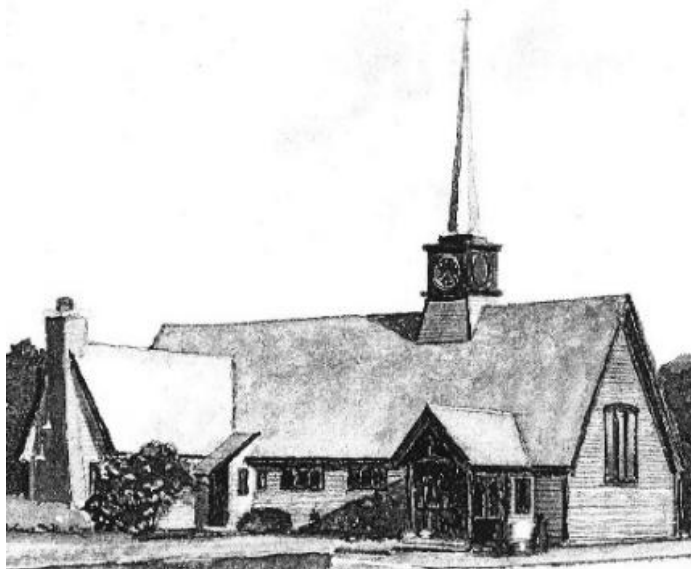




THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HOLY EUCHARIST

AUGUST 2, 2026, 9:00AM

Christ Church Episcopal

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The Rev. Dr. Libby Catania, Celebrant

Maggie Ribb, Minister of Music & Becket Senchur, Guest Organist

Todd Woolley, Sexton

Sheri Peterson, Parish Administrator

Vestry

Sandy Allard, Mary Ellen Eichmann, Wardens; Lisa DeLong, Treasurer; Elaine Mason, Clerk
Janet Cassidy, Jennifer Lutz, Meg Pappas, Cathy Walsman, Members

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

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 17:1-7, 16 *Read responsively by whole verse*

1 Hear my plea of innocence, O Lord;
give heed to my cry; * listen to my prayer,
which does not come from lying lips.

**2 Let my vindication come forth from your
presence; * let your eyes be fixed on justice.**

3 Weigh my heart, summon me by night, *
melt me down; you will find no impurity in
me.

**4 I give no offense with my mouth as others
do; * I have heeded the words of your lips.**

5 My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your
law; * in your paths my feet shall not stumble.

**6 I call upon you, O God, for you will answer
me; * incline your ear to me and hear my
words.**

7 Show me your marvelous loving-kindness, *
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right
hand from those who rise up against them.

**16 But at my vindication I shall see your face;
* when I awake, I shall be satisfied,
beholding your likeness.**

A Reading from Romans (9:1-5)

I am speaking the truth in Christ-- I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit-- I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. **Amen.**

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymnal 309

O Food to pilgrims given

O Welt, ich muss dich lassen

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew (14:13-21)

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

Jesus withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Homily

The Rev. Dr. Libby Catania

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 Church of the Province of Uganda.

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 Mystic Valley Deanery: St. Luke's Church/Iglesia de San Lucas, Chelsea; Grace Church Federated, East Boston; South Sudanese Congregation; Hispanic Ministry Committee; and Creation Care Justice Network.

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, Sam Bennett, Ennis Bragg, Ann Brown, The Carlin Family, F. T. Clark, Beau Coursen, Sidney Coursen, Laura DeCaprio, Steve and Solange Foster, Amelia Goodfield, Betty Hadfield, Nancy Hardiman, Pat Hart, Paul Horvath, Randy Joiner, Bradley Jugler, Cindy Jugler, Pat MacKinnon, Paul Madonna, Stephen Mazzur, Marc Pleva, Ron Ruggiero, Amie Ryone, 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 Wendy Fournier and Abbie Horan, 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.**

Renewal of Vows

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

Offertory

Simple Gifts (Organ Improvisation)

Becket Senchur

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 318

Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face

Nyack

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.

Loving God, we thank you for your infinite care during our 100 years as Christ Church. May we continue to be guided by your presence to proclaim your love to the world, both near and far. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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 657

Love divine, all loves excelling

Hyfrydol

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Postlude in E-flat

Frederick Derry

We are delighted to welcome Becket Senchur back as our guest organist
for this week and next, while Maggie is on vacation.

Thank you for your musical gifts, Becket!

*The flowers that beautify our altar today were given
in honor and celebration of Marilyn and Michael Connelly's 50th Wedding Anniversary
and
in memory of Alice Gray Kales, William Robert Kales, Sophie Luebbe Huettig,
Hugo Gustav Huettig, Ellen Kales Huettig, and Hugo Gustav Huettig, Jr.
by their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.*

Thank you to those serving today

Kam Anderson, lector/intercessor; Sandy Allard & Meg Pappas, greeter/usher;
Bob Lawton, 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

Those serving on August 9

Lisa DeLong, lector/intercessor; Sandy Allard & Meg Pappas, greeter/usher;
Kam Anderson, Lay Eucharistic Minister;
Betty Ann Waldo & Marilyn Connelly, coffee host(s)
Mary Ellen Eichmann, flower delivery
Elizabeth Salomé, Deborah Aylesworth, Leslie Meier, Altar Guild servers

News & Noteworthy

Dates of Note

- Tuesday, August 11, 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
- Tuesday, August 25, 4:15pm – 100th Anniversary Planning Committee
- 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 8, SHYC Parking - 11:00-4:00pm
- Saturday, August 8, Del Mar Turnover Trailer – 7:00-9:00am/3:30-5:00pm

Ongoing

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

Office Hours

- Week of August 2 – Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday, 10:00am – 2:00pm
Thursday 9:00am-12:30pm

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 are having a great summer in the shop! Spring and Summer clothing are flying out the door! As the summer goes on, are you finding you have some clothing you haven't worn and no longer need? Please consider donating these items to the shop please! Of course, other donations are also happily received as well!
- **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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