

**St. Christopher by the Sea**  
**Gibson Island**  
 March 22, 2026  
 The Fifth Sunday in Lent  
**Morning Prayer**

**Ministry of the Word**

Prelude: <i>Psalm Prelude (Ps. 37, v11)</i> — Herbert Howells	
Processional Hymn 142, <i>Lord, who throughout these forty days</i>	
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Psalm 130	Insert
Gloria Patri	BCP page 46
First Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14	Insert
Hymn 516, <i>Come down, O Love divine</i>	
Gospel Reading: John 11:1-45	Insert
Sermon	The Rev. Alan Mead
Apostles' Creed	BCP page 53

**Ministry of Prayer**

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Collect of the Day	Insert
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Prayer for mission	BCP page 58
Passing of the Peace and Announcements	
Offertory Sentence	
Offertory Collection & Hymn 380 v 4	
<i>Praise God from whom all blessings flow;</i>	
<i>Praise him all creatures here below;</i>	
<i>Praise him above ye heavenly host;</i>	
<i>Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.</i>	

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**Dismissal**

Officiant	Let us bless the Lord.
People	<i>Thanks be to God.</i>
Officiant	May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Recessional Hymn 411, *O bless the Lord, my soul*  
 Postlude: *Fugue in g (BWV 578)* — J. S. Bach

**Venite**

1. O come let us sing unto the LORD;\*  
 2. Let us come before his presence with **thanks** giving;\*  
 3. For the LORD is a **great** God;\*  
 4. In his hand are all the corners of the earth;\*

1. Let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our sal- vation.  
 2. and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.  
 3. and a great King a - bove all gods.  
 4. and the strength of the hills is **his** **al** so.

5. The sea is his and he made it.\*  
 6. O come let us worship and **fall** down,\*  
 7. For he is the Lord our God;\*  
 8. O worship the LORD in the beauty of ho - li - ness;\*  
 9. For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth;\*

5. and his hands pre - pared the **dry** land.  
 6. and kneel before the Lord our **Ma** ker.  
 7. and we are the people sheep of **his** hand.  
 8. let the whole earth stand in awe of him.  
 9. and with righteousness to peo - ples with his truth.  
 judge the world, and the

**FLOWERS** on the altar today are placed  
 by Luanne & Murrell Smith

In gratitude for all the beauty and grace of Spring.

*A special meeting of the congregation will be held on Sunday, March 22, 2026 at 11:00 am immediately following Sunday service. The purpose of the meeting is to vote on the Board of Trustees request to use Memorial and Endowment Funds for necessary work that needs to be completed on both the church and parish hall buildings.*