



Christ Episcopal Church

Roxbury, Connecticut

The First Sunday in Lent
The Holy Baptism of
Breah Cyr Krizan, Ryah May Fortin, Vincent Donald Fortin and
Kay Cyr Krizan

February 22, 2026, 9:30AM

Ringing of the Bells

At ten minutes before the hour, the altar candles are lit, inviting all into a time of preparation for our worship. Please silence electronic devices.

Prelude The *Passacaille* from Suite No. 7 in G minor [HWV 432] of George Frederick Handel

Welcome

The Rev. Jack Gilpin

THE WORD OF GOD

Processional Hymn *Forty Days and Forty Nights*

Hymn 150 vv. 1-3

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen**

The Celebrant then continues

There is one Body and One Spirit

People **There is one hope in God's call to us.**

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism

People **One God and Father of all.**

TRISAGION

FROM MASS FOR CHRIST CHURCH IN G MINOR
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INTRODUCTION REPEAT 3 TIMES

Ho-ly ho-ly ho-ly God. Ho-ly and Migh-ty.

7 Ho-ly and i-mor-tal one have mer-cy up-on us. on-us

1. + 2. 3.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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 Lessons

A Reading from Genesis (2:15-17; 3:1-7)

Read by Meg Mongin

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; 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 die."

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." 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. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 32

Led by Meg Mongin

- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *
and whose sin is put away!
- 2 Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, *
and in whose spirit there is no guile!
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *
because of my groaning all day long.
- 4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *
and did not conceal my guilt.
- 6 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." *
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; *
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
- 8 You are my hiding-place;
you preserve me from trouble; *
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
- 9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; *
I will guide you with my eye.
- 10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; *
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you."
- 11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.
- 12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; *
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans (5:(12-19)

Read by Meg Mongin

As sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned-- sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn *Now Let Us All with One Accord*

Hymn 147 vv. 1-3

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew (4:1-11)

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

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written,

 'One does not live by bread alone,
 but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

 'He will command his angels concerning you,'
 and 'On their hands they will bear you up,
 so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'

Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.’”

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

The Gospel of the Lord

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

The Sermon

The Rev. Jack Gilpin

Baptismal Hymn *We Know the Christ is Raised and Dies no More*

Hymn 296

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

The Celebrant says

The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Sponsors

I present Breah Cyr Krizan to receive the Sacrament of Baptism, *Christopher Gesualdi, Sponsor.*

I present Ryah May Fortin to receive the Sacrament of Baptism, *Joan Farrington, Sponsor.*

I present Vincent Donald Fortin to receive the Sacrament of Baptism, *Kurtis Krizan, Sponsor*

Celebrant Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidates We do.

Parents and Godparents

We present Kay Cyr Krizan to receive the Sacrament of Baptism. *Breah and Kurtis Krizan, Parents and Ryah and Vincent Fortin, Godparents,*

Celebrant Will you be responsible for seeing that the child that you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents We will with God’s help.

Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow in the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents We will, with God's help.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the candidates who can speak for themselves, and of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infant.

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

After all have been presented the Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

Celebrant Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Matthew in his life in Christ?

People We will.

The Celebrant then says

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers for the Candidates

Please stand or kneel as able

The Celebrant then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

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

People **Lord hear our prayer.**

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People **Lord hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord hear our prayer.**

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever.

Amen.

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Baptism

Each candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, who then immerses, or pours water upon, the candidate, saying

Breah Cyr, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Ryah May, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Vincent Donald, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Kaye Cyr, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

When this action has been completed, the Bishop or Priest, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over them, saying

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants Breah, Ryah, Vincent and Kaye the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them inquiring and discerning hearts, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Then the Bishop or Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross using Chrism and saying to them

Breah Cyr, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

Ryah May, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

Vincent Donald, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.

Amen.

Kaye Cyr, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

A candle, lit from the Paschal Candle, is presented to the newly baptized with these words

Receive the light of Christ, a sign of the new life enkindled within you. **Amen.**

The Celebrant then says

Let us welcome our newly baptized sisters and brother in Christ!

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

The Peace

Please stand as able. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

Announcements *(Also see page of the service leaflet.)*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Hymn *Praise the Lord, Rise up Rejoicing*

Hymn 334 (vv. as necessary)

During the offertory anthem, the ushers will collect your gifts and bring them before God's Holy Table

The Celebrant receives the gifts and all sing

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INTRODUCTION

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow.

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Praise him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove ye heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther,

14
Son, and Ho ly Ghost. A - - men.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

People And also 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 him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are; yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and people sing together

The Sanctus

SANCTUS
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INTRODUCTION

Ho - ly - Ho - ly Ho - ly Lord, God of po-w-er and
mi - ght. Hea-ven and earth are fill-led with your glory Ho - sa - a - na - h. in the High - est! Bles-sed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - sa - nah i - n th - e High - est! Ho - sa - a - na - ah in the High - est!

*The people stand or kneel.
Then the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

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

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: 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 for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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 for ever. *Amen.*

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

People and Celebrant

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 Breaking of the Bread

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

Then may be sung

Agnus Dei

AGNUS DEI

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Je-sus, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world have mer - cy
 on us. Je-sus, Lamb of God - , you take a-way the sin of the world have mer - cy on us.
 Je-sus, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world. Grant, us, peace.

*Please come forward to receive communion either standing or kneeling along the altar rail.
 Gluten free wafers are also available.
 If you do not wish to receive, you are invited to come forward for a blessing.
 Healing prayer is offered in the back of the church.*

Communion Meditation *Notturmo* from the *Six Lyric Pieces* [Opus 54, No. 4] of Edvard Grieg

The Celebrant says
 Let us pray together.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing *The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, may bless the people.*

Recessional Hymn *A Mighty Fortress is our God*

Hymn 688

The people are sent with these words
 Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude The *Sarabande* from the Harpsichord Suite in D Minor [HWV 427] of George Frederick Handel

Ringing of the Bells

We remember especially those for whom prayers have been requested: Annie, Bobby, Charlie, Chris, David, Deb, Deke, Denise, Diane, Drew, Ed, Freddy, Genesis, James and Robert, Jamie, Jane, Jean, Jeanne, Jeffrey, Jerry, Jim, Joan, John, John and Pam, Judy and Mike, Judith, Kathy, Lance, Lily, Linda, Lisbet, Margo, Meg, Mia, Mike, Peter, Ryan, Sheila, Steve, Sydney, Timothy, and those we name before you aloud and in our hearts

The flowers are given today by Kathy Krizan

Thank you to our ministers today.

The Rev. Jack Gilpin, Celebrant

Music Minister: Mr. Gregory J. Cava

Eucharistic Minister: Judy Martinez

Lector: Meg Mongin

Welcoming: Linda West

Altar Guild chair: Deb Howes

Sonneur: Larry Apolzon Allumeur: Mike Snowden

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Announcements

All are invited to **Coffee Hour** in the parish hall following the service

Healing prayer will be offered on Sundays in the back of the church, or speak with our healing minister, Judy Martinez.

Vestry Meeting, Tuesday, February 24th at 4:30 PM in person and via ZOOM

Compline and Healing Prayer at Bernhardt Meadow, Wednesday, February 25th at 4:00 PM.

All are Welcome!

To all who set up, decorated, made apple crisp, mixed, flipped, cooked, served and cleaned up-
A BIG Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper Thank You!



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