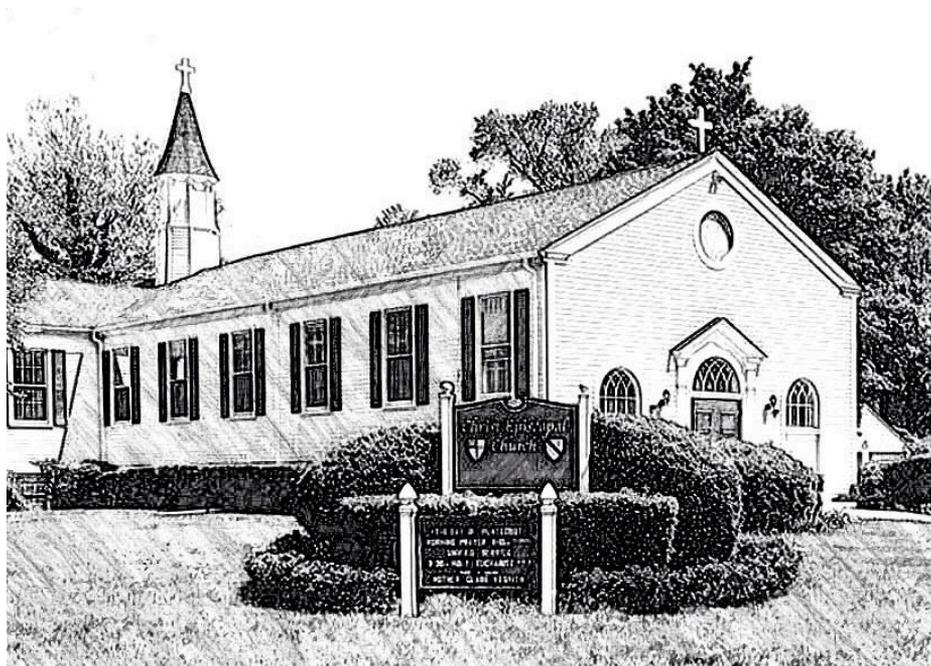


Christ Episcopal Church



*Held in the Hands of God...
Reaching out our Hands to others*

**The Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 26, 2023**

Christ Episcopal Church
12 Prospect Street
Babylon, New York

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Year A

March 26, 2023

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

Book of Common Prayer, page 319

[We ask that during the service you mute all electronic devices]

Prelude

Opening Hymn *Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old* Hymn 567, v 1-2

The Penitential Order

Decalogue & Penitential Order BCP p 317

Confession & Absolution BCP p 320

Trisagion BCP p 324

The Collect of the Day *see following pages*

The Word of God

First Lesson: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalm 130 *see following pages*

Second Lesson: Romans 8:6-11

The Holy Gospel: John 11:1-45

The Sermon Mother Nesmith

Nicene Creed BCP p 326

Prayers of the People Response: *Lord, have mercy upon us*

The Peace

The Holy Communion

Offertory Solo *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* by T. Dorsey

Offertory Response

All things come of thee, O Lord; and of thine own have we given to you

Eucharistic Prayer 1 BCP p 333

The Lord's Prayer BCP p 336

The Breaking of the Bread BCP p 337

Post Communion Prayer BCP p 339

Seasonal Blessing

Announcements, Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

Recessional Hymn *Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old* Hymnal 567 v 3

Dismissal BCP p 340

Postlude

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Pg. 351

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Prelude

Opening Hymn *Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old* Hymnal 567

The Penitential Order

Decalogue & Penitential Order BCP p 350

Confession & Absolution BCP p 352

Trisagion *Holy God* Hymnal S102, *repeat 3 times*

The Collect of the Day *see following pages*

The Word of God

First Lesson: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalm 130 *see following pages*

Second Lesson: Romans 8:6-11

Tract Hymn *Come down, O Love divine* Hymnal 516

The Holy Gospel: John 11:1-45

The Sermon Mother Nesmith

Nicene Creed BCP p 358

Prayers of the People, Form IV BCP p 388

The Peace

The Holy Communion

Offertory Solo *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* by T. Dorsey

Offertory Response

All things come of you, O Lord; and of your own have we given to you

Eucharistic Prayer A BCP p 361

Sanctus *Holy, holy, holy, Lord* Hymnal S124

The Lord's Prayer BCP p 364

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem *O Lamb of God* Hymnal S161

Communion Hymn *In the bulb there is a flower* *see music insert*

Post Communion Prayer BCP p 366

Seasonal Blessing

Announcements, Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

Recessional Hymn *Go forth for God* Hymnal 347

Dismissal

Postlude

The Lessons appointed for the Fifth Sunday of Lent Year A, RCL

The Collect

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.*

Old Testament: Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord." So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

Psalms 130

1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord;
Lord, hear my voice; *
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

2 If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss, *
O Lord, who could stand?

3 For there is forgiveness with you; *
therefore you shall be feared.

4 I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; *
in his word is my hope.

5 My soul waits for the Lord,
more than watchmen for the
morning, *
more than watchmen for the
morning.

6 O Israel, wait for the Lord, *
for with the Lord there is mercy;

7 With him there is plenteous
redemption, *
and he shall redeem Israel from all
their sins.

The Epistle: Romans 8:6-11

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

The Gospel: John 11:1-45

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed

at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

Prayer List for Sunday, March 26, 2023

Let us offer prayers of healing, comfort and strength

Bill D., Bob C., Bob N., Deb, Karen, Lydia, Mama Clare, Nora, Phil B., Ronnie, Sandy M., Wayne, Sr. Joy, Lorraine and Lou-Ann, Michelle and Brianna and family, Robin, Audrey, Lillian and Lydia, Dottie Z and Angela, John, Joseph, Joanne, Dave C., Emily, Damian, Terry, Nikki, Tom & Ann, Tom & Doyle, Melanie, Carol, Diane, Lisa, Nick, Kayden, Melanie, Mthr. Sonia Waters, Mthr. Abby Murphy, and those who continue to suffer from long Covid.

We pray for all who are struggling economically during this time, for those who are unemployed and under-employed, those searching for employment, those who are hungry and food insecure, and those who are homeless or fear eviction or foreclosure, those looking for housing.

Let us offer prayers of thanksgiving

We give thanks for and pray for all those involved in feeding ministries and homeless ministries, especially for our Nourish Babylon volunteers and all those who support the various feeding ministries in the Babylon area.

Let us celebrate with and pray for this week's birthdays

David Shepard (3/27), Bob Norman (3/30), Jeanne Kaible (4/1)

Let us celebrate with and pray for this week's anniversaries

Let us pray for those who have died

We remember all who have died as a result of gun violence, mass shootings, and racial violence, those who have died in the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria, and all who have died in the war in Ukraine.

Assisting Our Worship

8:00a.m.

Eucharistic Minister: Fred Reuther
Lectors: John Altieri
Servers: Fred Reuther
Greeter: Lynn Simmons

10:00a.m.

Kathy Hannan
Kathy Hannan
Hannah Boning,
Eden Verni-Vazzano
Blosome Whyte

All Are Welcome

Christ Episcopal Church of Babylon represents and celebrates the diversity that is Long Island. We welcome everyone and believe that there should be no outcasts in the Episcopal Church. Our welcome knows no boundaries of marital status, age, race, ethnicity, cultural or religious background, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, economic condition, and physical or mental ability. Wherever you are on your journey of faith, there is a place for you at Christ Episcopal Church.

This is God's House...

and we are blessed by the gift of your presence with us. In the Episcopal Church all baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion. If you would like to receive a blessing instead, please let the priest know by crossing your arms in front of your chest when you come forward. Gluten-free bread is available; please ask at the communion rail.

Handicapped Accessibility

Our building is equipped with a lift located in the Sanctuary Annex, and a handicapped bathroom located on the lower level. For full access of the building both upstairs and downstairs, please ask a Greeter for assistance.

Sunday Worship Schedule

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Healing Service, 3rd Sundays following the Eucharist
The 10:00 a.m. service is also livestreamed
In-person Sunday School is suspended for the present time.

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Dr. Christopher Hopkins, Minister of Music
Ms. Marie Rivera, Parish Administrator

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