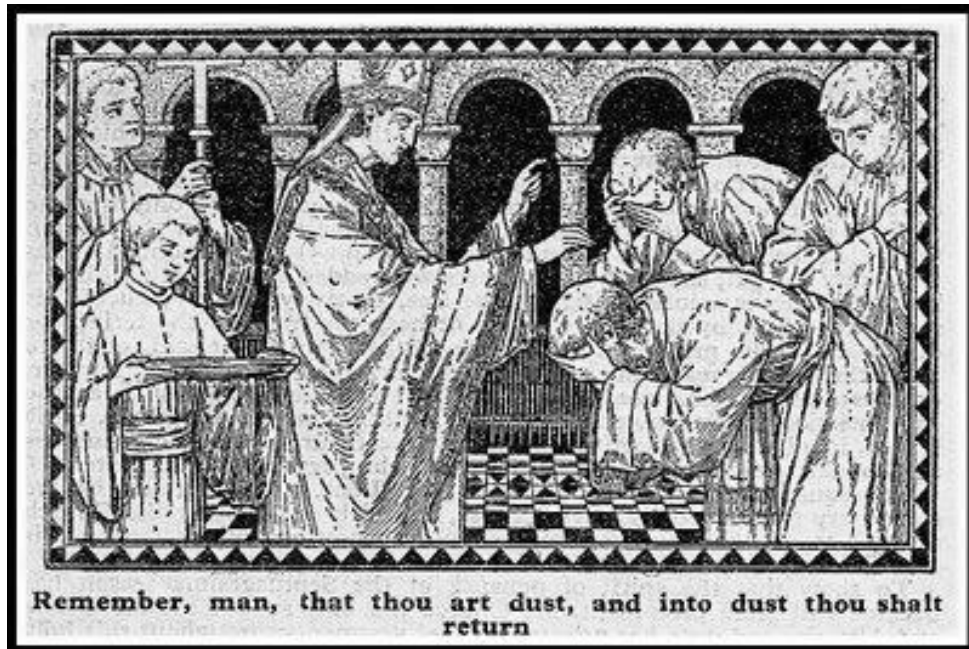


CHRIST CHURCH PARISH

BORDENTOWN, NJ



ASH WEDNESDAY

5 MARCH 2025

WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH

We extend a welcome to all visitors who are worshipping with us today. Christ Church is truly a beautiful edifice, erected and appointed to the Greater Glory of Almighty God. Herein you find all things in their proper place; everything focused toward the Altar, the center of our worship. The windows in the Nave depict some of the fathers of the early Church, both English and Latin. The Rood shows our Savior, robed as a Priest, with the right hand in Blessing. The Chapel forms a quiet restful spot where, before the Blessed Sacrament, one may kneel in supplication and reverence. We are proud of our worshipful Church and invite you to share its benefit. Come in, rest, pray apart from the world. Surely God is in His Holy Temple.

All who confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, have been baptized in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, are repentant of their sins and believe the Blessed Sacrament to be the true Body and Blood of Christ are invited to receive the Sacrament of the Altar. We hope that you will enter fully into worship by joining in the prayers, responses and hymns. Because our worship may be unfamiliar to those not raised in the Episcopal Church, feel free to ask the assistance of those around you in following and participating in the liturgy. If you are in search of a church home, we invite you to join us in worship, fellowship and service. Please sign the guest register at the church entrance so we may have a record of your visit.

Restrooms are located in the Parish House and are accessible through the double doors by the pulpit or by exiting through main doors and accessing the Parish House by way of the side office door. **A Baby Changing Station** is located in the accessible bathroom in the Parish Hall. **A restroom for small children** is located in the nursery at the far end of the Parish House.

Pastoral Emergencies such as sickness, hospitalization, or the death of a loved one should be directed to Fr. Matt at 732.859.5823. Father is happy to respond to your needs even if you are not a parishioner, so please do not hesitate to call.

The AED is located to the left of the door to the parish office.



CONCERNING THE SERVICE

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent, a time of spiritual warfare, of fasting, penitence, and preparation for the Easter feast. Beginning in the tenth century ashes were imposed on this day upon penitent sinners in preparation for their restoration to full communion with the Church. Since the eleventh century, ashes have been imposed on all the faithful as a reminder that the wages of sin is death. As God said to Adam, “dust thou art, and unto dust thou shalt return.” (Genesis 3:19b) But as we are marked with ashes in the same manner that we were signed with the Cross in our Baptisms, we are also reminded that we only have life in Christ, the second Adam.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Sung Mass w. the Imposition of Ashes 6pm

The Congregation stands at the entrance of the altar party.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent: Create and kindle in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sin and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

EPISTLE *II Corinthians 5:20-6:10*

The Congregation stands for the Hymn and the Holy Gospel.

HYMN 56 – Kind Maker of the World

Jesu Dulcis Memoria

THE HOLY GOSPEL *St. Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21*

LENTEN INVITATION & IMPOSITION OF ASHES

DEAR People of God: The first Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church to prepare for them by a season of penitence and fasting. This season of Lent provided a time in which converts to the Faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when those who, because of notorious sins, had been separated from the body of the faithful, were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to the fellowship of the Church. Thereby, the whole congregation was put in mind of the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel of our Savior, and of the need which all Christians continually have to renew their repentance and faith. I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word. And to make a right beginning of repentance, and as a mark of our mortal nature, let us now kneel before the Lord, our maker and redeemer. *(All kneel. Silence is kept)*

ALMIGHTY God, thou hast created us out of the dust of the earth: Grant that these ashes may be unto us a sign of our mortality and penitence, that we may remember that it is only by thy gracious gift that we are given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

The people may come forward to the rail for the imposition of ashes.

Remember, O man, that thou art dust, and unto dust thou shalt return.

PSALM 51 *Miserere mei, Deus*

LITANY OF PENANCE

Most holy and merciful Father: We confess to thee and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved thee with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

Lord have mercy upon us.

We have not heard thy call to serve, as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved thy Holy Spirit.

Lord have mercy upon us.

We confess to thee, O Lord, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives,
We confess to thee, O Lord.

Our lust, gluttony, and our abuse of others,

We confess to thee, O Lord.

Our anger, hatred, malice, and envy,

We confess to thee, O Lord.

Our laziness, intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

We confess to thee, O Lord.

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

We confess to thee, O Lord.

Accept our repentance, O Lord, for the wrongs we have done: for our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

Accept our repentance, O Lord.

For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

Accept our repentance, O Lord.

For our poor stewardship and misuse of thy creation, and our lack of concern for the generations to come,

Accept our repentance, O Lord.

Restore us, good Lord, and let thy anger depart from us;

Favorably hear us, for thy mercy is great.

Accomplish in us the work of thy salvation,

That we may show forth thy glory in the world.

By the cross and passion of thy Son our Lord,

Bring us with all thy saints to the joy of his resurrection.

ALMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of sinners, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness and live, hath given power and commandment to his ministers to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins. He ✠ pardoneth and absolveth all those who truly repent, and with sincere hearts do believe his holy Gospel. Therefore we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do on this day, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy, so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE OFFERTORY

℞. The Lord be with you.

℣. And with thy spirit.

℞. Let us pray.

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY – Exaltabo te

EXALTABO te, Domine, quoniam suscepisti me, nec delectasti inimicos meos super me: Domine, clamavi ad te, et sanasti me.

Orlandus Lassus (1532-1594)

I WILL magnify thee, O Lord, for thou hast set me up, and not made my foes to triumph over me: O Lord, I cried unto thee, and thou hast healed me.

HYMN 210 – Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness

Schmücke Dich

SURSUM CORDA & PREFACE

BCP 333

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

Missa Marialis

Ho - - - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - - - ly, —
Lord ——— God ——— of — hosts,
Hea - ven — and earth — are full ——— of thy glo - ry:
Glo - ry — be to — thee, — O — Lord ——— Most — High.
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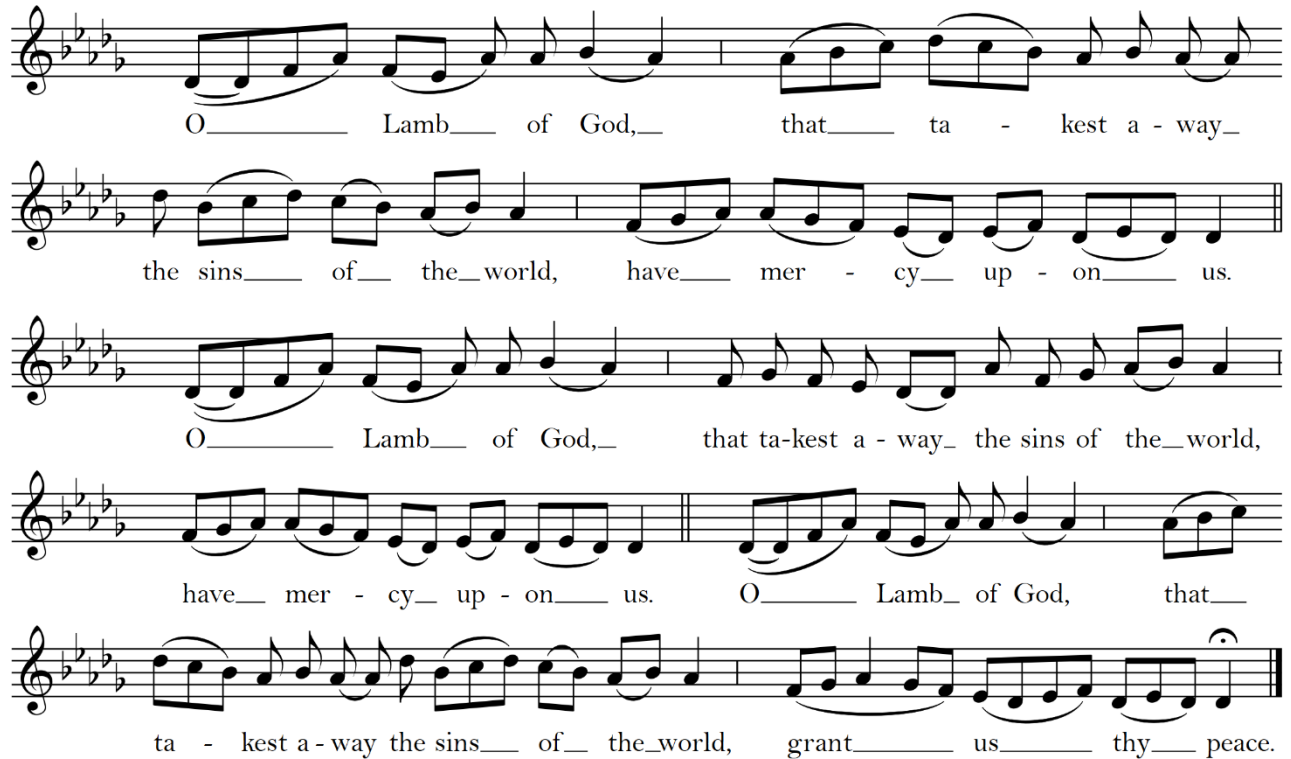
CANON OF THE MASS

BCP 334

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal 722: Plainchant

AGNUS DEI



O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

BCP 337

COMMUNION

QUI meditabitur in lege Domini die ac nocte, dabit fructum suum in tempore suo.

HE who doth meditate on the law of the Lord day and night, will bring forth his fruit in due season.

HYMN 417 – Lord Jesus, Think on Me

S. Bride

POST COMMUNION PRAYER BLESSING & DISMISSAL

BCP 339

The Congregation stands for the Last Gospel and Hymn.

THE LAST GOSPEL

∇. The beginning of the Holy Gospel according to John.

℞. **Glory be to thee, O Lord**

∇. ...full of grace and truth.

℞. **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 59 – Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

S. Flavian

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SEASON OF LENT begins on **Ash Wednesday, March 5**. Mass will be held at:

7:30am: Low Mass w. the Imposition of Ashes
12:10pm: Low Mass w. the Imposition of Ashes
6:00pm: Low Mass w. the Imposition of Ashes

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be offered **every Friday, beginning on March 7 at 6 p.m.** Stations will be **followed by a simple Lenten Dinner** in the Parish Hall. If you would like to provide soup, salad, or bread for one of the dinners, a sign-up sheet can be found by the Parish Office.

HOMEFRONT MEAL PREP: our next HomeFront Sunday is on March 16th; come join the crew to prepare meals for those in need, and remember to pray for those who will benefit from those meals.

ADULT EDUCATION: join us on the scheduled mornings in Lent at 9am in the Parish Hall to explore the mysteries of the Faith. The next class is scheduled for the 23rd.

LENTEN PREP DAY: Join us at 9am on April 5th to prepare the church and grounds for Holy Week and Easter.

SOLES4SOULS: Our shoe drive continues to bring in a wonderful amount of shoes for those in need. Keep this in mind during your winter cleaning of unwanted/unused shoes you may want to donate. Thank you!

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Schedule for the Week Following

Wednesday, 5 March

Ash Wednesday

7:30 a.m. Low Mass w. the Imposition of Ashes

12:10 p.m. Low Mass w. the Imposition of Ashes

6:00 p.m. Sung Mass w. the Imposition of
Ashes

6:00 p.m. A.A. Meeting

Thursday, 6 March

Lenten Feria

10:00 a.m. Low Mass with Anointing

Friday, 7 March

Perpetua and Her Companions, Martyrs at Carthage, 202

12:10 p.m. Low Mass

6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross & Lenten
Supper

Saturday, 8 March

Edward King, Bishop of Lincoln, 1910

5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass

Sunday, 9 March

The First Sunday in Lent

8:00 a.m. Low Mass

8:45 a.m. Church School

10:00 a.m. Sung Mass

11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour

7:00 p.m. A.A. Meeting

Monday, 10 March

Forty Martyrs of Sebaste, 4th Century

Church office closed

Tuesday, 11 March

Lenten Feria

12:10 p.m. Low Mass

7:30 p.m. Vestry Meeting

Wednesday, 12 March

Ember Day

6:00 p.m. A.A. Meeting

6:30 p.m. Rosary and Low Mass