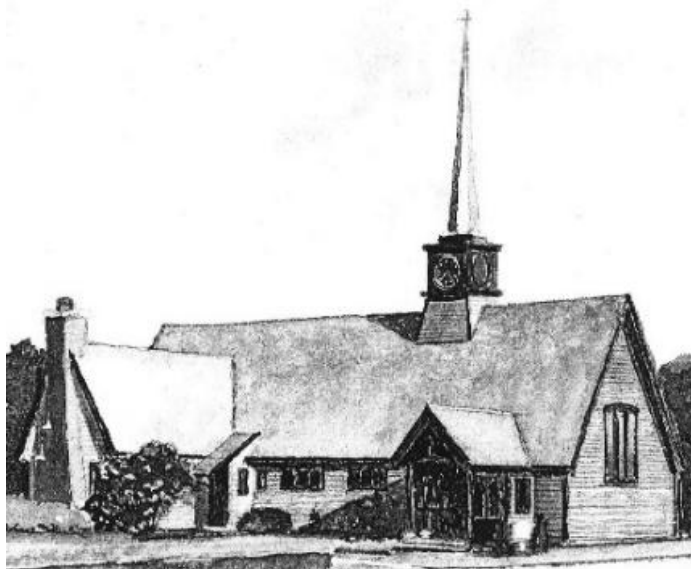




THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HOLY EUCHARIST

AUGUST 30, 2026, 9:00AM

Christ Church Episcopal

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Janet Cassidy, Jennifer Lutz, Deb Schwabe, 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 Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service Charles Callahan

Hymnal 48 O day of radiant gladness *Tune: Es flog ein kleins Waldvoegelein*

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 *Gloria in excelsis* *Robert Powell*

The Collect of the Day

Presider: May God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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 Exodus (3:1-15)

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt."

But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I am who I am." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I am has sent me to you.'"

God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c *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.

23 Israel came into Egypt, * and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.

24 The Lord made his people exceedingly fruitful; * he made them stronger than their enemies;

25 Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people, * and dealt unjustly with his servants.

26 He sent Moses his servant, * and Aaron whom he had chosen.

45 Hallelujah!

A Reading from Romans (12:9-21)

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. **Amen.**

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymnal 675

Take up your cross, the Savior said

Tune: Bourbon

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew (16:21-28)

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

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Homily

The Rev. Dr. Libby Catania, Celebrant

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

BCP p. 358

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

BCP p. 388

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 in the Province of the West Indies.

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 Neponset River Deanery: Trinity Church, Canton; Church of the Good Shepherd, Dedham; St. Paul's Church, Dedham; Parish of All Saints, Dorchester (Boston); Epiphany Church, Walpole; and Emmanuel Church, West Roxbury (Boston).

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, Sam Bennett, Ennis Bragg, Ann Brown, Dianne Cameron, The Carlin Family, F. T. Clark, Sam Cohen, Beau Coursen, Sidney Coursen, Drew Eichmann, Steve and Solange Foster, Danita Gregory, Betty Hadfield, Nancy Hardiman, Pat Hart, Paul Horvath, Randy Joiner, Bradley Jugler, Cindy Jugler, Pat MacKinnon, George MacMasters, Paul Madonna, Stephen Mazzur, Nancy McDonald, Ron Ruggiero, Amie Ryone, Stephen Shuart, Graham Smith, Kathleen Vogt, Dianne Wade, Debby Waugh and Nancy Wilson; 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 Bette Comet and Judy Ballantine, 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

Hymnal 380, vs. 3

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow

Tune: Old 100th

The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer “A”

BCP p. 361

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 684

O for a closer walk with God

Tune: Caithness

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 455

O Love of God, how strong and true

Tune: Dunedin

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

'Choral Song' from Church Voluntaries

Samuel Wesley

*The flowers that beautify our altar today were given in loving memory of
Tom Lutz and Jeffrey Koch by Jennifer & Bill Lutz*

Thank you to those serving today

Brad Goodwin, lector/intercessor; Elaine Mason & Todd Wooley, greeter/usher;
Bill Walsman, Lay Eucharistic Minister;
All - coffee host(s) for Birthday Party with Cake & Ice Cream
Jean Bertrand, flower delivery
Elizabeth Salomé, Deborah Aylesworth, Leslie Meier, Altar Guild servers

Those serving on September 6

Bill Lutz, lector/intercessor; Sandy Allard & Meg Pappas, greeter/usher;
Bob Lawton, Lay Eucharistic Minister;
TBD - coffee host(s)
Mary Ellen Eichmann, flower delivery
Elizabeth Salomé, Deborah Aylesworth, Leslie Meier, Altar Guild servers

News & Noteworthy

Dates of Note

- Sunday, August 30, 10:30am – Happy 100th Birthday Party (outside) – Cake and Ice Cream, Music and Silent Auction winning bids announced
- Tuesday, September 8, 4:15pm – 100th Anniversary Planning Committee
- Thursday, September 10, 5:00pm - Choir rehearsal with Pot Luck Supper
- Sunday, September 13, 1:00pm – Stained Glass Presentation by Charles J. Connick Associates
- Tuesday, September 15, 9:30am – Pastoral Care Meeting
- Sunday, September 20, 10:30am – Vestry Meeting

Building Use – Outside Groups

- Saturdays, 7:30pm – AA meeting in Parish Hall
- Saturday, September 5, Del Mar Turnover Trailer – 7:00-9:00am/3:30-5:00pm

Outreach

- The Family Pantry is still accepting donations of personal care toiletries. Please contact Cathy Walsman with any questions.

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 30 – Tuesday-Friday, 10:00am – 2:00pm

100th Anniversary

- Time Capsule - We are still collecting items for the Time Capsule – please place any items in basket on Centennial table in Parish Hall. Additionally, if you have any “Future Predictions” to add, please put those in the basket as well. The Time Capsule will be opened in 2051!
- 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

- Our 1/2 price sale continues on summer clothing, shoes, and hats – stop by & tell your friends!
- We can still use pennies if anyone has any they would like to donate!