



Sunday. Every Day.

Christ Church Episcopal

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

Saint Joseph

March 19

· Wednesday, March 18, 2026 · · Chapel · 5:30 p.m. ·

Prelude

Opening Hymn

A Penitential Order: Rite Two Page 351, *The Book of Common Prayer*

Confession Page 352, *The Book of Common Prayer*

Kyrie Page 356, *The Book of Common Prayer*

The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who from the family of your servant David raised up Joseph to be the guardian of your incarnate Son and the spouse of his virgin mother: Give us grace to imitate his uprightness of life and his obedience to your commands; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Gospel

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 2:41-52

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

Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

Reflection *The Reverend Eric Kahl*

You may kneel or sit.

The Prayers of the People Form V, Page 389, *The Book of Common Prayer*

Candle Lighting

*We continue our prayers through the lighting of votive candles as a symbol of our love and concern for others.
You are welcome to light a single candle as a symbol of your prayers.*

Please stand.

The Peace Page 360, *The Book of Common Prayer*

Please be seated.

Announcements

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

Please stand.

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Page 364, *The Book of Common Prayer*

The Breaking of the Bread

Page 364, *The Book of Common Prayer*

Please be seated.

Distribution of Communion

Please join us at God's table.

All people, including children, are invited to receive Communion. Gluten-free wafers are also available. If you would prefer not to take Communion but would like a blessing, please fold your arms across your chest.

Communion Music

You may kneel or sit.

Postcommunion Prayer

Page 365, *The Book of Common Prayer*

The Blessing

Please stand.

Final Hymn

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

JOSEPH

GUARDIAN OF OUR LORD (19 MAR NT)

All that we know of Joseph we learn from the first two chapters of Matthew and of Luke. Otherwise he is mentioned only in passing in Luke 3:23; John 1:45; John 6:42 as the supposed father of Jesus. (Mark does not mention him at all.)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Stations of the Cross

Main Sanctuary

Every Friday during Lent, the Sanctuary will be open for self-guided walks through the Stations of the Cross.

Christ Centered Advance Care Planning

March 19 | 6:30 pm

This workshop and ongoing ministry is focused on ensuring that the uncertainties that occur in the lives of many people at the time of their passing do not have to occur in your life. It is about learning what those uncertainties include, dealing with them proactively, and communicating your decisions and wishes to your loved ones. Participants receive an advance planning notebook and are paired with a mentor who can help with the process. Register at ccpvb.org.

Reconciliation (Confession) – Holy Week

The Cooper Chapel | March 30 to April 2 | 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Christ Church's Clergy will be available to hear individual confessions from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., in private, 20-minute sessions. If you would like to participate, you may book a session anonymously by marking an X on an available spot in the sign-up sheet located in the back of the chapel.

Please sign up before 5:00 p.m. on Palm Sunday, March 29.

Scan here for the **Holy Week and Easter Services** schedule:



The Very Rev. Ian Markham will visit Christ Church on April 12 to preach during services and teach during Formation Hour. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity!

Nehemiah Assembly

April 13 | 6:45 – 8:00pm | Abyssinia Missionary Baptist Church

Join this important meeting with leaders from around our city to discuss affordable housing, hunger issues, and more. Buses will be provided from Christ Church along with a pizza dinner beforehand! Register online at ccpvb.org.

Oyster Roast - May 1

Save the date! Our annual Christ Church and Community Oyster Roast will be held on Friday, May 1st from 6-9pm. If you would like to be a part of the planning committee, please join us at our meeting on Thursday, March 19th at 1 pm in room F106 or contact Stephanie Murray, smurray@ccpvb.org, for more information.



For a complete list of events, ministry activities, and more please visit our website.