon**

**The Rev. H. Paul Canady III**

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.

**Prayers of the People** *Stand or kneel*

**Intercessions for the Christian People**

In this holy season let us turn to God in prayer, saying: Lord, have mercy.

For the catechumens and for all the holy people of God [silence], that we may embrace the folly of the cross and become ministers of reconciliation in a broken world, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this nation and all nations [silence], that we may generously share the produce of the land, both in plenty and in want, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the alienated and rejected of this world [silence], that all may come to know God’s welcome to sit down at the table, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this community [silence], that we may learn from God to seek the lost and to rejoice when they are found, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For our own needs and those of others, that God may be our hope and consolation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We especially remember those experiencing homelessness, job insecurity, and life transitions.

We remember St. Francis, Goldsboro, and St. Augustine’s, Kinston; in this week’s Cycle of Prayer.

A donation to the flower ministry has been given by Priscilla Miller in thanksgiving for Elizabeth Cherry Livingston on her 70th birthday; in thanksgiving for God’s blessings and the birth of a beautiful girl, Arden, to Franklin and Monica Bowers and grandparents Nancy Bowers and Vinson Bowers; in loving memory of Alston Turchetta by her brother, Hal Stirling, and in loving memory of Patricia Buehler by Gretchen Dupeza.

God our Creator: We ask for your loving presence and for your peace to be with refugees in our local community and around the world. Be with all who are in fear. Be with us as we strive to enact your will in our welcome and support of refugees. Be with those in positions of leadership, that their decisions may bend toward peace. Give us all strength and courage. Equip and empower us to be witnesses to your love – especially for those seeking refuge.

God of mercy and compassion, bring us back to you when we stray, and give us again the joy of proclaiming among the nations your saving deeds. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**The Peace** *All stand.*

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

**Offertory Sentence**

**Music at the Offertory**

**As the Deer**  
*Joyful Voices*

**Martin Nystrom**

**Receiving Communion and One-On-One Prayer**

Christ welcomes all to communion. Those Baptized in any Christian tradition are encouraged to receive communion.

- Receive the bread in open and outstretched hands and sip the wine, guiding the chalice to your lips. • If you do not want to sip the wine, it is also perfectly appropriate to receive the bread only. If you wish to intinct, or dip the wafer in the wine, please hold the wafer in such a way that the Eucharistic Minister can intinct it and hand it back to you. Please do not intinct the wafer yourself. • Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are also available at the lower station. • Respond to communion by saying “Amen.” • If you prefer a blessing, cross your hands over your chest. • Baptism is offered several times yearly; speak to a priest to learn more. • If you wish to pray one-on-one with a Prayer Minister, go to the Chapel after receiving communion or a blessing. • Prayer ministers hold all requests in absolute confidence.

The glo - ry of these for - ty days we  
 ce - le - brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all  
 things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.

## THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE HOLY COMMUNION

### Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says*

The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, 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, through Jesus Christ our Lord. You bid your 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 your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn the glory of your name.

### Sanctus

S 129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
 might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then 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.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

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:

*Celebrant and People*

**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.**

**The Lord's Prayer** 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,**

**For ever and ever. Amen.**

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

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world: **have mercy upon us.**

Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world: **have mercy upon us.**

Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world: **grant us your peace.**

### **Communion Hymn**

**In Christ there is no east or west**

**H 529**

*We will sing this as communion is ending. Please stand as you are able while we sing.*

### **Sending Forth Eucharistic Visitor** *Please stand.*

*Celebrant* We who are many are one body because we share one bread, one cup.

*People* **Take these holy gifts of our Lord's Body and Blood and go forth in the name of Christ Church. May those to whom you go experience with us the majesty and mystery of His presence through the sharing of the bread and wine.**

*All* **We who are many are one body because we share one bread, one cup.**

### **Post Communion Prayer** *Stand or kneel.*

*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.**

### **Lenten Prayer**

Look down in mercy, Lord, on your people who kneel before you; and grant that those whom you have nourished by your Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Recessional Hymn**

**Love divine, all loves excelling**

**H 657**

### **The Dismissal**

*Celebrant* Let us bless the Lord.

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

### **Voluntary**

**Christ lag in Todesbanden  
(Christ Lay in Death's Bond)**

**setting by Johann Pachelbel  
(1653-1706)**

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## SERVING US TODAY

**Verger:** Hal Stirling

**Altar Guild:** Pat McCotter, Mary Parrish, Susanne Pendleton, Rodney Hayes, Tina Marsh, Diane Dennis

**Lector:** Barbara Rice **Lector/Eucharistic Minister:** Steve Skiffinton

**Intercessor / Eucharistic Minister:** David Super **Eucharistic Minister:** Deborah Cook

**Acolytes:** Ada Ruth Canady, Ella Corson, Anna Corson **Prayer Minister:** Jane Merritt

**Ushers:** Holly and Dev Lippitt

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** St. Francis, Goldsboro, and St. Augustine's, Kinston

## CHRIST CHURCH CLERGY AND STAFF

**Rector:** The Rev. H. Paul Canady III **Associate Rector:** The Rev. Suzanne Hood

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## CHRIST CHURCH VESTRY

**Term - 2025:** Randy Bogle (*Junior Warden*), Stephanie Bratton, Holly Lippitt, Kim Huddle (*Senior Warden*)

**Term - 2026:** Patty Conard, Laura Overman, Elmer Praul, Graham Underhill

**Term - 2027:** Vins Bowers, Liz Coble, Susan Husson (*Clerk*), Ernie Williams

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## MISSION

The mission of Christ Episcopal Church is to welcome and inspire all people to faith, hope and spiritual growth through worship, Christian fellowship, and service to one another and to the community beyond.

*Book of Common (BCP) and Hymnal pages are listed on the right.*

**BCP:** Book of Common Prayer (*black*),

**S or H:** Hymnal 1982 (*blue*),

**WLP:** Wonder, Love, and Praise (*green*),

**L:** Lift Every Voice (*red*)

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## CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

### **Sunday, March 30**

- 8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)
- 9:45 am: Sunday School for all ages
- 9:45 am: Coffee Hour (Parish House)
- 11 am: Eucharist Rite I (Nave / [Online](#))
- 5:30 pm: Taizé Service (Chapel)
- 6 pm: EYC (Offsite)

### **Monday, March 31**

- 1 pm: Staff Meeting (2nd Floor Conference Room)
- 7 pm: Adult Lenten Class: Guided by the Spirit (via [Zoom](#))

### **Tuesday, April 1**

- 7 am: Al-Anon Meeting (2nd Floor Living Room)
- 8:30 am: Eucharist (Chapel)
- 12 pm: Altar Guild Easter Meeting (Library)
- 6:30 pm: Small Wonders NA Meeting (Pelletier Room)

### **Wednesday, April 2**

- 12 pm: Bach Musical Meditations (Nave)
- 5 pm: Stations of the Cross
- 5:30 pm: Adult Formation Class: The Hardest Part: Hurt we Carry, Hope we Find (Library)
- 6:15 pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)

### **Saturday, April 5**

- 10:30 am: Funeral Service for Theron Royer (Nave)

### **Sunday, April 6**

#### *Birthday and Anniversary Sunday*

- 8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)
- 9:45 am: Sunday School for all ages
- 9:45 am: Coffee Hour (Parish House)
- 11 am: Eucharist Rite I (Nave / [Online](#))