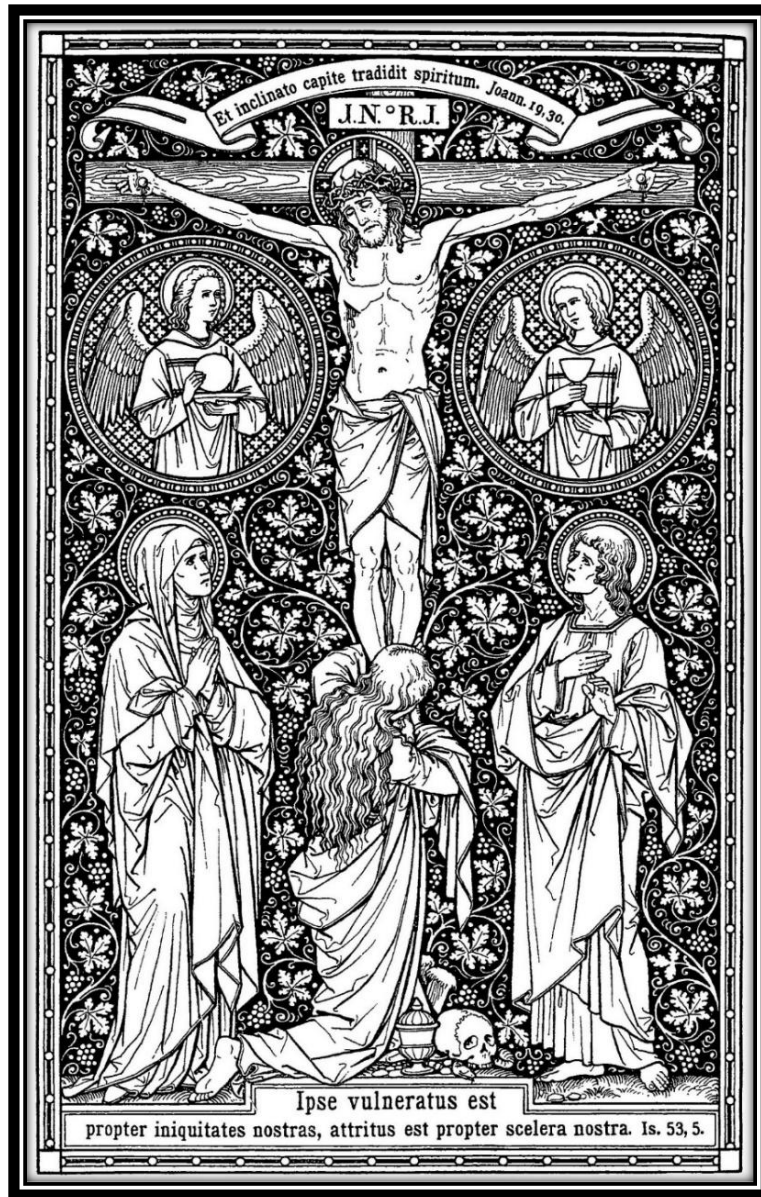


CHRIST CHURCH PARISH

BORDENTOWN, NJ



GOOD FRIDAY

3 APRIL 2026

WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH

We extend a welcome to all visitors who are worshipping with us to-day. 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 in English and Latin. The Rood shows our Saviour, robed as a Priest, with the right hand in Blessing. The Chapel forms a quiet, restful place, where, before the Blessed Sacrament, one may kneel in supplication and reverence. We are proud of our worshipful Church and invite you to share in its benefit. Come in, rest, and 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, and 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 the main doors and entering the Parish House by way of the side office door. A **Baby Changing Station** is located in the accessible bathroom in the Parish House. 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. Tucker – 732.859.5823. Father is happy to respond to your needs even if you are not a parishioner. Please do not hesitate to call. The **AED** is located to the left of the parish office door.

CONCERNING THE SERVICE

This, most solemn of all days, should be marked by fasting, abstinence, and penance, leading us to focus on Jesus upon the Cross. The bare, stark appearance of the church serves as a reminder of the solemnity and the sorrow of the day. The Lord of Life was rejected, mocked, scourged, and then put to death on the Cross. The faithful need to be mindful of the part which their own sins played in this suffering and agony, as Christ took all sin upon himself, in obedience to his Father's will. By the Cross we are redeemed, set free from the bondage of sin and death. The Cross is a sign of God's never-ending love for us. It is a sign of life, in the midst of death.

The service consists of three parts: lessons & prayers, including the recital of the Passion; veneration of the cross, a devotion showing our love and thankfulness for the gift of life given us by Jesus' death; and it concludes with the Mass of the Presanctified from the Sacrament consecrated on Maundy Thursday.

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Said Solemnities & Mass of the Pre-Sanctified

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THE REPROACHES

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MOTET – “Salvator mundi”
1585)

Thomas Tallis (c.1505-

SALVATOR mundi, salva nos, qui per
Scrucem et sanguinem redemisti nos,
auxiliare nobis, te deprecamur, Deus
noster.

O SAVIOUR of the world, save us, who
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Jesu

Herzliebster

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- ✘ Stations of the Cross – 6.30 pm
- ✘ Sung Solemnities & Mass of the Presanctified – 7.00 pm

Saturday, 4 April – *Holy Saturday*

- ✘ Altar Service – 9.00 am
- ✘ The Great Vigil of Easter – 7.00 pm

Sunday, 5 April – *Easter Sunday*

- ✘ Low Mass of Easter – 8.00 am
 - ✘ Church School Easter Event – 8.55 am
 - ✘ Sung Mass of Easter – 10.00 am
 - ✘ Coffee Hour – 11.00 am
 - ✘ A.A. Meeting – 7.00 pm
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Clergy & Staff

The Rev. Canon J. Matthew Tucker, *Rector*

The Rev. David Snyder, *Pastoral Associate*

Mr. Greg Geehern, *Seminarian*

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