

Christ Church Grosse Pointe

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 15, 2026 ✠ 9 AM

Welcome to this service of Holy Eucharist at Christ Church Grosse Pointe. We hope that this service will help lift you to the presence of God and strengthen you for the week to come.

Scripture readings are printed in Currents (leaflet insert).

Hymns are found in the red hymnal in your pew.

'S' numbers refer to service music found in the front of the hymnal.

BCP refers to the Book of Common Prayer.

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

VOLUNTARY

PRELUDE IN A MINOR
(ICH HAB MEIN SACH ANHEIMGESTELLT)

Ottorino Respighi
(1879-1936)

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Reverend Andrew Van Culin

❧ The Entrance Rite ❧

INTROIT

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD

Orlando Gibbons
(1583-1625)

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities, stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The people stand.

HYMN 567

THINE ARM, O LORD, IN DAYS OF OLD

St. Matthew

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People  His mercy en - dures for ev - er.

THE LITANY OF PENITENCE

See insert.

The Celebrant offers the absolution, and the people respond Amen.

TRISAGION - S 102

The Trisagion is sung three times.

The congregation joins in singing the second and third times.

The children follow the Children's Cross to the Chancel steps during the Trisagion.

❧ The Word of God ❧

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.



People **And al - so with you.**

Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

The Celebrant dismisses the children to Children's Chapel, and the people respond Amen.

The people are seated for the reading and the Psalm.

THE READING

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 23

The people stand for the hymn.

HYMN 339

DECK THYSELF, MY SOUL, WITH GLADNESS

Schmücke dich

THE GOSPEL

John 9:1-41

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Gospel is read.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Maureen L. Martin

A brief period of silence is observed for reflection on the sermon.

The people stand.

THE NICENE CREED

All **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only 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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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

Intercessor With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

For Bonnie, our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

For Donald, our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

For those on our parish cycle of prayer (*N.*); for this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

For (*N.*), for the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

For (*N. and*) all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation:

The people may add their own petitions.

let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

In the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

People **To you, O Lord our God.**

The Celebrant concludes with a collect and the people respond Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace and then are seated. Those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries are invited to come forward.

Celebrant Let us pray for those in our congregation who are celebrating a birthday or an anniversary.

People **O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE OFFERTORY

The people remain seated while the offering is collected.

ANTHEM

THERE IS A BALM IN GILEAD

*arr. William Dawson
(1899-1990)*

There is a Balm in Gilead,
to make the wounded whole,
There is a Balm in Gilead,
to heal the sinsick soul.

If you cannot sing like angels,
if you cannot preach like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus,
And say "He died for all."

Sometimes I feel discouraged,
And think my work's in vain,
But then the Holy Spirit
revives my soul again.

The people stand as the gifts are presented.

Children and their parents are invited to follow the children's cross and to sit in the Chancel between the choir stalls. They return to their seats for Communion.

HYMN 317

THIS IS THE HOUR OF BANQUET AND OF SONG

Morestead

~ The Holy Communion ~

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A, BCP, p. 361

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And al- so with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Celebrant offers our thanks to God for the grace and mercy made available to us in Christ.

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS - S 124

The people kneel as the Celebrant gives thanks for the reconciling work of Christ through his passion and resurrection and prays over the bread and wine.

Celebrant Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:
People **Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic prayer.

Celebrant 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.

People 
A - men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
All **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,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant 
My flesh is__ food in-deed, and my blood__ is drink in - deed says the Lord.

People 
My flesh is__ food in-deed, and my blood__ is drink in - deedsays the Lord.

Celebrant 
Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood dwell in me and I__ in them.

People 
My flesh is__ food in-deed, and my blood__ is drink in - deed says the Lord.

THE INVITATION

To receive Communion, come to a Communion Station or to the Altar Rail at the direction of the ushers. If you wish to receive a blessing rather than Communion, cross your arms over your chest—this will alert the priest of your request. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

AGNUS DEI - S 161

The people are seated.

VOLUNTARY SCHMÜCKE DICH, O LIEBE SEELE, OP. 122, No. 5 *Johannes Brahms*
(1833-1897)

ANTHEM PECCANTEM ME, QUOTIDIE *Cristóbal de Morales*
(1500-1553)

Peccanтем me quotidie, et non me paenitentem, timor mortis conturbat me: Quia in inferno nulla est redemptio, miserere mei, Deus, et salva me.

Transgressing every day I sin, and yet show no repentance; fear of the dying falls upon me: For in hell is none that can redeem my soul; show thy mercy, O Lord, and save my soul.

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

The people kneel.

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Almighty and everliving God, 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 for ever. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Celebrant blesses the people.

People **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

The Gospeller dismisses the people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand.

HYMN 429 I'LL PRAISE MY MAKER WHILE I'VE BREATH *Old 113th*

VOLUNTARY ICH HAB MEIN SACH ANHEIMGESTELLT, BWV 707 *J. S. Bach*
(1685-1750)

During the voluntary, parents are invited to escort their children to St. David's Crossing for breakfast and formation.