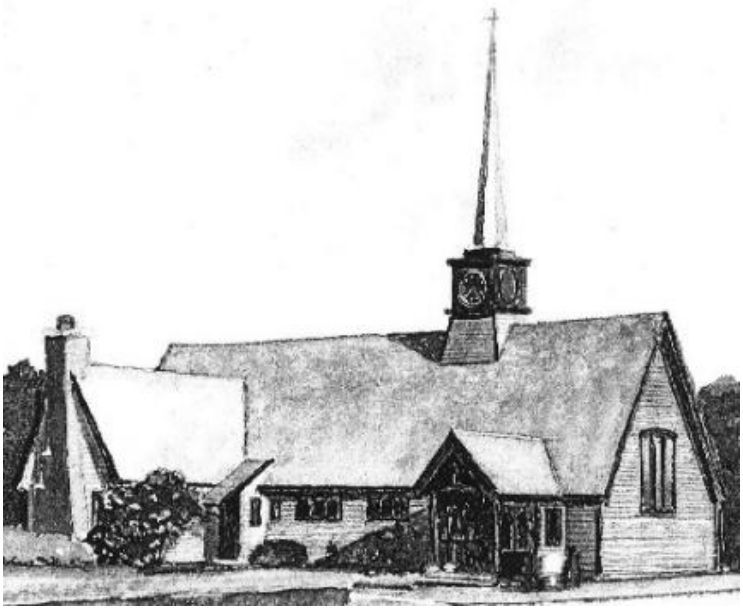


THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HOLY EUCHARIST

NOVEMBER 8, 2026, 10:00AM

Christ Church Episcopal
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The Rev. Dr. William W. Rich, Celebrant
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Maggie Ribb, Minister of Music
Todd Woolley, Sexton
Sheri Peterson, Parish Administrator

Vestry
Sandy Allard, Mary Ellen Eichmann, Wardens; Lisa DeLong, Treasurer; Elaine Mason, Clerk
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 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 — La Grace — Georg Philippe Telemann

Hymnal 11 — Awake, my soul — Tune: *Morning Hymn*

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.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from Joshua (24:1-3a,14-25)

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.
"Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."
But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the Lord!" Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 78:1-7 *Read responsively by whole verse*

1 Hear my teaching, O my people; * incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
2 I will open my mouth in a parable; * I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
3 That which we have heard and known, and what our forefathers have told us, * we will not hide from their children.
4 We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, * and the wonderful works he has done.
5 He gave his decrees to Jacob and established a law for Israel, * which he commanded them to teach their children;
6 That the generations to come might know, and the children yet unborn; * that they in their turn might tell it to their children;
7 So that they might put their trust in God, * and not forget the deeds of God, but keep his commandments;

A Reading from 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymnal 68 Rejoice! rejoice, believers Tune: *Llangloffan*

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew (25:1-13)
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Homily The Rev. Dr. William W. Rich

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 BCP p. 387

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 Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Churches of the Taunton River Deanery: Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, the Attleboros; St. Mark's Church, Foxborough; St. John's Church, Franklin; The Diocesan Convention; and the Congregational Chapters of the Episcopal Church Women.

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 Sandy Allard, George Arsenault, Chris Axner, Sam Bennett, Ennis Bragg, Ann Brown, The Carlin Family, F. T. Clark, Julie Conde, Beau Coursen, Sidney Coursen, Drew Eichmann, Penny Gilbert, Betty Hadfield, David Hardiman, Nancy Hardiman, Pat Hart, Paul Horvath, Bradley Jugler, Cindy Jugler, Pat MacKinnon, George MacMasters, Paul Madonna, Stephen Mazzur, Nancy McDonald, John Pepper, Christa Pike, Cam Robinson, Ron Ruggiero, Amie Ryone, Stephen Shuart, Claire Truesdale, 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.

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 Aria John S. Dixon

WLP –761 v. 1 All who hunger gather gladly Tune: *Holy Manna*

The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer "B" BCP p. 367

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 314 Humbly I adore thee, Verity unseen Tune: *Adoro devote*

Post-communion Prayer *in unison* BCP p. 366

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.

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 436 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates Tune: *Truro*

Presider: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude Postlude in F Major Emma Louise Ashford

A reminder 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!

Those serving today

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

Thank you to those on November 15th

Elizabeth Salomé, lector/intercessor; Al and Mary Ann Richards, greeter/usher;
Karen Butler, Lay Eucharistic Minister; Meg Pappas & Deb Schwabe - coffee host(s);
Deborah Aylesworth, flower delivery;
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News & Noteworthy

Dates of Note

- Sunday, November 8, 11:30am – SHINE Presentation on Medicare Changes
- Tuesday, November 10, 9:00am – Outreach Committee Meeting
- Sunday, November 15, 11:30am – Vestry Meeting
- Sunday, November 15, 11:30am – Worship Committee Meeting
- Tuesday, November 17, 9:30am – Pastoral Care Meeting
- Tuesday, November 17, 4:00pm – Fellowship Committee Meeting
- Tuesday, November 24, 4:00pm – Choir Rehearsal

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, 4:00pm – Choir Rehearsal

Office Hours - Week of November 8th:

- 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 - Cub 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.
- November begins our Fall Diaper Drive!

Noah's Ark Thrift Shop

- Come by Noah's Ark Thrift Shop. We have a lot of Christmas decorations, including some vintage ornaments for sale. Several winter coats, sweaters and, of course, a lot of bric a brac. Magic Cloths and Rada Knives make great holiday gifts! Fridays and Saturdays 11 to 3!

Outreach Committee Message:

The Cape Cod Council of Churches annual meeting was held on October 29, 2026 at St. David's Episcopal Church in Yarmouth. Karen Butler and Cathy Walsman attended the meeting as representatives of our church. A service of worship by local clergy was given and then the annual meeting began.
Faith Family Kitchen in Hyannis Karen shared her experience: "Working at Faith Family Kitchen in Hyannis was a wonderful experience where I appreciated the opportunity to share God's love, and a good hot meal (swordfish was the main course!) with those who are struggling with food insecurity. I worked with a team from Brewster Baptist Church, and my job was to greet each person and get them signed to document how many people ate their meal in the dining area, took their meals with them, or both! Our church is hoping to help more in the future, either on a regular basis, or just filling in when teams fall short of the volunteers they need." They are located at the Faith Assembly of God Church in Hyannis and they serve hot meals three evenings a week.
The Baby Center is also one of their important programs. Our continuing donations of baby diapers and wipes are so appreciated and there is always a need for more. The Center is quite impressive since its renovation. The Center is set up as a store with new or barely used clothing on racks, food on shelves and other necessities. The Baby Center is one of the charities we donate to every year which is separate from our Diaper Drive.
Some of the council's other programs are:
Hospital Chaplain at Spaulding Rehabilitation Center in Sandwich. The Rev. Edward Larson who runs this program with many volunteers serving in-patients and out-patients daily.
Homeless Ministry Marilyn Larrivee mentors local youths and adults to volunteer and help others within homeless community.
Hands of Hope Cathy Driscoll serves low income households with any emergency that might come up.
If you have any questions, comments or are interested in joining Outreach, please contact one of us.
Our next meeting is Tuesday, November 10, 2026 at 9AM. ***Outreach Committee: Elizabeth Salome, Al Richards, Karen Butler, Dave Hardiman, Deb Schwabe, Mickey Kerns and Cathy Walsman***