

# CHRIST ANGLICAN CHURCH

*Cashiers, North Carolina*



**THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT  
THE HOLY EUCHARIST  
22 FEBRUARY 2026 | 10:30 AM**

# *Welcome*

*We welcome all who are worshipping with Christ Anglican Church today. We are thankful for God's Spirit joining us together in corporate worship.*

## *Our Guests*

*We invite you to complete a Connect Card (located on the pew back) with your name and pertinent contact information and any needs you would like the CAC staff to address. Please tear the card in half and place the completed portion in the offering plate or give to the Rector as you leave today. You may wear a name tag so we can greet you by name. Please sign the guest book in the narthex.*

## *Name Badge*

*Everyone is encouraged to wear your name badge located in the Narthex. If you do not have one and would like one, please contact the church office and one will be created for you. You do not have to be a member of the church to receive a nametag.*

## *Prepare for Worship*

*It is essential for all in worship to enter the sanctuary in quiet reverence for the triune God and cultivate a posture and spirit of prayer. You are encouraged to take a few moments in silent meditation as you prepare for worship. You may read one of the prayers on page 676 of the Book of Common prayer, read one of the hymn texts, read one of the Scriptures appointed for today, or pray your own prayers of thanksgiving and petitions as you ask the Lord to prepare your heart and mind for worship.*

*The Service begins on page 123 of the **Book of Common Prayer** (BCP) or you may follow along in the service sheet. Our hymns are found in the **Worship and Rejoice Hymnal** (WRH) and the Scripture Texts are in the **Pew Bible**. If you are new to the Anglican way of worship, you will find assistance in the "Worship Overview and Preparation" handout in the narthex or under "Anglican Helps for Worship" on our website.*

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE OPENING VOLUNTARY *Christ, We Do All Adore Thee* arr. Lauren Gadd

THE PEALING OF THE CHURCH BELLS

*The People are invited to stand and sing the processional hymn.*

THE PROCESSION *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days* WRH 252

*The People remain standing.*

THE ACCLAMATION BCP 105

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People* ***His mercy endures for ever.***

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY BCP 106

*The Celebrant and people say*

***Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.***

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW BCP 124

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets. Matthew 22:37-40

THE KYRIE BCP 124

*Celebrant* Lord, have mercy upon us.

*People* ***Christ, have mercy upon us.***

*Celebrant* Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Celebrant* The Lord be with You.

*People:* ***And with your spirit.***

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations, and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

*The People are seated.*

## THE CHILDREN'S MINUTE

*The people remain seated for the reading of God's Word.*

## THE WORD OF GOD

### THE FIRST LESSON

***Genesis 2:4-9, 15-17, 25-3:7***

Bible 2

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens. <sup>5</sup>When no bush of the field was yet in the land and no small plant of the field had yet sprung up – for the LORD God had not caused it to rain on the land, and there was no man to work the ground, <sup>6</sup>and a mist was going up from the land and was watering the whole face of the ground – <sup>7</sup>then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. <sup>9</sup>And out of the ground the LORD God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

<sup>15</sup>The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it.

<sup>16</sup>And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, <sup>17</sup>but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

<sup>25</sup>And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed. <sup>3</sup>Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said

to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?'" And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup>but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" <sup>4</sup>But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. <sup>5</sup>For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." <sup>6</sup>So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup>Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

*Reader*        *The Word of the Lord.*

*People*        *Thanks be to God.*

*The reader and people read responsively by half-verse.*

THE PSALTER VERSES

*Psalm 51*

BCP 333

<sup>1</sup>Have mercy upon me, O God, in your great goodness; \*

**according to the multitude of your mercies wipe away my offences.**

<sup>2</sup>Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness \*

**and cleanse me from my sin.**

<sup>3</sup>For I acknowledge my faults, \*

**and my sin is ever before me.**

<sup>4</sup>Against you only have I sinned, and done this evil in your sight, \*

**so that you are justified in your sentence, and blameless in your judgment.**

<sup>5</sup>Behold, I was brought forth in wickedness, \*

**and in sin my mother conceived me.**

<sup>6</sup>But behold, you desire truth in the inward parts \*

**and shall make me understand wisdom secretly.**

<sup>7</sup>You shall purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; \*

**you shall wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**

<sup>8</sup>You shall make me hear of joy and gladness, \*

**that the bones which you have broken may rejoice.**

<sup>9</sup>Turn your face from my sins, \*

**and blot out all my misdeeds.**

<sup>10</sup>Create in me a clean heart, O God, \*

**and renew a right spirit within me.**

<sup>11</sup>Cast me not away from your presence, \*  
**and take not your holy Spirit from me.**

<sup>12</sup>O give me the comfort of your help again, \*  
**and sustain me with your willing Spirit.**

<sup>13</sup>Then shall I teach your ways unto the wicked, \*  
**and sinners shall return unto you.**

<sup>14</sup>Deliver me from blood-guilt, O God, the God of my salvation, \*  
**and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness.**

<sup>15</sup>O Lord, open my lips, \*  
**and my mouth shall show forth your praise.**

<sup>16</sup>For you desire no sacrifice, or else I would give it to you; \*  
**but you delight not in burnt-offerings.**

<sup>17</sup>The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit; \*  
**a broken and contrite heart, O God, you shall not despise.**

<sup>18</sup>O be favorable and gracious unto Zion; \*  
**may you build up the walls of Jerusalem.**

<sup>19</sup>Then you shall be pleased with the sacrifice of righteousness, with the burnt-offerings and oblations; \*  
**then shall they offer young bullocks upon your altar.**

## THE SECOND LESSON

## *Romans 5:12-21*

Bible 942

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned — <sup>13</sup>for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. <sup>14</sup>Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come. <sup>15</sup>But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. <sup>16</sup>And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. <sup>17</sup>For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. <sup>19</sup>For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will



THE NICENE CREED

BCP 127

*All Standing, Celebrant and People say*

*We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.*

*We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

BCP 110

*All Kneeling*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Almighty and ever living God, we are taught by your holy Word to offer prayers and supplications and to give thanks for all people. We humbly ask you mercifully to receive our prayers. Inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all who confess your holy Name may agree in the truth of your Holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. *Silence*

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy:

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

We pray that you will lead the nations of the world in the way of righteousness; and so guide and direct their leaders, especially Donald, our President, and Josh, our Governor, that your people may enjoy the blessings of freedom and peace. Grant that our leaders may impartially administer justice, uphold integrity and truth, restrain wickedness and vice, and protect true religion and virtue. *Silence*

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy:

*People* ***Hear our prayer.***

Give grace, heavenly Father, to all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and especially to your servant, Steve, to Julian, our Provincial Dean, to Foley and Frank, our Bishops, to Marc, our Interim Priest-in-Charge and to Nick, our Assistant Priest that by their life and teaching, they may proclaim your true and life-giving Word, and rightly and duly administer your holy Sacraments. And to all your people give your heavenly grace, especially to this Congregation and to The Mission Cleveland in Cleveland, Tennessee that with reverent and obedient hearts we may hear and receive your holy Word, and serve you in holiness and righteousness all the days of our lives. *Silence*

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy:

*People* ***Hear our prayer.***

Prosper, we pray, all those who proclaim the Gospel of your kingdom, throughout the world, and strengthen us to fulfill your great commission, making disciples of all nations, baptizing them and teaching them to obey all that you have commanded. *Silence*

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy:

*People* ***Hear our prayer.***

We ask you in your goodness, O Lord, to comfort and sustain all who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity especially persecuted Christians in China, Iraq, Maldives, Algeria, and all those on our parish prayer list. *Silence*

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy:

*People* ***Hear our prayer.***

We remember before you all your servants, who have departed this life in your faith and fear that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we ask you to give us grace to follow the good examples of all your saints that we may share with them in your heavenly kingdom. *Silence*

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy:

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant Concludes with this Collect.*

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SIN

*The Deacon says*

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God. *Silence*

*All remain kneeling and say*

***Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.***

*The Celebrant says*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

BCP 130

*The Celebrant says*

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Matt.11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. 1 Timothy 1:15

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. 1 John 2:1-2

## THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* ***And with your spirit.***

## THE PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE OFFERTORY

*All stand and sing*

## THE DOXOLOGY

## TALLIS' CANON

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise Him all creatures here be low;*

*praise him above ye heaven-ly host, praise Fath-er, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A - men.*

*Celebrant* Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and earth is yours; yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as Head above all. All things come from you, O Lord,

*People* ***And of your own have we given you.***

## HOLY COMMUNION

BCP 132

### THE SURSUM CORDA

*Celebrant*     The Lord be with you.

*People*        ***And with your spirit.***

*Celebrant*     Lift up your hearts.

*People*        ***We lift them up to the Lord.***

*Celebrant*     Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*        ***It is right to give him thanks and praise.***

*The Celebrant continues*

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### THE SANCTUS

*Celebrant and People Say*

***Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.***

### THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

*The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his

resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

***Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.***

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. ***Amen.***

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 134

*The Celebrant then says*

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

*Celebrant and People together pray*

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.*

#### THE FRACTION

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
*People* ***Therefore let us keep the feast.***

#### THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

BCP 135

*We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.*

#### THE AGNUS DEI

BCP 136

*Celebrant* Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
*People* ***have mercy on us.***  
*Celebrant* Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
*People* ***have mercy on us.***  
*Celebrant* Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
*People* ***grant us your peace.***

#### THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

*All Christians who have turned in faith to Jesus Christ and have been baptized are invited to come forward for communion. Those who are not baptized or do not wish to receive Communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest. You may stand or kneel at the altar. To receive communion in the traditional manner you may consume the bread and drink from the chalice or you may dip the bread in the wine. If you desire gluten free bread, please tell the server. If you are unable to come forward, please let an usher know and Communion will be brought to you.*

All are encouraged to sing the hymn.

THE COMMUNION HYMN    *With the Body That Was Broken*    WRH 691

The People stand.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER    BCP 137

*Heavenly Father, We thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.*

THE BLESSING

THE RETIRING PROCESSION    *O Jesus, I Have Promised*    WRH 458

THE DISMISSAL

*Deacon*    Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.  
*People*    *Thanks be to God.*

THE CLOSING VOLUNTARY

### SERVING IN WORSHIP

The Rev'd Nick McGee  
*Celebrant*

The Rev'd Dr. Marc Robertson  
*Preacher*

Kathryn Nunn  
*Acolyte and Old Testament Lector*

Wendy Carson  
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Shari McGinnis  
*New Testament Lector & Prayers of the People*

Beth Acker & Deneece Harrell  
*Altar Guild & Flowers*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CHRISTIAN FORMATION:** Our Lenten Christian Formation will focus on the First Epistle of John. This powerful epistle introduces us to the “tests of life,” whereby Christians are invited to examine themselves in light of the Gospel. You are invited to this powerful engagement with Scripture. Christian Formation begins at 9:15

**WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY:** Will resume this Wednesday, February 25 at 5:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. During Lent, we will be investigating the classic Christian disciplines. Come learn about the great Christian exercises that shape and nurture the soul.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** The Women's Bible Study has started again. We are meeting each Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at the home of Melisa Loudermilch, 338 Saratay Falls Drive, Cashiers. We are studying *Becoming a Woman of Prayer* by Cynthia Heald, available on Amazon, Christian Books and Thriftbooks. All women are welcome.

### THE VESTRY OF CHRIST ANGLICAN CHURCH

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