



# ***THE ENLIGHTENER***

## ***LENT / EASTER 2025***



With the (perhaps temporary) thaw, the movement of our natural calendar comes the movement of the church calendar. Our annual journey through the life of Jesus now brings us to the most somber of

seasons, Lent. For these solemn forty days, we will journey with Christ, we will remember his time in the desert, his temptations, and his triumph. Most of all this journey will take us to a hill outside the city of Jerusalem. A hill on which the Law of God was fulfilled and the universe forever changed.

This is the time of year we give things up... giving up something that helps us improve our life, not just earn us a merit badge. As you think about your Lenten discipline, whether it's giving up something, taking on something, or just barely keeping your head above the water, the point isn't to heap on suffering, to wear hair-shirts and suffer publicly. It is instead to take time to deepen our faith, improve our relationship with God and with the world, and to enrich our own faith practice.

What that looks like is different for each of us, yet saying that is not an invitation to ignore the season. We exist in a society that prizes convenience and pleasure above all else. We all fall into the traps that are laid for us by the world, being lulled into a mindset that says fasting and penitence are unnecessary, even archaic and ridiculous practices of a bygone era. But that is not what scripture teaches us and it is not what the church calls us to. We shouldn't think of claiming a faith tradition as a long set of rules we must enforce on ourselves and others. It is an invitation into a way of life, a way that offers a rhythm to our existence, tools to better ourselves,

and ultimately a hope that nothing else in existence can provide.

Lent can be the invitation you need to start praying the daily office, maybe start reading a section of scripture you've wanted to get to, recite the psalms daily, pray the rosary, or any number of devotional acts. Maybe there is a book you want to read that will guide you through Lent or Holy Week, if you need recommendations I've got plenty! Basically, life is always full of distractions and ways to make ourselves busy. Lent can be the excuse you need to make space in your life for God.

During the season of Lent you will notice some changes occurring in our worship. We will use more of the prayerbook, such as the penitential order, and great litany. The 8:00 am and 10:00 am services will continue using Rite I and Rite II respectively. At the 10:00 am service we will begin chanting the 'sursum corda' - the opening lines of the eucharistic prayer (the lord be with you - and also with you. Etc.). The penitential order will only be during the season of Lent. I encourage you to offer thoughts and reflections on any of these changes to me as we continue to explore our rich liturgical traditions!

I invite you to a holy Lent. Take time in life to reconnect with your faith. These forty days will help cement new habits for you and guide you through your own wilderness. I am always available for conversations, pastoral care, or direction during your Lenten journey.

May God be with us all on this road to Golgotha.

# LENT

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Sundays in Lent, beginning  
March 9  
after the 10:00 am service

During the Season of Lent I will be teaching a sort of “Episcopal 101” course after the 10:00 am service on Sundays. This class will be the preparation for anyone wanting to be confirmed or received by the Bishop when she visits on the Feast of Pentecost, but is open to anyone that wants to take a brief overview of our tradition, its history, and theology. My hope is that this will be a foundational class on which we can look to expand some longer offerings of Adult education on these many topics.

Class should be about an hour long, and while it is very subject to change, here is the tentative class schedule:

- March 9** - What is the Episcopal Church - Structure, Polity, and Tradition
- March 16** - History of the Reformation and the Anglican Tradition
- March 23** - Modern Episcopal Church history
- March 30** - Introduction to Liturgy and the Prayerbook
- April 6** - Catechism overview and final preparation for confirmation

## Shrove Tuesday

**March 4, 5:30 pm Call the office to sign up! (586-1226)**

The Parish Life Committee will be working with Kevin to make a wonderful Shrove Tuesday celebration including traditional



## Outreach News

For many parishioners, Teddy Bear Sunday is special Sunday. It is fun to shop for the plush animals, a delight to see the heap in front of the altar, and a warm feeling to know that our prayers and blessings are going out with the teddies. The plush animals go to our partner agency, Fostering Hope NY. They add the plush animals, among other items, to the backpacks they give to children entering Foster Care in Monroe County. At the end of 2024, Fostering Hope called to ask if we could do a sock/glove/ undies drive. Sadly, it was too late to add to the Angel Tree. Fortunately, the Outreach budget had \$618 remaining. We gave those funds to Fostering Hope NY, who used the money to purchase hats, gloves and undies for the backpacks. Teddy Bear Sunday will be back in the early fall.



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**Installation  
of  
The Rev. Kevin W. Gore  
As  
Rector of Christ Episcopal Church  
Saturday, April 5**

Please save the date for the  
Celebration of New Ministry

Please look for more information as we get closer to the date.  
There will be many opportunities to help out.



The installation of an Episcopal priest is a service that publicly welcomes a new minister to a congregation. It's a celebration of the new ministry and a reminder that the parish is part of a larger church.

What happens during an installation?

- The bishop, congregation, and clergy present symbolic gifts to the new minister
- The new minister concelebrates the eucharist with the bishop and other clergy

## SUNDAY SCHOOL, YOUTH GROUP AND NURSERY

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Easter is coming soon! During Lent, our **Pre-K through 1<sup>st</sup> grade** and **second through fifth graders** will learn about Lent as part of their weekly lessons about well-known Bible stories. All Sunday School children and youth will be practicing a new hymn for the beginning of the Palm Sunday 10:00 service, under the leadership of choral scholar Madeleine Christopher.

Children's Chapel is on hiatus through the end of the program year, but we are brainstorming ways to integrate Children's Chapel into our summer programming.

Our **Middle / High School** class has continued their weekly lessons with Pat Morrow and welcomed new leader Laura Smith. Eighteen members of the Youth Group enjoyed a fast-paced Escape Room competition right here at Christ Church. Suzanne Lee put together a fantastic evening for the youth, and Anica Harris, Kim Schaff, Cork Young, and Pat Morrow bravely volunteered to supervise and guide the groups as they navigated the puzzles and scavenger hunts.

The next **Youth Group event** will be held **on Friday, March 14 at 6:00**. Youth are invited to "Stump the Priest" and participate in a low-stakes, fun, food decorating activity. Friends are welcome! A signup is available.

The Youth Group was invited to participate in Shrove Tuesday preparations and is also encouraged to get involved in future Outreach endeavors. This summer, **Missionpalooza** returns for another week of service projects around our community for youth entering grades 7-12. Missionpalooza will be held **July 28 – August 1**; more details will be available in the spring.

### **Palm Sunday and Easter Update:**

On **Palm Sunday (April 13)** and **Easter Sunday (April 20)**, Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> graders will gather for a lesson and activities for the first part of the service and will return to their families in time for the Peace. On Easter Sunday, after the service, children will be invited to an Easter egg hunt downstairs in the Dining Room. Youth volunteers are invited to help set up that day and to help Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday as workshop ministers.

The Christ Church **nursery** welcomes our smallest parishioners ages birth through age 2 during the 10:00 am service each Sunday as well as during holiday services. On Easter Sunday, the nursery will be available at both 8:00 am and 10:00 am. Norah and Kate are excited to provide safe, loving, and fun care to your child, so be sure to stop by and say hello.

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**Help Wanted!** Opportunities abound for youth and adults. Please contact Liz at [sundayschool@christchurchpittsford.com](mailto:sundayschool@christchurchpittsford.com) if you are interested. Youth may also be able to earn school community service credit for these volunteer activities.

**Youth Volunteers During Worship (select Sundays):**

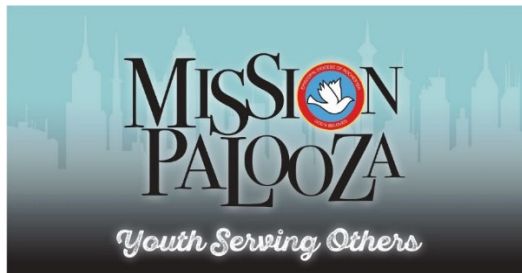
**Acolytes and Crucifers:** Children and youth in grades 4+ are invited to assist during the 10:00 service as acolytes and crucifers. Training is available. Serving as an acolyte or a crucifer is a great way for youth to learn more about liturgy and traditions in the Episcopal church.

**Chalice Ministers:** This important role is another way for youth to explore Episcopal faith traditions and get involved during the service.

**Readers:** An opportunity for youth to build their public speaking skills while sharing one of Sunday's lessons or Prayers of the People with the congregation.

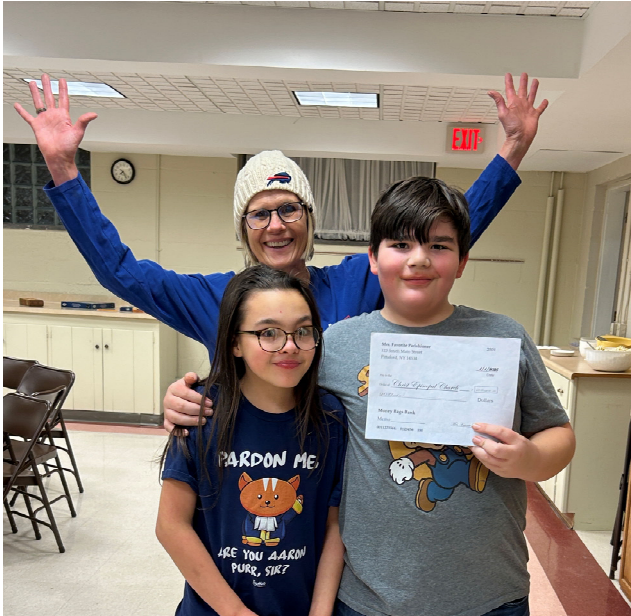
**Ushers and Greeters:** Christ Church youth make great ambassadors for our parish. With training, youth can learn the duties of ushers.

**Classroom Volunteers:** The Pre-K-1<sup>st</sup> grade and 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms are always looking for volunteers! Adults and youth in 7<sup>th</sup> grade or higher are encouraged to consider getting involved in this important ministry. Schedules are flexible and no experience is necessary.





The Youth Group had great fun with the Escape Room. The evening was designed by Suzanne Lee. Thank you!



### **NON FICTION BOOK CLUB**

**Tuesday, March 18, 3:00 pm**

We will discuss *The Little Book of Aliens* by Adam Frank. Frank, an astrophysicist at the University of Rochester, addresses the biggest questions in our search for extraterrestrial life in this little book. Drawing from his own work and that of other scientists studying the possibility of alien life, he brings together the latest scientific thinking, data, ideas and discoveries to equip us with the critical facts as we stand at the last moment of human history where we believe we are alone.

Our meetings are in a hybrid format with both in person attendance and via Zoom. Zoom information will be distributed prior to each meeting (see below). To get more information about the book club, to be added to our distribution list or to suggest a book discussion, please contact Jim Baroody ([jimbaroody@gmail.com](mailto:jimbaroody@gmail.com)).

### **WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 7:00 PM**

We've chosen *The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride:

In 1972, when workers in Pottstown, Pennsylvania, were digging the foundations for a new development, the last thing they expected to find was a skeleton at the bottom of a well. Who the skeleton was and how it got there were two of the long-held secrets kept by the residents of Chicken Hill, the dilapidated neighborhood where immigrant Jews and African Americans lived side by side and shared ambitions and sorrows. Chicken Hill was where Moshe and Chona Ludlow lived when Moshe integrated his theater and where Chona ran the Heaven & Earth Grocery Store. When the state came looking for a deaf boy to institutionalize him, it was Chona and Nate Timblin, the Black janitor at Moshe's theater and the unofficial leader of the Black community on Chicken Hill, who worked together to keep the boy safe.

- Provided by publisher. For more information, please contact Pam Burch ([pburch1@rochester.rr.com](mailto:pburch1@rochester.rr.com).)

### **WOMEN'S RETREAT**

The retreats are held from 10 AM to Noon on the first Saturday of the month. Look for updates on the April meeting because of the Installation of The Rev. Gore. Questions, please contact Nancy Dhurjaty, [nancy.dhurjaty@gmail.com](mailto:nancy.dhurjaty@gmail.com).

### **CAREGIVERS**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 11 AND APRIL 8, 12:00 PM**

Caregivers meets the second Tuesday of the month, right here at Christ Church. All participants must be caring for a loved one in their personal lives. We offer nourishments for the body, mind and soul. The group is lead by Laurie Sorge. This group is not limited to members of Christ Church; that means if you have a friend or relative or even a "friend of a friend" in need, please contact Cindy through the church office at 586-1226.

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**Altar Guild meets every Saturday at 9:00 am**

**Saturday, March 1**

10:00 am Women's Retreat

**Sunday, March 2**

8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I

9:00 am Coffee Hour

10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II

10:00 am Sunday School and Nursery Care

11:15 am Coffee Hour

**Monday, March 3**

6:00 pm CODA

**Tuesday, March 4 SHROVE TUESDAY**

5:30 pm Shrove Tuesday dinner

7:00 pm Debtor's Anonymous

**Wednesday March 5 Ash Wednesday**

12:00 pm Imposition of Ashes and Service  
of Holy Communion

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of Holy Communion

**Thursday, March 6**

9:30 am Qi Gong

**Sunday, March 9 Daylight Savings**

8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I

9:00 am Coffee Hour

10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II

10:00 am Sunday School and Nursery Care

11:15 am Coffee Hour

11:15 am Episcopal 101

**Monday, March 10**

7:00 pm CODA

**Tuesday, March 11**

11:00 am Finance Committee

12:00 pm Caregivers' Lunch

5:45 pm Vestry

7:00 pm Debtor's Anonymous

**Wednesday, March 12**

7:00 pm Adult Choir

**Thursday, March 13**

7:00 pm Women's Book Club

9:30 am Qi Gong

**Sunday, March 16**

8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I

9:00 am Coffee Hour

10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II

10:00 am Sunday School and Nursery Care

11:15 am Coffee Hour

11:15 am Episcopal 101

**Monday, March 17**

7:00 pm CODA

**Tuesday, March 18**

3:00 pm Non Fiction Book Club

7:00 pm Debtor's Anonymous

**Wednesday, March 19**

12:00 pm Worship Service with Communion

7:00 pm Adult Choir

**Thursday, March 20**

9:30 am Qi Gong

**Sunday, March 23**

8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I

9:00 am Coffee Hour

10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II

10:00 am Sunday School and Nursery Care

11:15 am Coffee Hour

11:15 am Episcopal 101

**Monday, March 24**

7:00 pm CODA

**Tuesday, March 25**

7:00 pm Debtor's Anonymous

**Wednesday, March 26**

12:00 pm Worship Service with Communion

7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, March 27**

9:30 am Qi Gong

**Sunday, March 30**

8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I

9:00 am Coffee Hour

10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II

10:00 am Sunday School and Nursery Care

11:15 am Coffee Hour

11:15 am Episcopal 101

**Monday, March 31**

7:00 pm CODA

**Tuesday, April 1**

7:00 pm Debtor's Anonymous

**Wednesday, April 2**

12:00 pm Worship Service with Communion

**Thursday, April 3**

9:30 am Qi Gong

**Saturday, April 5**

**Installation of The Rev. Kevin Gore**



**Sunday, April 6**

8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I  
9:00 am Coffee Hour  
9:00 am Adult Forum  
10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II  
10:00 am Sunday School and Nursery Care  
11:15 am Coffee Hour  
11:15 am Episcopal 101

**Monday, April 7**

7:00 pm CODA

**Tuesday, April 8**

7:00 pm Debtor's Anonymous

**Wednesday, April 9**

12:00 pm Worship Service with Communion

**Thursday, April 10**

9:30 am Qi Gong

**Sunday, April 13 Palm Sunday**

8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I  
9:00 am Coffee Hour  
10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II  
10:00 am Sunday School Workshop and Nursery Care  
11:15 am Coffee Hour

5:30 pm Maundy Thursday Supper  
7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service

**Friday, April 18 Good Friday**

12:00 pm Worship Service  
7:00 pm Worship Service

**Saturday, April 19**

**8:00 pm Great Vigil Service**

**Sunday, April 20 EASTER SUNDAY**

8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I  
8:00 am Nursery Care  
9:00 am Adult Forum  
10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II  
10:00 am Sunday School Workshop & Easter Egg Hunt  
10:00 am Nursery Care

**Monday, April 21 and Tuesday, April 22  
Church Offices Closed**

**Wednesday, April 23** No Church Activities

**Thursday, April 24**

9:30 am Qi Gong

**Sunday, April 27**

8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I  
9:00 am Coffee Hour  
9:00 am Adult Forum  
10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II  
10:00 am Sunday School and Nursery Care  
11:15 am Coffee Hour



**Monday, April 14**

7:00 pm CODA

**Tuesday, April 15**

7:00 pm Debtor's Anonymous

**Wednesday, April 16**

12:00 pm Worship  
7:00 pm Adult Choir

**Thursday, April 17, Maundy Thursday**

9:30 am Qi Gong



## HOLY WEEK

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As we begin this season of Lent I want to talk a little bit about the end of the season - Holy Week. From the Procession of the Palms on Passion Sunday to proclamation of the resurrection at the Great Vigil on Saturday night, the liturgies of Holy Week slow down the gospel narrative and take us day by day into the days and hours leading up to the arrest and execution of Jesus. In the 1979 Book of Common Prayer, we are provided with many opportunities to connect with the oldest Christian observances and liturgies, especially as we enter the Paschal Triduum on Maundy Thursday.

The Triduum walks us from the Last Supper to the Resurrection and recountings of these liturgies go back to some of the earliest known records of Christian worship. It is important to note that from the opening lines of the Maundy Thursday service to the dismissal at the Great Vigil we are in one continuous service. There is no salutation or dismissal on Maundy Thursday or Good Friday. To emphasize this, we will have service booklets that cover the whole of the Triduum. The booklets should remain here at church and will contain all the services of those three days so that we can be in mind of its ongoing nature.

On Maundy Thursday we are drawn into the actions of Jesus - washing feet, establishing the eucharist, waiting in prayer for what is to come. The act of washing feet - as Jesus himself did - is a humbling and beautiful experience for all to understand both the love of God and the call of clergy to serve everyone. The term 'Maundy' comes from the Latin word 'Mandatus', which is where we get the modern word, "mandate". It signifies that at the Last Supper Jesus instituted the Eucharist, the most sacred repeatable sacrament the church has for our continual renewal and connection with the Kingdom of God. After the service the sanctuary is stripped of all adornment and it's almost as if the church is holding its breath, waiting as Christ did in the garden at Gethsamane for what is to come next - arrest and death.

Good Friday we recall Christ's death on the cross. A brutal execution by the powers and principalities of the world that God takes on to fulfill the Law and set us free from the power of death. Good Friday is the only day on the Western Christian calendar when no mass can be celebrated, no eucharist consecrated. There is no communion to be had. Some churches have communion from the 'reserve sacrament' which is specifically set aside on Maundy Thursday for that purpose. This year we will not do that, but instead focus our attention on the veneration of the cross. That rough, wooden method by which we are set free and assured an eternity in the Kingdom that is to come.



## HOLY WEEK

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All is quiet as we leave the cross and wait in anticipation of what we know comes next. The Great Vigil of Easter, older than the other services of the Triduum, is the most important service of the entire year. It is the moment we move from darkness into light, from death into resurrection. Originally this service would begin an hour or two before dawn, and as the sunlight began to show forth the resurrection of Christ would be proclaimed. For the last few centuries, the Great Vigil has shifted for many of us to a Saturday night activity. Once the sun has set, we will light and bless the new fire, from which the Paschal Candle will be lit. From there we take the new light of Christ into the darkened nave and hear the story of salvation, the record of God's love and promises, leading up to when we turn all the lights on, light all the candles, and proclaim in a loud voice, "Alleluia! Christ is Risen!". It is my understanding that Christ Church Pittsford has not celebrated the Great Vigil of Easter for a very long time, if ever. I look forward to sharing one of my favorite services of the entire church year with you as we celebrate the end of Lent and the Feast of the Resurrection.

Holy Week, especially the Triduum, can be absolutely intense, exhausting, an emotional rollercoaster. That in many ways is the point. This brings to us a visceral experience of Christ's passion and death, and is so important for our faith journey to be reminded of everything that is a part of that. I hope you will make the time to journey with me through this sacred time.



### **Holy Week and Easter At Christ Church**

#### **Palm Sunday: April 13, 2025**

Holy Eucharist with liturgy of the Palms  
Services at 8:00 (Rite I) and 10:00 am (Rite II)

#### **Wednesday in Holy Week: April 16, 2025**

12:00 pm Holy Eucharist

#### **Maundy Thursday: April 17, 2025**

5:30 pm Maundy Thursday Supper  
7:00 pm Eucharist for Maundy Thursday

#### **Good Friday: April 18, 2025**

12:00 pm  
7:00 pm

#### **Great Vigil of Easter**

Saturday, April 19, 2025  
8:00 pm

#### **Easter Sunday: April 20, 2025**

Festive Holy Eucharist with music at 8:00 and 10:00 am  
Nursery care available during both Services

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*A Note from Outreach:*


LENT 2025

This Lent, the Outreach Ministries will be collecting cleaning supplies for some of our partner agencies. These are needed items for a good quality of living, but not covered by SNAP (formerly food stamps) benefits that their clients receive.

The most sought after items are:

Dish soap	Laundry soap
Window cleaner	All purpose cleaner
Toilet bowl cleaner	Garbage bags
Lysol type wipes	Paper towels
Toilet paper	Toilet brushes
Brooms	Mops & Buckets

Items can be brought to the church by Palm Sunday, April 13, or donations can be made to the church, marked for Outreach Lent.



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Monday through Thursday 8:30 am—3:00 pm  
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