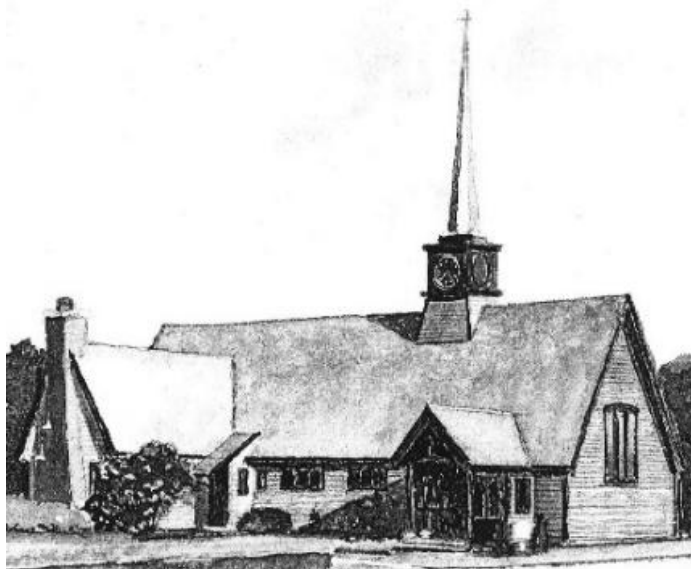




THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HOLY EUCHARIST

JULY 26, 2026, 9:00AM

Christ Church Episcopal

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Janet Cassidy, Jennifer Lutz, Meg Pappas, Cathy Walsman, Members

Sharing Christ's love in the world and creating a nurturing place for all.

*All spoken texts for this liturgy are contained within this printed Service Bulletin; people's parts are in **BOLD**.
Hymns are found in The Hymnal 1982 (blue, hardcover) or Wonder, Love, and Praise (green, softcover)
in the pew rack in front of you. Additional music will be included either printed in the Bulletin or on an Insert.
Service Music, designated by "S", is found in the front section of The Hymnal 1982.*

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Beginning on page 355 of The Book of Common Prayer (BCP)

Prelude	Reflection on 'Beautiful Savior	Franklin D. Ashdown
Hymnal 9	Not here for high and holy things	Tune: <i>Morning Song</i>

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

People: **And blessed be God's 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.**

Hymnal S-280	<i>Gloria in excelsis</i>	<i>Robert Powell</i>
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The Collect of the Day

Presider: May God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from Genesis (29:15-28)

Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?" Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me." So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her. Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed." So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have

you deceived me?" Laban said, "This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years." Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 105:1-11, 45b *Read responsively by whole verse*

1 Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; *

make known his deeds among the peoples.

**2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
and speak of all his marvelous works.**

3 Glory in his holy Name; *

let the hearts of those who seek
the Lord rejoice.

**4 Search for the Lord and his strength; *
continually seek his face.**

5 Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,

**6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
O children of Jacob his chosen.**

7 He is the Lord our God; *

his judgments prevail in all the world.

8 He has always been mindful of his covenant, *

**the promise he made for a thousand
generations:**

9 The covenant he made with Abraham, *
the oath that he swore to Isaac,

**10 Which he established as a statute for Jacob, *
an everlasting covenant for Israel,**

11 Saying, "To you will I give the land of Canaan *

to be your allotted inheritance."

45b Hallelujah!

A Reading from Romans (8:26-39)

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymnal 448

O love, how deep, how broad, how high

Tune: *Deus tuorum militum*

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew (13:31-33, 44-52)

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

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened." "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. "Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Homily

Rev. Sue Lederhouse

The Nicene Creed *all standing, as you are able*

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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 – Form IV

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The Leader and People pray responsively

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Anglican Church of Tanzania.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Churches of the Mt. Hope-Buzzards Bay Deanery Church of Our Saviour, Somerset; Christ Church, Swansea; Young Adults Ministry; Diocesan Youth Leadership Council; and Barbara C. Harris Camp & Conference Center.

We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. In our Parish Cycle of Prayer we pray for George Arsenault, Chris Axner, Deborah Aylesworth, Judy and Larry Ballantine, Julianne Bellows, Sam Bennett, Ennis Bragg, Ann Brown, The Carlin Family, F. T. Clark, Beau Coursen, Sidney Coursen,

Laura DeCaprio, Steve and Solange Foster, Wendy Fournier, Amelia Goodfield, Betty Hadfield, Nancy Hardiman, Pat Hart, Paul Horvath, Donna Jacobs, Randy Joiner, Bradley Jugler, Cindy Jugler, Pat MacKinnon, Paul Madonna, Stephen Mazzur, Marc Pleva, Ron Ruggiero, Amie Ryone, Kimberly Schoener, Stephen Shuart, Kathleen Vogt, Dianne Wade, and Debby Waugh; and for those we name now, either aloud or in the quiet of our hearts.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially Lyle Sullivan and Karen Ross, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds the concluding Collect.

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unit of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Confession and Absolution

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Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Presider pronounces the Absolution

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.**

The Peace

Presider: The peace of God be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Invitation for those celebrating a birthday or anniversary to come forward for a blessing.

Offertory

The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic “A”

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Presider: May God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Presider continues

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; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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:

Hymnal S-125

Sanctus

Richard Proulx

The Presider 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:

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 for ever. **Amen.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread and Invitation to Communion

Presider: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord. It has been made ready for those who love God and for those who hope to love God more. So come if you have been here often and come if you have not been here long. Come if you have followed and come if you have stumbled. Come because it is the Lord who invites you. It is Christ's will that those who seek him will meet him here at His table. These are the gifts of God for all the people of God.

Please follow the Usher's guidance to come forward and either kneel or stand at the altar rail, as you are able.

First, the priest will place the wafer/bread (gluten-free available) in your outstretched hand. The Eucharistic Minister will then offer you the cup (containing wine), from which you are invited to sip. If you prefer, you may carefully intinct (dip) the wafer in the cup. If you are unable or prefer not to receive from the cup, simply cross your arms over your chest and the Eucharistic Minister will say the words "The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation" in front of you. Please be assured that no matter how you receive – bread and wine, bread or wine only, or spiritually, you will receive the full grace of the Sacrament. If you prefer not to receive the Sacrament today, you are invited to come forward, cross your arms over your chest, and receive a Blessing in the name of the One God.

Hymnal 530

Spread, O spread, thou mighty word

Tune: *Gott sei Dank*

Post-communion Prayer *in unison*

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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

attributed to Henri Frederic Amiel (1821-1881)

Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who make the journey with us. So be swift to love and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be among you now and always. **Amen.**

Announcements

Hymnal 594

God of grace and God of glory

Tune: *Cwm Rhondda*

Presider: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

All Glory Be to God on High

J.C. Bach

Please be reminded that we greatly appreciate donations for our weekly
Altar flowers and sanctuary candles.
A \$50 donation provides one week's flowers and \$10 provides a sanctuary candle.
Any amount is helpful!

Thank you to those serving today

Janet Cassidy, lector/intercessor; Elaine Mason and Todd Woolley, greeter/ushers
Kam Anderson, Lay Eucharistic Minister
Mickey Kearns and Kam Anderson, coffee fellowship;
Deborah Aylesworth, flower delivery
Elizabeth Salomé, Deborah Aylesworth, Leslie Meier, Altar Guild servers

Those serving on August 2

TBD, lector/intercessor; TBD, greeter/usher;
TBD, Lay Eucharistic Minister;
Cathy Walsman and Mary Ann and Al Richards, coffee host(s)
Jean Bertrand, flower delivery
Elizabeth Salomé, Deborah Aylesworth, Leslie Meier, Altar Guild servers

News & Noteworthy

Dates of Note

- Tuesday, July 28, 4:15pm – 100th Anniversary Planning Committee
- Friday, August 14, 11:00am – Lobster Roll Lunch and Silent Auction begins
- Sunday, August 16, 10:30am – Vestry Meeting
- Saturday, August 29, 3:00pm – Silent Auction ends
- Sunday, August 30, 10:30am – Happy 100th Birthday Party (outside) – Cake and Ice Cream, Music and Silent Auction winning bids announced

Building Use – Outside Groups

- Saturdays, 7:30pm – AA meeting in Parish Hall
- Saturday, August 1, SHYC Parking - 11:00-4:00pm
- Saturday, August 1, Del Mar Turnover Trailer – 7:00-9:00am/3:30-5:00pm
- Saturday, August 1, SHYC Trailer Parking - 6:00-9:00pm
- Sunday, August 2, SHYC Overflow Parking - 8:00am-2:00pm

Ongoing

- Tuesdays, 12:00pm – Book Lovers' Gathering; the current book is "The Mysterious Case of Rudolph Diesel" by Douglas Brunt.

Office Hours

- Week of July 26 – Tuesday-Friday, 10:00–2:00pm

100th Anniversary

- 100 Acts – Please continue to note your acts of kindness on a tag and hang them on the branches of our "tree." Our goal is 100 acts of kindness. Examples: cooked a meal for someone that was ill, gave a violin to a promising student, pastoral visit with flowers, helped a woman at Stop 'n Shop who called out for help from the motorized cart. Her wallet had fallen to floor and she couldn't reach it, neighbor's groceries- a surprise.

Noah's Ark Thrift Shop

- We have one day open in need of two volunteers for Saturday, August 29. Please email Lisa DeLong at lisadelong193@gmail.com to sign up!
- **Treasurer Needed:** Julie Kraft has been the Noah's Ark Thrift Shop Treasurer for the last few years and she has done a terrific job! She feels it is time for her to retire so we need a replacement (although no one can really replace Julie!). The job doesn't take much of your time. It requires picking up the money that is collected when the shop is open and deposit it into our account at TD Bank in Harwich Port. This DOES NOT have to be done every week - it will be at the discretion of the Treasurer. The other job is sending in tax money into the State and believe it is quarterly and Julie assures us that is a very easy task! Also you will need to keep track of deposits and expenses (only purchases we have are Rada Knives, magic cloths and pricing tags and stickers). We are in the process of getting a debit card that Sheri will keep and place orders for us when we request her to do so. Julie will be available for training and answering questions as they come up. Please consider helping out in this capacity or if you know someone who would be willing to take over this position, please let either of the following people know:

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