

CHRIST CHURCH PARISH

BORDENTOWN, NJ



THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

3 MAY 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.

The Five Traditional Precepts of the Church

1. Attendance at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.
2. Confession of serious sin at least once a year.
3. Reception of the Blessed Sacrament at least once a year.
4. Observance of the days of fasting and abstinence.
5. Providing for the needs of the Church.

At Christ Church

1. Share the joy and strength in Christ with others.
2. Be present at the Mass unless prevented by travel, illness, or condition.
3. Support the Parish with time, talent and treasure.
4. Find community in the mission and ministry of the Parish.
5. Show Christ in the world by being of service to others.

VIGIL MASS 5.30 PM

The Vigil Mass follows the form found in the Chapel Booklet.

LOW MASS 8.00 AM

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

℞. **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

∇. ...full of grace and truth.

℞. **Thanks be to God.**

SUNG MASS & BAPTISM W. FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

10.00 AM

The page numbers refer to pages in the red 1979 Book of Common Prayer found in your pew.

Hymns can be found in the blue Hymnal 1940.

ORGAN – “Trumpet Voluntary in D”

Jeremiah Clarke (1647-1707)

INTROIT

CANTATE Domino canticum novum, alleluia: quia mirabilia fecit Dominus, alleluia: ante conspectum gentium revelavit justitiam suam, alleluia, alleluia. *Ps. ibid., 2.* Salvavit sibi dextera ejus: et brachium sanctum ejus. Gloria Patri... Cantate Domino...

OSING unto the Lord a new song, alleluia: for the Lord hath done marvellous things, alleluia: in the sight of the nations hath he shewed his righteousness, alleluia, alleluia. *Ps. ibid., 2.* With his own right hand, and with his holy arm: hath he gotten himself the victory. Glory be to the Father... O sing unto the Lord...

☩. ✠ Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

℟. And Blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

☩. There is one Body and one Spirit;

℟. There is one hope in God's call to us;

☩. One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

℟. One God and Father of all.

COLLECT

☩. The Lord be with you. **℟. And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray.

OALMIGHTY God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leadeth to eternal life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

§ The Congregation may be seated for the Lessons and Psalm.

LESSON *Acts 17, 1-15*

PSALM 66, 1-8



O BE joyful in • God all ye lands; * sing praises unto the honour of his name;
make his praise • to be glorious.

2. Say unto God, O how wonderful art • thou in thy works! * through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies bow down • unto thee.
3. For all the • world shall worship thee, * sing of • thee and praise thy name.
4. O come hither and be- • hold the works of God; * how wonderful he is in his doing toward the • children of men.
5. He turned the • sea into dry land, * so that they went through the water on foot; there did • we rejoice thereof.
6. He ruleth with his power for ever; his eyes be- • hold the nations: * and such as will not believe shall not be able • to exalt themselves.
7. O praise our • God ye peoples, * and make the voice of his • praise to be heard;
8. Who • holdeth our soul in life; * and suffereth • not our feet to slip.

EPISTLE *I Peter 2, 1-10*

§ *The Congregation stands for the Sequence Hymn and Gospel.*

HYMN 361 – “Thou Art the Way”

S. James

THE HOLY GOSPEL *John 14, 1-14*

SERMON

Fr. Tucker

AT THE BAPTISM

PROCESSION TO THE FONT

HYMN 375 – “Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

Nova vita

THE PRESENTATION & EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE

Celebrant: The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents & Godparents: **I present *Amelia Elizabeth White* to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.**

Celebrant:

Wilt thou on thy part take heed that this child whom thou dost present be brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents & Godparents:

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant:

Wilt thou by thy prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents & Godparents:

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant:

Dost thou renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Parents & Godparents:

I renounce them all.

Celebrant:

Dost thou renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Parents & Godparents:

I renounce them all.

Celebrant:

Dost thou renounce all sinful desires that draw thee from the love of God?

Parents & Godparents:

I renounce them all.

Celebrant:

Dost thou turn to Jesus Christ and accept Him as thy Saviour?

Parents & Godparents: I do.

Celebrant:

Dost thou put thy whole trust in His grace and love?

Parents & Godparents: I do.

Celebrant:

Dost thou promise to follow and obey Him as thy Lord and Master?

Parents & Godparents: I do.

Celebrant:

Will ye who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in her life in Christ?

People: We will.

Celebrant: Dearly beloved, let us join with her who is now committing herself to Christ Jesus and here renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Celebrant: Dost thou believe in God the Father?

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

Celebrant: Dost thou believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: **I believe in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

Celebrant: Dost thou believe in God the Holy Ghost?

People: **I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, ☩ and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant: Wilt thou continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Wilt thou persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever thou dost fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Wilt thou proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ Jesus?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Wilt thou seek and serve Christ in all men, loving thy neighbor as thyself?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Wilt thou strive for justice and peace among all men, and respect the dignity of every person?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE

Celebrant: Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader: Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Open her heart to thy grace and truth.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Fill her with thy holy and life-giving Spirit.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Keep her in the faith and communion of thy holy Church.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Teach her to love others in the power of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Send her into the world in witness to thine abounding love.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Bring her to the fullness of thy peace and glory.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ thy Son may live in the power of His resurrection and look for Him to come again in glory; who liveth and reigneth now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE BLESSING OF THE WATER

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

People: **It is meet and right so to do.**

We give thee thanks, Almighty God, for the gift of water, over which the Holy Ghost moved in the beginning of creation; through which thou didst lead the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise; in which thy Son Jesus Christ received the baptism of John and the anointing of the Holy Ghost as the Messiah, the Christ, who leadeth us, through His death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin unto life everlasting.

We give thee thanks, O Father, for the water of Baptism, in which we are buried with Christ in His death; by which we partake in His resurrection; through which we are made regenerate of the Holy Ghost. Therefore, in joyful obedience to thy Son, we bring into His fellowship them that come to Him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

Now ✠ sanctify this water, we beseech thee, by thy Holy Ghost, that those here are cleansed from sin and made regenerate may continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Saviour, to whom, with thee and the unity of the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

Celebrant: Name this child.

The Parents & Godparents name the child.

Amelia Elizabeth, I baptize thee in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

Amen.

Amelia Elizabeth, thou art sealed by the Holy Ghost in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

Let us pray.

WE most heartily thank thee, O heavenly Father, that by water and the Holy Spirit thou hast bestowed upon this thy servant the forgiveness of sin, and hast raised her unto the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in thy Holy Spirit. Give unto her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and persevere, a spirit to know and to love thee, and the gift of joy and wonder in all thy works. **Amen.**

Celebrant: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

People: **We receive thee into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim His resurrection, and share with us in His eternal priesthood.**

THE RITE OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

*All baptized Christians receiving the rite of First Holy Communion,
may come forward at this time.*

THE PEACE *The People may greet one another in the Name of the Lord.*

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OFFERTORY – “Lead Me, Lord”

Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

LEAD me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness, make thy way plain before my face. For it is thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

HYMN 384 – “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

Regent Square

SURSUM CORDA *Hymnal 734*

PREFACE OF EASTER

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of hosts,
heav'n and earth are full of thy glo - ry; Glo - ry be to thee, O Lordmost High.
Bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

§ The Congregation kneels for the Canon of the Mass.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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THE LORD'S PRAYER *Hymnal 722*

AGNUS DEI

O Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
on us. O Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the
sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of God, that
tak - est a - way the sins of the world. Grant us Thy peace.

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

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COMMUNION

CUM venerit Paraclitus Spiritus veritatis,
Cille arguet mundum de peccato et de
justitia et de judicio, alleluia, alleluia.

WHEN the Comforter, the Spirit of truth
is come, he will reprove the world of
sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment,
alleluia, alleluia.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

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HYMN 427 – “Thine for Ever!”

Savannah

§ The Congregation kneels through the Dismissal.

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§ The Congregation stands for The Last Gospel.

THE LAST GOSPEL

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℟. **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

℣. ...full of grace and truth.

℟. **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 433 – “Lead Us, O Father”

Langran

ORGAN – “Trumpet Tune”

arr. Kevin Freaney (b. 1970)

PRAYERS & DEDICATIONS

*The flowers that decorate the church this week are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of A. Steven Hulit.*



*The Fritz-Weitzel Sacramental Candle in the Lady Chapel
is given in loving memory of Betty Fenton & Vannetta Hall.*

Of your charity, please remember in your prayers...

the sick: Tracy Burbine, Dot Cosom, Wendy Goldstein, Grayson Porter, Cindy Nahill, Alannah Aldea, Suzette Mansell, Amelia Sciortino, Fran Sutter, Christine Fritz, Bruce Kwietnieski-Casais, Reagon Condron, Russell Childs, Patty MacAllister, Scott O'Brien, Dan Panichi, John Miosz, Sharon Kedzierski, Daryl Albury, Siles Bonser, and Alexander Ounjian.

and those who have long term illnesses: Richard Hebron, Anna McDuff, James Ferrell, Kevin Nelson, Marlene Barnhart, Vicky Barbos, The Rev. Donald Muller, Mark Goldstein, Ryan Wiese, Theresa Abitz, Robert Abitz, Walt Fell, Lisa Jones, Kathy Buckland, Ellen Murphy, Kimberlee McCafferty, Joseph Carson III, Sava Nedic, Scott Evans, Tess Santos, Beatrix Kwiatkowski, Elaine Morrissey, Dennis Russell, Jeffrey McCafferty, Christiana Carty, Dawn Applegate, Barbara Sury, Paul Sootkoos, James Tucker, Caroline Tucker, Donna Fritz, Mark Casais, Christine Nicosia, Kevin Kintner, Anna Sury, Earl Reading, Zachary Birnbaum, Shelly Eberhart, Gary Rutherford, Ryan Murray, Justin McCafferty, Zachary McCafferty, Kelly Bergen, Hannah McNinch, Mackenzie Sutter, Daniel Applegate, Jennifer Vigh, Jonathan Okeson, Mary Dallmann, Bob Bernard, Pat Temple, Danielle Morgan, Jai Autar, Emma Burris, Gloria Jones, Kelley Gilger, Lori Forenson, Michael Chahanovich, Sister Angela, Dee Watkins, Marge Lee, Robert Fritz, Lynn Muller, Irene Fithian, Brianne Nicosia, Kathy Gabel, Kelly Zsenak, and Kenneth Stattel.

and for those in military service: Cara Bradley, USN; Ben Skarzynski, USMC; Chris Neal, USN; Jacob Foerter, USAFR; Rachel George, USA; Nickolas George, USMC; Kevin Preston, USAR.

those celebrating a birthday this week: Karly Luthke, Shelley Malone, Paul Smith, Milana Leigh Smoot.

Anyone may contact the office with names of those who are ill and/or hospitalized for inclusion in our prayers. Names will remain on the list for a maximum of four weeks unless we are notified that they should remain for a longer period.

If you would like to remember a loved one in the Altar Flower or Sacramental Candle dedications, please contact the Church Office. The donation for flowers is \$50; the donation for the Sacramental Candle is \$10.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adult Education: Opportunities for Christian education will be offered each Sunday through May, with the exception of HomeFront Sunday, May 17th. Join us in the Parish Hall at 9am to learn about a variety of topics.

Terrarium Garden Class: Come make a fabulous terrarium garden on Thursday, May 7th at 6.30pm in the Parish Hall.

Capital Campaign: Our campaign to restore and renew our church and grounds is well underway! As soon as we have enough cash on hand, we will be contracting to restore the plaster and paint in the Nave. Please remember to pledge!!

Solemn Evensong & Benediction: Come celebrate the Ascension of Our Lord with Solemn Evensong and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament on Sunday, May 17th, at 4pm. A festive BBQ reception will be held at the Rectory following the service.

Gift for Our Seminarian: Our seminarian, Greg Geehern, is wrapping up both the school year and his time at our parish. We can all agree that Greg has been a blessing to us! As a way to show our affection and appreciation, Fr. Matt will be collecting some funds to get Greg a gift certificate to Renzetti & Magnarelli, where all the cool priests buy their cassocks and such. We'll give Greg the gift at the BBQ following Evensong on May 17th.

Souls4Souls: Our shoe drive continues to bring in a wonderful amount of shoes for those in need. Please keep this in mind when you come across any slightly-used or unwanted shoes. Thank you!

Upcoming Events:

May 3 – 9am: Adult Ed.

May 3 – 10am: First Holy Communion

May 7 – 6.30pm: Terrarium Garden Class

May 10 – 9am: Adult Ed.

May 17 – 8.45am: HomeFront Meal Prep

May 17 – 4pm: Ascension Evensong & Benediction

May 24 – 9am: Adult Ed.

June 11 -6.30pm: BBQ & Theology Kickoff

Vestry

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Mr. Timothy Smith, *Parish Administrator*

Mrs. SueAnne Jones, *Treasurer*

Mr. Charles Reeder, *Sexton*

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH...

Sunday, 3 May – *Easter V*

- ✘ Low Mass – 8.00 am
- ✘ Adult Ed. – 9.00 am
- ✘ Sung Mass – 10.00 am
- ✘ Coffee Hour – 11.00 am
- ✘ A.A. Meeting – 7.00 pm

Monday, 4 May – *Monnica, Mother of Augustine of Hippo, 387*

{No Mass to-day}

Tuesday, 5 May – *Conversion of S. Augustine*

- ✘ Low Mass – 12.10 pm

Wednesday, 6 May – *S. John before the Latin Gate*

- ✘ A.A. Meeting – 6.00 pm
- ✘ Rosary & Low Mass – 6.30 pm

Thursday, 7 May – *John of Beverly, Bishop of York, 721*

- ✘ Low Mass w. Anointing – 10.00 am

Friday, 8 May – *Dame Julian of Norwich, c. 1417*

- ✘ Low Mass – 12.10 pm

Saturday, 9 May – *Gregory of Nazianzus, Bishop of Constantinople, 389*

- ✘ Vigil Mass – 5.30 pm

Sunday, 10 May – *Easter VI (Rogation Sunday & May Crowning)*

- ✘ Low Mass – 8.00 am
 - ✘ Adult Ed. – 9.00 am
 - ✘ Sung Mass – 10.00 am
 - ✘ Coffee Hour – 11.00 am
 - ✘ A.A. Meeting – 7.00 pm
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