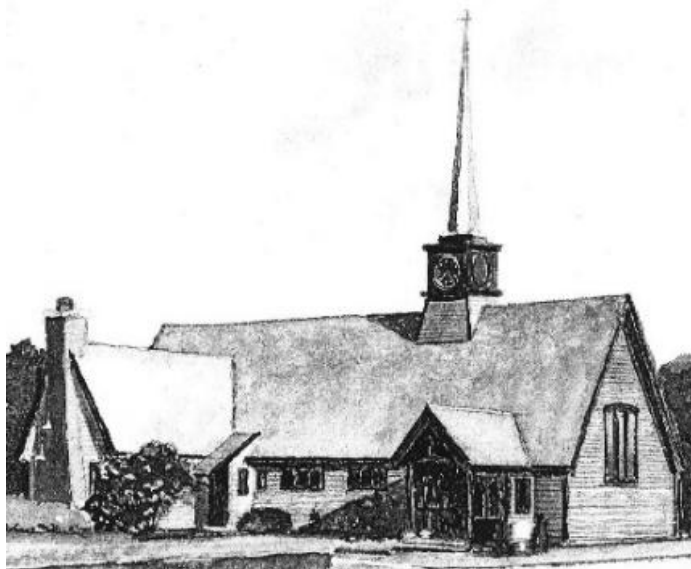




THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HOLY EUCHARIST

OCTOBER 11, 2026, 9:00AM

Christ Church Episcopal

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The Rev. Sue Lederhouse, Bridge Priest

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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 in **BOLD**.
Hymns are found in The Hymnal 1982 (blue, hardcover) or Wonder, Love, and Praise (WLP - 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 Rejoice greatly, O my soul Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Hymnal 433 We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing Tune: *Kremser*

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 BCP p. 225

Presider: May God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from Exodus (32:1-14)

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord." They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel. The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your

gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!” The Lord said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.” But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, “O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’” And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23 *Read responsively by whole verse*

1 Hallelujah!

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, *
for his mercy endures for ever.

**2 Who can declare the mighty acts of the
Lord * or show forth all his praise?**

3 Happy are those who act with justice *
and always do what is right!

**4 Remember me, O Lord, with the favor
you have for your people, * and visit
me with your saving help;**

5 That I may see the prosperity of your elect
and be glad with the gladness of your
people, * that I may glory with your
inheritance.

**6 We have sinned as our forebears did; *
we have done wrong and dealt
wickedly.**

19 Israel made a bull-calf at Horeb * and
worshiped a molten image;

**20 And so they exchanged their Glory *
for the image of an ox that feeds on
grass.**

21 They forgot God their Savior, * who had
done great things in Egypt,

**22 Wonderful deeds in the land of Ham, *
and fearful things at the Red Sea.**

23 So he would have destroyed them, had
not Moses his chosen stood before him
in the breach, * to turn away his wrath
from consuming them.

A Reading from Philippians 4:1-9

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with

thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymnal 470

There's a wideness in God's mercy

Tune: *Beecher*

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew (22:1-14)

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

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

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.

The Prayers of the People – Form III

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The Intercessor and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Anglican Church of Burundi.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for churches of the North Shore Deanery, including Christ Church, South Hamilton Church of the Holy Name, Swampscott Trinity Church, Topsfield Asian and Pacific Islander Americans (APIA) Ministry Network.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for Sean, our presiding bishop; Julia, our bishop; and Sue, our Bridge priest; and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

In our Parish Cycle of prayer we pray for 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, Christa Pike, Ron Ruggiero, Amie Ryone,

Stephen Shuart, Dianne Wade, Mary Wilson; and for those we name now, either aloud or in the quiet of our hearts. We also give thanks for all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries.

Silence

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We remember those who have died, including John Berube.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The Presider adds the Concluding Collect

Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin and Absolution

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence

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.**

Those celebrating a birthday or anniversary are invited to come forward for a blessing.

Offertory Anthem

Day by Day

Thomas Keesecker

The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer “B”

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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 everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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:

WLP 858

*Sanctus*Tune: *American folk melody*

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.**

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 the Table

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 on request) 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 321

My God, thy table now is spread

Tune: *Rockingham*

Post-communion Prayer *in unison*

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Almighty and everliving 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.

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.

A Celtic Blessing

source: *Enriching Our Worship*

God's Blessing be with you,
Christ's peace be with you,
The spirit's outpouring be with you,
Now and always. **Amen.**

Announcements

Hymnal 569

God, the Omnipotent!

Tune: *Russia*

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Fugue in C major

G.F. Handel

*The memorial candle beautifying our altar today was given
in memory of Ned Pennoyer, by Kam Anderson*

Those serving Today

Janet Cassidy/intercessor; Meg Pappas & Sandy Allard, greeter/usher;
Bob Lawton, Lay Eucharistic Minister; Deb Schwabe & Meg Pappas - coffee host(s);
Cathy Walsman, flower delivery;
Elizabeth Salomé, Deborah Aylesworth, Leslie Meier, Altar Guild servers

Thank you to those serving on October 18

Elizabeth Salomé, lector/intercessor; Al and Marianne Richards, greeter/usher;
Bill Walsman, Lay Eucharistic Minister; Jean Bertrand & Karen Butler - coffee host(s);
Deborah Aylesworth, flower delivery;
Elizabeth Salomé, Deborah Aylesworth, Leslie Meier, Altar Guild servers

News & Noteworthy

On All Saints' Day - November 1st - we will return to offering our Sunday Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.

Our church dinner -- on Friday, October 30th - Welcome at 5:00 p.m.; dinner served at 5:30 p.m. - promises to be both delicious and the kickoff of our 2027 Stewardship Campaign. Please join us as we enjoy Todd and Tara's well-known pot roast dinner and each other's company. Sign up sheet on parish hall table.

Dates of Note

- 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
- Tuesday, October 20, 4:00pm - our new Fellowship Committee will start meeting monthly. Please join us with your ideas. Our goal is to plan periodic events for all to enjoy!
- Friday, October 30, 5:00pm – Church Pot Roast Dinner by Todd & Tara & Stewardship Kick Off!
- Sunday, November 1, 2:00am – Turn Clocks back one hour (*“Fall Back”*)
- Sunday, November 1, 10:00am – new time for Sunday Worship Service
- Sunday, November 8, 11:30am – SHINE Presentation on Medicare Changes

Ongoing

- Tuesdays, 12:00pm – Book Lovers’ Gathering; the current book is *“Isola”* by Allegra Goodman. Please come and enjoy a shared read with us.
- Thursdays, 5:00pm - Choir Rehearsal

Office Hours

Week of October 11th:

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

Building Use – Outside Groups

- Tuesday, 5:45pm - Boy Scout Meeting – 1st and 3rd Tuesdays
- Saturdays, 7:30pm – AA meeting in Parish Hall

Outreach

- The Family Pantry is still in need of food and 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.