

# CHRIST CHURCH

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# CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, NEWTON

## The Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 6, 2025

8:00 & 10:00 am – Holy Eucharist, Rite I

*\*omitted at 8:00 am*

*As we prepare our hearts and minds for worship, please keep conversation to a minimum.*

\*Prelude    Take Up Your Cross    *arr. Wilbur Held*

\*Processional Hymn #398      I sing the almighty power of God    *Forest Green*

\*Introit:    Ubi Caritas    *Becki Slago Mayo*  
*Junior Choir*

*Ubi caritas, Deus ibi est  
Where there is charity and love, God is there.*

### Opening Acclamation

Celebrant      Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

People              His mercy endureth for ever.

### The Decalogue

*8 am: spoken; 10 am: chanted*

Lord, — have mer - cy up - on — us, and in -  
cline — our hearts — to keep — this — law.

God spake these words, and said: I am the Lord thy God who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them.

**Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.

**Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.

**Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Honor thy father and thy mother.

**Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt do no murder.

**Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

**Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not steal.

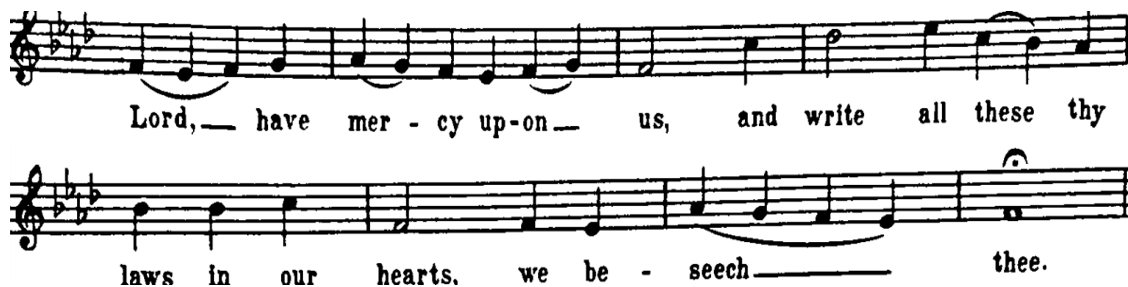
**Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

**Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not covet.

**Lord have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.**



*Celebrant* If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8,9*

### The Confession & Absolution

*Celebrant* Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*A period of silence is kept. The Congregation is invited to kneel.*

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee 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; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

### Kyrie

*8 am: spoken*

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

*10 am: (S-91)*

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -

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on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.

*People*          **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant*      Let us pray. O Almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men: Grant unto thy people that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The First Lesson

**Isaiah 43:16-21**

Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 126

*prayed responsively*

- 1      When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, \*  
         **then were we like those who dream.**
- 2      Then was our mouth filled with laughter, \*  
         **and our tongue with shouts of joy.**
- 3      Then they said among the nations, \*  
         **"The LORD has done great things for them."**
- 4      The LORD has done great things for us, \*  
         **and we are glad indeed.**
- 5      Restore our fortunes, O LORD, \*  
         **like the watercourses of the Negev.**
- 6      Those who sowed with tears \*  
         **will reap with songs of joy.**

7        Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, \*  
              **will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

**The Second Lesson**

**Philippians 3:4b-14**

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

**\*Sequence Hymn #382**

King of glory, King of peace

*General Seminary*

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

*People*        **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

**The Holy Gospel**

**John 12:1-8**

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because

he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

Clergy            The Gospel of the Lord.  
People            Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Chris Streeter

The Nicene Creed

*Please stand.*

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

*Please stand or kneel.*

Let us pray for the Church, the world and all people according to their needs.

*A brief silence is kept.*

God our Creator, we acknowledge that you are the God of all people, the God of all generations. We thank you for our lives, which are in your hands; for our souls, which are in your keeping; and for the signs of your presence we encounter everyday.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all people in their daily life and work; for our families, friends, and neighbors; for all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble; for all who endure the consequences of war; for those serving in our Armed Forces; and for those on our prayer list. Comfort and relieve those who suffer, and help us to be agents of your healing and wholeness.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

The season of Lent calls us to a time of self-reflection. Guide us, O God, as we look inward so that we may see the truth of our lives; and give us the courage and strength to make an honest effort to live according to your will. We pray for your pardon, forgiveness, and support.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all whom we love, but see no longer. Grant them light and peace in that place where there is no pain or sorrow, but life eternal.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

## The Peace

*Celebrant*      The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*          **And with thy spirit.**



## Welcome & Announcements

The Rev. Chris Streeter

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\*Offertory Anthem

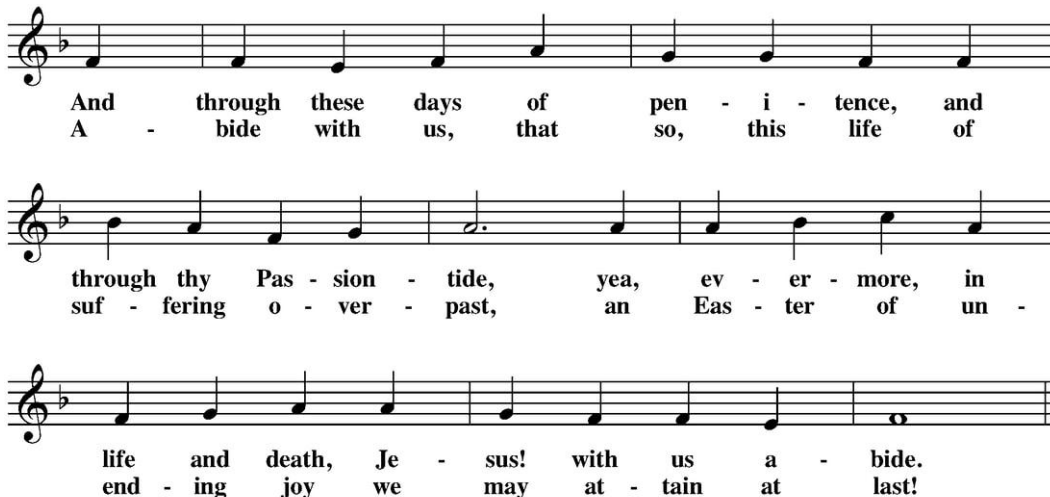
The Peacemakers (from Beatitudes)

Patrick Hawes

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. (Matthew 5:9)

\*Presentation Hymn

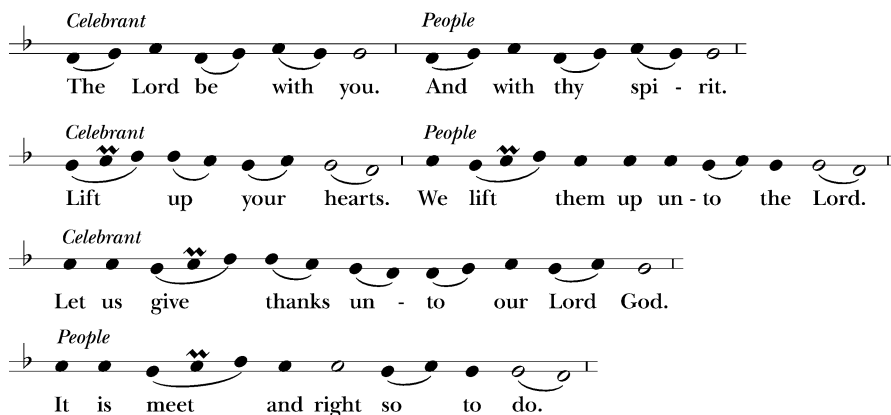
St. Flavian



And through these days of pen - i - tence, and  
 A - bide with us, that so, this life of  
 through thy Pas - sion - tide, yea, ev - er - more, in  
 suf - fering o - ver - past, an Eas - ter of un -  
 life and death, Je - sus! with us a - bide.  
 end - ing joy we may at - tain at last!

## The Holy Communion

### Eucharistic Prayer II



*Celebrant*    *People*  
 The Lord be with you. And with thy spi - rit.

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

*Celebrant*  
 Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.

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

*Celebrant*

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Who dost bid thy 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 thy Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which thou hast prepared for those who love thee.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

**Sanctus and Benedictus (S114)**

*Healey Willan*

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. Bless - ed is he that com - eth -  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Celebrant*

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, 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, he 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 remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,  
**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, forever and ever. Amen.**

### **The Fraction**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

\*Agnus Dei (S158)

Healey Willan

Men

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -

Women

on us. O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have

All

mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

**All are welcome at God's Table.**

*Please come forward, at the direction of the ushers. The bread is received in the open palm. Gluten-free wafers are available by asking the priest. The wine, if desired, may be taken from the common cup by drinking (placing your hand gently on the base of the chalice to guide it). If you do not wish to receive communion, you may cross your arms over your chest and receive a blessing from the priest.*

\*Communion Jesu, meine Freude Johann Walther  
\*Communion Hymn #701 Jesus, all my gladness Jesu, meine Freude

**Thanksgiving after Communion** *Please stand or kneel.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

### The Solemn Prayer

*During the season of Lent, in place of a blessing, a solemn Prayer over the People is used:*

*Celebrant* Look with compassion, O Lord, upon this thy people; that, rightly observing this holy season, they may learn to know you more fully, and to serve you with a more perfect will; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

\*Closing Hymn #441 In the Cross of Christ I glory Rathbun

### The Dismissal

*Clergy* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

*People* Thanks be to God.

*During the season of Lent, there is no postlude.*

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## Serving in God's House Today

**8 am**

Lector: Katie Reilly

L.E.M.: Mitch Hillard

Ushers: Bill Haberman

**10 am**

Lectors: Debbie Mello, Amy Cochran,

Beth Batastini

L.E.M.: Gail Orcheski

Ushers: John Jaqueth and Randall Kurie

Crucifer: Brad Hodgins

## Joining us in worship & fellowship on March 30, 2025

8:00 am: 32

10:00 am: 101

## Christ Church Prayer List

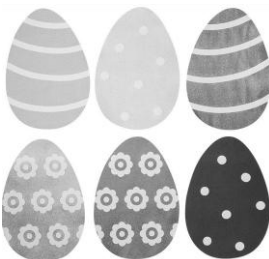
**For those who are ill:** Fred, Georgeann, Gizelle, Frank, Emily, Bill, Kevin, Lauren, Tricia, Kathy, Chris, Patrick, Marie,Carolynne, Ryan, Lorraine, Patricia, Francis, Rick Jr., Kelly, Antonia, Albie, Daryl, Diana, Joyce, Linda, Andrew, Carol, Maureen, Carole, Walter, Arthur, Katy, Joyce, Marcianti, Mark, Pat, Elaine, Colleen, Joe, Tracy, Michelle, Maureen, Ruth, Jackie, Jane and Michael

**For those serving in the armed forces:** Parker, Dean, Michael, Angel and Nicholas.

**We rejoice with...** Joanne Horr, Charles Wortmann, Jim Osborne, Cindy Heismeyer, Mason Compton, Jessica Scott, Jaqueline Hoffman, Susan Mittelstadt, Talia Smith and all who are celebrating their birthdays this week. Also with Eric & Catherine Fohl on their anniversary.

*Please contact Karrie Miller in the church office to have names added or removed from our prayer list.*

## Announcements & Events



### **Easter Egg Stuffing – TODAY after the 10 am service**

We will be stuffing eggs after the 10 am service today in preparation for our Egg Hunt on Easter morning. There will be a table set up in Holley Hall if you would like to join.

If you would like to help with this year's event, please speak with Jenny Streeter.

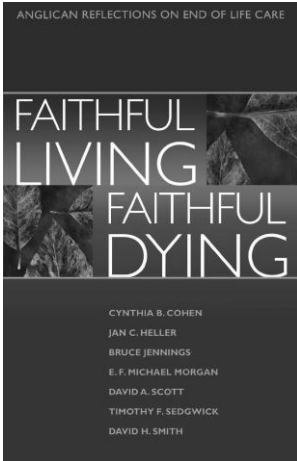


## Holy Week 2025 at Christ Church

*Join us throughout this most sacred week as we mark the story of Christ's death and resurrection.*

- Sunday, April 13** **8 am & 10 am**  
**Palm Sunday: The Sunday of the Passion** **Holy Eucharist w/ Procession**  
*We will gather at 9:45 am in the Newton Town Square for our opening procession*
- Monday, April 14** **7 pm: Evening Prayer**  
**Tuesday, April 15** **7 pm: Sung Tenebrae Service**  
**Wednesday, April 16** **7 pm: Evening Prayer**
- Thursday, April 17** **7 pm**  
**Maundy Thursday** **Holy Eucharist & The Stripping of the Altar**  
*Our night-long Watch begins immediately following the service.*
- Friday, April 18** **8 am: Mass of the Presanctified**  
**Good Friday** **4 pm: Holy Week Family Service**  
*This new, 45-minute offering is geared especially for families and young children.*  
*We'll begin in the sanctuary and walk to different stations to learn the story of Holy Week.*  
**7 pm: Good Friday Liturgy**
- Saturday, April 19** **8 am: Holy Saturday Liturgy**  
**Holy Saturday** **7 pm: The Great Vigil of Easter**  
*Festive Greek Dinner immediately following in Holley Hall*
- Sunday, April 20** **8 am & 10 am**  
**The Sunday of the Resurrection** **Holy Eucharist**

*Easter Egg Hunt immediately following the 10 am service*



**2025 Lenten Series**  
**Wednesday Evenings from 7-8 pm**  
**Concludes this Wednesday, April 9**

Sociologists point out that we are culturally both “death obsessed” and “death avoidant”. Our faith in Christ invites us not to avoid conversations and reflections on our mortality, yet we often put off end of life decisions.

**April 9: The Rev. Chris Streeter – Planning a Funeral Service at Christ Church.** *Join Father Chris this week to learn about funeral liturgies in this community and how we look to celebrate life through an Easter liturgy.*

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