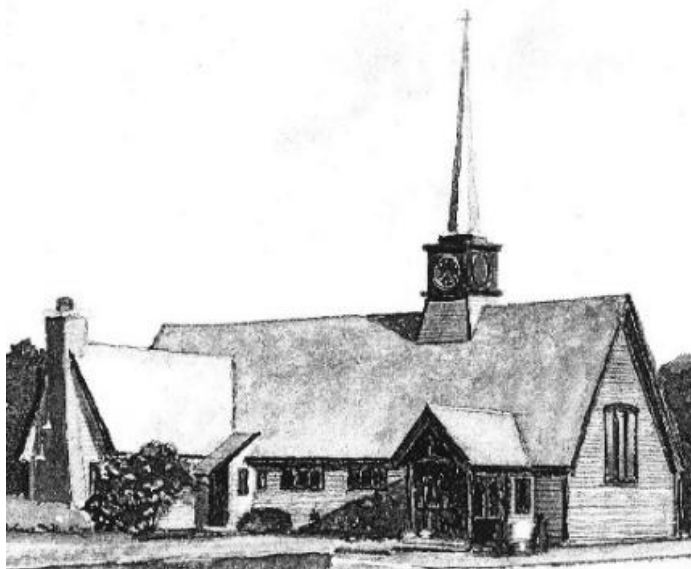




THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HOLY EUCHARIST

OCTOBER 4, 2026, 9:00AM

SEASON OF CREATION (SEPTEMBER 1 – OCTOBER 4)

Christ Church Episcopal

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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 Voluntary on 'Roeder' Franklin D. Ashdown

Hymnal 405 All things bright and beautiful Tune: *Royal Oak*

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-236 *Benedictus es, Domine* John Rutter

Collect for the Day

Presider: May God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from Exodus (20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20)

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die." Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 19 read responsively by whole verse

1 The heavens declare the glory of God, * and the firmament shows his handiwork.

2 One day tells its tale to another, * and one night imparts knowledge to another.

3 Although they have no words or language, * and their voices are not heard,

4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, * and their message to the ends of the world.

5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; * it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; * nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

7 The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; * the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

8 The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; * the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.

9 The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; * the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

**10 More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, * sweeter far than
honey, than honey in the comb.**

11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.

**12 Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.**

13 Above all, keep your servant from
presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion
over me; * then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.

**14 Let the words of my mouth and the
meditation of my heart be acceptable in your
sight, * O Lord, my strength and my
redeemer.**

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians (3:4b-14)

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymnal 593

Lord, make us servants of your peace

Tune: *Dickinson College*

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (21:33-46)

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

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the

vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:

'The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;

this was the Lord's doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes'?

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Homily

The Rev. Sue Lederhouse

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.

Intercessor and People pray responsively

Eternal God: We thank you for the beauty of the World: for the teeming life of the seas, the flight of birds, and the diversity of animal life. Grant us grace to treat Creation with respect and care; to protect endangered species, to preserve the variety of habitats, and to honor the delicate balance of nature. We give thanks for all those celebrating birthdays.

Intercessor: God of life:

People: **hear our prayer.**

We thank you for the wealth of blessings from land and sea; for the power of wind, and the warmth of sun. We pray for the nations of the earth, give us the will to cherish this planet and to use its resources sustainably for the welfare of all.

Intercessor: God of justice:

People: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the faithful witness of the Church, called to reconcile and heal: For this parish and the clergy who serve here: Sue, our priest; Julia, Ian, and Mary our bishops; and Sean, our Presiding Bishop. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Churches of the North Shore Deanery: St. Michael's Church, Marblehead; St. Mary's Church, Rockport; Grace Church, Salem; St. Peter' Church/Iglesia de San Pedro, Salem; Congregations: Secretaries and Administrators. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil.

Intercessor: God of grace:

People: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the human family. We exult in our diversity and giftedness, we repent of our sins, divisions and violence. By the power of your Spirit, restore your image within us. As every human being is known and loved by you, may we care for one another with love and respect. We pray for those you have commended to our care, especially George Arsenault, Chris Axner, Deborah Aylesworth, Sam Bennett, Ennis Bragg, Ann Brown, The Carlin Family, F. T. Clark, Julie Conde, Beau Coursen, Sidney Coursen, Drew Eichmann, Danita Gregory, Betty Hadfield, David Hardiman, 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, Dave Truesdale, Dianne Wade, Mary Wilson; and for those we name now, either aloud or in the quiet of our hearts.

Intercessor: God of compassion:

People: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have died, including John Berube, whom we entrust to your eternal love; may we support and comfort those who mourn.

Intercessor: God of peace:
People: **hear our prayer.**

The Presider adds the Concluding Collect

Gracious God: Grant that your people may have in them the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, and guide us into harmony of relationship through loving-kindness and the wise use of all that you have given; for you are drawing all things into communion with you and with each other by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin and Absolution

source: *Season of Creation*

Presider: Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence

Merciful and sustaining God, we have sinned against you. We confess our lack of gratitude for the beauty and bounty of your creation: teach us to see that your earth sustains us and all that lives. We confess that we have misused your earth: grant us amendment of life. We confess that we have been intemperate in our appetites: strengthen us in self-control. We confess that we have taken the abundance of your world for granted: make us urgent now for its protection. Forgive and renew us now through our Savior Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit, with whom you live and reign, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Presider pronounces the Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of 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 Anthem God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale Carl Shalk

Hymnal 705 As those of old their first fruits brought vv. 1 & 3 Tune: *Forest Green*

The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer “C” BCP p. 369

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.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Hymnal S-129

Sanctus

Robert Powell

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord. On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of Sarah, Rebecca, Leah, and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

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.

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 416

For the beauty of the earth

Tune: *Lucerna Laudoniae*

Post-communion Prayer *in unison*

Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. 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

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Announcements

Hymnal 412

Earth and all stars

Tune: *Earth and All Stars*

Dismissal

Presider: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Recessional on 'Royal Oak'

Keith Kolander

*The flowers that beautify our altar today were given
in memory of Jim Strohe, by Janet Cassidy
and
in memory of Paul Marcy, by Kam Anderson*

Those serving Today

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

Thank you to those serving on October 11

Janet Cassidy, lector/intercessor; Meg Pappas & Sandy Allard, greeter/usher;
Bob Lawton, Lay Eucharistic Minister; Meg Pappas & Deb Schwabe - coffee host(s);
Cathy Walsman, flower delivery;
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News & Noteworthy

Dates of Note

- Sunday, October 4, 10:15am - Immunization Clinic for flu and COVID vaccines.
- Sunday, October 18, 10:30am – Vestry Meeting
- Sunday, October 18, 10:30 am – Worship Committee Meeting
- Tuesday, October 20, 9:30am – Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
- Sunday, November 8, 11:30am – SHINE Presentation on Medicare Changes

Ongoing

- Tuesdays, 12:00pm – Book Lovers' Gathering. Our new read will be "Isola" by Allegra Goodman. Please come and enjoy a shared read with us.
- Thursdays, 5:00pm - Choir Rehearsal

Office Hours

Week of October 4th:

- Parish Administrator – Tuesday-Friday, 10:00am – 2:00pm
- The Rev. Sue Lederhouse - Friday - 9:30-11:00am - Other times by appointment.

100th Anniversary

- Time Capsule - You'll see that the beautiful Time Capsule box [thanks, Todd] is on the Centennial Corner table. Please write a note to future Christ Church members, to tell them why you like it here. What is your hope for them? The box is scheduled to be opened in 25 years. The exact date of closing the box and locking it away has not yet been established. But think sooner, rather than later!
- 100 Acts – You are kind! Please fill out one of tags and place on the "tree." These small tags will be placed in our Time Capsule.

Building Use – Outside Groups

- Saturdays, 7:30pm – AA meeting in Parish Hall

Outreach

- The Family Pantry is still in need of personal care toiletries for adults.

Noah's Ark Thrift Shop

- As the cooler weather arrives and you are getting out those warmer clothes, please think of Noah's Ark Thrift Shop to donate any items you don't want or need anymore! Please let your friends and neighbors know we are looking for their donations! We also take household, books, linens, framed prints, and more. Donations are gratefully received on Tuesdays 9 to 11:30am or when shop is open, Friday and Saturday 11am to 3pm.

2026 Pledge Status Update

- Please check for your personalized year-to-date pledge statement on the table in the Parish Hall.