



THE HOLY EUCHARIST (RITE TWO)  
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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**Christ Church Episcopal**

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The Rev. Darwin L. Price

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**Our mission at Christ Church is to invite all people to celebrate with us in our worship and service of God, so that together we may make Christ's love known in our world.**

**Prelude**

*You Raise Me Up*

Rolf Lovland & Brendan Graham

**Processional**

*Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

#410 Hymnal 1982

*(All hymn verses are sung unless noted otherwise.)*

**THE WORD OF GOD**

*Celebrant* Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Hymn of Praise**

*When Morning Gilds the Skies vv. 1 and 5*

#427 Hymnal 1982

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| <p>1 When morning gilds the skies,<br/>my heart, awaking, cries,<br/>may Jesus Christ be praised!<br/>When evening shadows fall,<br/>this rings my curfew call,<br/>may Jesus Christ be praised!</p> | <p>5 Sing, suns and stars of space,<br/>sing, ye that see his face,<br/>sing, Jesus Christ be praised!<br/>God's whole creation o'er,<br/>both now and evermore<br/>shall Jesus Christ be praised.</p> |
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**The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The people sit*

## The Lessons

### A Reading from Exodus<sup>1</sup>

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 114 *In exitu Israel*

1 Hallelujah!

When Israel came out of Egypt, \*  
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

2 Judah became God's sanctuary \*  
and Israel his dominion.

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<sup>1</sup> Exodus 14:19-31

- 3 The sea beheld it and fled; \*  
Jordan turned and went back.
- 4 The mountains skipped like rams, \*  
and the little hills like young sheep.
- 5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? \*  
O Jordan, that you turned back?
- 6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams? \*  
you little hills like young sheep?
- 7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, \*  
at the presence of the God of Jacob,
- 8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water \*  
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

### **A Reading from the Epistle to the Romans<sup>2</sup>**

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,  
and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **The Gradual**

*O Bless the Lord, My Soul*

#411 Hymnal 1982

*All stand*

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<sup>2</sup> Romans 14:1-12

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to **Matthew**<sup>3</sup>  
**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **The Sermon**

The Rev. Donna Foughty

## **The Nicene Creed**

*Please stand as able.*

**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**

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<sup>3</sup> Matthew 18:21-35

**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** Form VI

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;  
**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world, especially President Joe Biden, Vice President Kamala Harris, and our Congress;  
**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;  
**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble, especially those affected by the devastation in Libya, Greece, Morocco, and our own Massachusetts and Rhode Island communities.  
**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; and Alan and **Carol** our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers;

for The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean; for the Parishes of the North Shore Deanery including Wyman Memorial Church of St. Andrew of Marblehead, St. Michael's Church of Marblehead, St. Mary's Church of Rockport, and congregational secretaries and administrators;  
**For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially healing for Mike Andolina, Doreen Arsenault, George Arsenault, the Axner family – Bob, Judy, and Chris, Betty

Hadfield, David Hardiman, Marsha, Pat Hart, Meredith Hatchard, Terry Hill, Bradley Jugler, Galen Kelly, Julie Kraft, Bob Lawton, Sam, Sheila Moss-White, Elizabeth Murray, Rick Strawn, Nancy Truesdale, Ellen Veinotte, Jeffrey Wade, Patti Watson, Deborah Williams, and Presiding Bishop Michael Curry.

*Silence*

*Please add your own petitions silently or aloud.*

Hear us, Lord;

**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, including those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week.

*Silence*

*Please add your own petitions silently or aloud.*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

*Please add your own petitions silently or aloud.*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**Who put their trust in you.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Leader and People*

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Priest stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

*Invitation for birthday and anniversary prayers.*

## **The Peace**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### **Choir Offertory**

*Just a Closer Walk With Thee*

Anonymous

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

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

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

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

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

*The people stand or kneel.*

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:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

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 forever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has 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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Everyone is welcome at the Lord's Table for communion; please follow the usher's directions.

***Please do not intinct. If you do not wish to sip from the chalice, ask the LEM for an individual cup.***

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The priest breaks the bread. Silence may be kept.*

[Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]**

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [**Amen.**]

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [**Amen.**]

## **Communion Hymn**

*Come Down, O Love Divine*

#516 Hymnal 1982

## **Post-Communion Prayer**

Let us pray.

**Almighty and ever living 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.**

## **Blessing**

## **Announcements**

## **Recessional**

*Go Down, Moses*

#228 Lift Every Voice and Sing

*Celebrant*      Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People*          **Thanks be to God.**

## **Departure Music**

*Postlude on "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"*

Charles Rénard

## Those serving in today's service

Mary Ellen Eichmann, reader; Jean Bertrand, greeter and usher  
Elizabeth Salomé and Deborah Aylesworth, Altar Guild Servers  
Karen Butler, Lay Eucharistic Minister; Betty Ann Waldo, coffee host  
Sidney Coursen, flower delivery

*For September 24:*

*Bill Lutz, reader; Sidney Coursen, greeter, Jean Bertrand, usher  
Elizabeth Salomé and Deborah Aylesworth, Altar Guild Servers  
Kam Anderson, Lay Eucharistic Minister; Meg Pappas, coffee host  
Mary Ellen Eichmann, flower delivery*

## To Our Visitors



We're delighted that you've joined us today in worship. Please join us right after the dismissal to enjoy a few refreshments and fellowship.

If you would like to learn more about our parish, please fill out one of the cards in the pews and put it in the offering plate or give it to the Rector or a greeter.

## News & Noteworthy

### **Bottoms Up!** Diapers and Wipes Donation Drive **ENDS TOMORROW, MONDAY**

In 2022, A Baby Center distributed more than 435,000 diapers and 62 million wipes to babies in need on the Cape and Islands. There is a pack-n-play set up in the Parish Hall. Please drop off whatever you can give. We are grateful for your generosity. --Dottie, Mary Ellen, Betty Ann, and Cathy Walsman

**Author Night!** On Friday, **September 22** at 7:00pm we will welcome best-selling author and WHDH-TV reporter Hank Phillippi Ryan to read from her most recent mystery novel, *The House Guest*. This parish- and community-wide event is open to all and is free.

### **Upcoming:**

- Blessing of the Animals (10/1)
- Natural Dye Workshop (10/4) – *Kam needs to know if you're coming – see 9/14 email*
- Being Safe Online Seminar (10/22)
- Parish Dinner (TBD)
- CPR Training (TBD; please sign up to indicate interest).

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**Noah's Ark Thrift Shop** -- We are accepting fall/winter clothing at this time. We need fiction books, bric-a-brac including kitchen items, gift items, odds and ends, plus jewelry, and linens, especially towels. Stop by, check us out, and please tell your friends about our shop -- ask if they would like to donate or volunteer!

**From Mother Donna**

Due to the uptick in COVID cases, this is a short review of current protocols. As with other things in the church it follows the adage "All may, some should, none must."

We will continue to have in-person services, but if you are uncomfortable being present, we are streaming the service. Please understand that we have no one to monitor the streaming so if we lose audio or video, we cannot fix it in real time.

Of course we want people to be present if possible, so please wear a mask and use hand sanitizer if you want to; masks will be available at the doors to the church. There is no requirement to wear a mask - it is personal preference.

We can spread out in the church, but this will not be mandated. If you want to sit further away from others, please spread out. We trust your personal comfort level about this.

Yes, we will have communion and will offer more of the individual cups until this latest uptick dies down.

While it is nice to shake hands during The Peace, that too is a personal preference. Sharing a peace sign or slight bow is fine.

If you test positive, please, call your doctor. There is good medication for this now. Please refrain from attending in person.

Most of us have had all our shots, and many of us are over 65, so we need to make the choices that we consider the most prudent at the time.

Finally, if you are not up to date on your vaccines, please do get them. The new COVID one should be out soon, if not already; the flu shot is available, and a shot for RSV will soon be available. No one likes shots, but we have been given the gift of helping to prevent the worst of these diseases. Let us love each other by protecting ourselves and others.

Please feel free to contact me with questions. Blessings. *-Mother Donna*