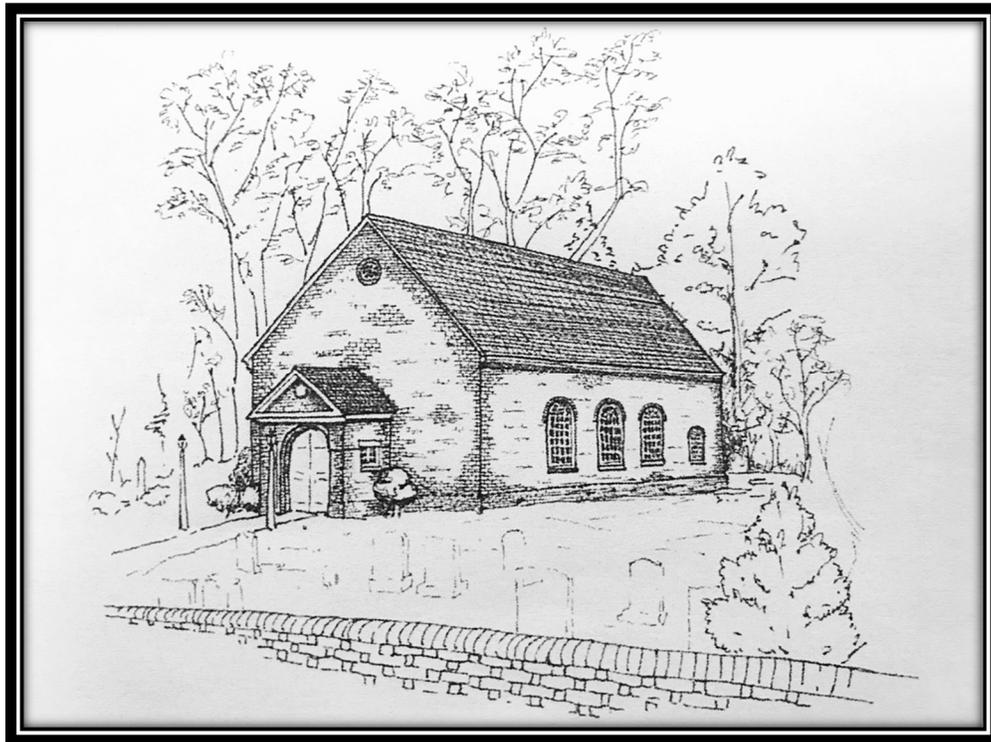


Welcome to Christ Church Parish  
*(Episcopal)*  
*March 16, 2025*  
*10:30 a.m.*  
*The Second Sunday in Lent*



*Founded in 1666*

*Before the service, speak to God in the silence of your heart.  
During the service, let God speak to you through  
Word and Sacrament.  
After the service, speak with your neighbor!*

**Christ Church Parish Mission Statement**

*We are a family of faith,  
growing in Christ through worship, learning, and  
service, who strive to love God  
and to love our neighbors as ourselves.*

Holy Eucharist: Rite II – March 16, 2025  
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Opening Voluntary	“Avinu Malkeinu- a Jewish Prayer”	by Christina Harmon
Opening Hymn 401	<i>Leoni</i>	“The God of Abraham Praise”
Decalogue		BCP Page 350
Opening Sentences		BCP Page 355
The Trisagion (Hymnal S-102)		BCP Page 356
THE WORD OF GOD		
The Collect of the Day		BCP Page 218
First Lesson		Genesis 15:1-12,17-18
Psalms 27	<i>Dominus illuminatio</i>	BCP Page 617
Second Lesson		Philippians 3:17-4:1
Sequence Hymn 620	<i>Land of Rest</i>	“Jerusalem, My Happy Home”
Gospel		Luke 13:31-35
The Sermon		The Rev. Randi Hicks Rowe
The Nicene Creed		BCP Page 358
The Prayers of the People: Form I		BCP Page 383
The Confession and Absolution		BCP Page 360
The Peace		BCP Page 360
Offertory Anthem	“Be Thou My Vision”	by Marie Pooler
Healing Voluntary	“When Peace Like the River”	by Michael Burkhardt
The Great Thanksgiving: Prayer A		BCP Page 361
Sanctus- Cantor (Hymnal S-122)		“Mason Martens”
Lord’s Prayer		BCP Page 364
The Breaking of the Bread		BCP Page 364
Fraction- Cantor and Congregation (Hymnal S169)	“My Flesh Is Food Indeed”	
Communion Voluntary	“Jesus, I Will Ponder Now”	by Paul Manz
Communion Hymn 149	<i>Old 124<sup>th</sup></i>	“Eternal Lord of Love”
The Post Communion Prayer		BCP Page 365
The Blessing		
Recessional Hymn 675	<i>Bourbon</i>	“Take Up Your Cross”
Dismissal: Let us go forth in the name of Christ		
People: Thanks be to God.		

## The Collect

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## The First Lesson

## Gensis 15:1-12,17-18

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

## Psalm 27

*Dominus illuminatio*

- 1 The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?  
**\* the LORD is the strength of my life;  
of whom then shall I be afraid?**
- 2 When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, \*  
**it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who  
stumbled and fell.**
- 3 Though an army should encamp against me, \*  
**yet my heart shall not be afraid;**
- 4 And though war should rise up against me, \*  
**yet will I put my trust in him.**
- 5 One thing have I asked of the LORD; one thing I seek; \*  
**that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;**
- 6 To behold the fair beauty of the LORD \*  
**and to seek him in his temple.**

- 7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; \*  
**he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling  
and set me high upon a rock.**
- 8 Even now he lifts up my head \*  
**above my enemies round about me.**
- 9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation  
with sounds of great gladness; \*  
**I will sing and make music to the LORD.**
- 10 Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; \*  
**have mercy on me and answer me.**
- 11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." \*  
**Your face, LORD, will I seek.**
- 12 Hide not your face from me, \*  
**nor turn away your servant in displeasure.**
- 13 You have been my helper; cast me not away; \*  
**do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.**
- 14 Though my father and my mother forsake me, \*  
**the LORD will sustain me.**
- 15 Show me your way, O LORD; \*  
**lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.**
- 16 Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, \*  
**for false witnesses have risen up against me,  
and also those who speak malice.**
- 17 What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the LORD \*  
**in the land of the living!**
- 18 O tarry and await the LORD's pleasure;  
be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; \*  
**wait patiently for the LORD.**

## **The Epistle**

## **Philippians 3:17-4:1**

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

## **The Gospel**

## **Luke 13:31-35**

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

## **Please Remember in Your Prayers This Week**

Those on our Prayer List: Lurlene Samuel, Robin Wells, Jim Padgett, Ann Donoff, Joyce Reisinger, Taylor Johnson, Colt Johnson, Br. Christopher Hamlett, Joanne Bruce, Lucille Redmon, Tim Schwartz, Denise Brown, Louise Woods, Cyndy Bristow, Levi, Elizabeth Foley, Andrea Mac-Fall, John Wilson, Garry Clay, Helen Tarran, Barbara Cockrell, John Hilliard, Bruce Forsberg, Bill Brown, Roxie Jones, Brown, Dolly Cronk, Ellen Johnson, Linda Irwin, Jim Dudley.

We give thanks for those who are celebrating their birthday this week: Pat Anderson, Karen Gorin, Jimmy Meredith, Bill Newman and those celebrating their anniversary: Rev. Randi & Tom Rowe.

We pray for our Diocese, and in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for: Immanuel on the Hill, Alexandria; Church of Our Redeemer, Aldie; Resurrection, Alexandria; St. Andrew's, Arlington; St. James', Montross; St. Paul's, Nomini Grove.

## PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

### Holy Eucharist: Rite I 8:00 a.m.

Celebrant/Sermon	The Rev. Randi Hicks Rowe
Deacon	The Rev. Peg Moncure
Acolyte/Lector	Jeff Shaw
Usher	Barbara Shaw

### Holy Eucharist: Rite II 10:30 a.m.

Celebrant/Sermon	The Rev. Randi Hicks Rowe
Deacon	The Rev. Peg Moncure
Organist -	Libby Boyer
Gosp. Bk. Bearer / Prayers / Euch. Min.	Ann Padgett
Lector	Grace Parker
Crucifer / Acolyte	Grace Parker
Ushers	Kathryn & Joey Humphreys
Altar Guild	Virginia Miller, Pat Anderson, Marilyn South Ginger Hellems, Grace Parker
Flower Guild	Ginger Smither, Cathy Spence, Karen Gorin
Tech Team	Greg Grichtmeier, Ann de Peyster, Mike Floyd, Jeff Loustaunau, Rusty Spears, Monica Melendez, & Jack Fackler

### *Christ Church Parish (Episcopal)*

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Bill Budd - Senior Warden '25	
Scott Holt- Junior Warden '25	
Henry Moncure '25	
Tom Clarke '26	Jeannette Adkins '27
Rick Smith '26	Evie Wilton '27
Anne Wilcox '26	Monica Melendez '27