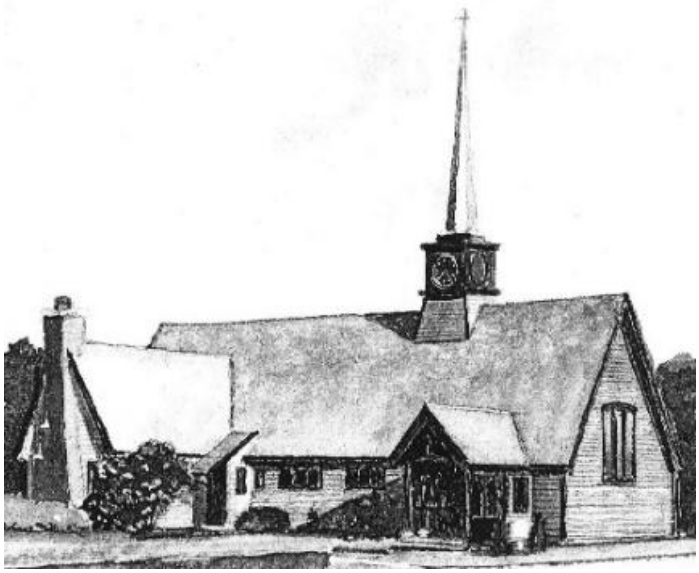


# THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

# HOLY EUCHARIST

NOVEMBER 15, 2026, 10:00AM

**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 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.

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## The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

*Beginning on page 355 of The Book of Common Prayer (BCP)*

Prelude — Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether — James Biery

Hymnal 535 — Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim — Tune: *Paderborn*

*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.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from Judges (4:1-7)

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.
At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

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

Psalm 123 *Read responsively by whole verse*

1 To you I lift up my eyes, * to you enthroned in the heavens.
**2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, * and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,**
3 So our eyes look to the Lord our God, * until he show us his mercy.
**4 Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, * for we have had more than enough of contempt,**
5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, * and of the derision of the proud.

A Reading from 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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

WLP 721 Signs of endings all around us Tune: *Ton-y-Botel*

*Gospeller*: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew (25:14-30)
*People*: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well

done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

*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 — 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 Iglesia Anglicana de Chile.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Churches of the Taunton River Deanery: Bristol Trinity Episcopal Church, North Easton; St. Thomas' Church, Taunton; Trinity Church, Wrentham; Deputies to Provincial Synod.

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, Jack McLaughlin, Steve Mulligan, 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 Anthem Ancient Words Lynn DeShazo/arr. John Purifoy

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 490 I want to walk as a child of the light Tune: *Houston*

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

WLP 778 We all are one in mission Tune: *Nyland*

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

Postlude Basse et dessus de Cromorne Louis-Nicolas Clerambault

***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**

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;
Elizabeth Salomé, Deborah Aylesworth, Leslie Meier, Altar Guild servers

**Thank you to those on November 22nd**

Brad Goodwin, lector/intercessor;
Elaine Mason & Todd Woolley greeter/usher;
Kam Anderson, Lay Eucharistic Minister;
Mickey Kerns & Kam Anderson - coffee host(s);
Jean Bertrand, flower delivery;
Elizabeth Salomé, Deborah Aylesworth, Leslie Meier, Altar Guild servers

## News & Noteworthy

During our Worship Service on November 22nd, we will have a blessing of pledges received to date. Thanks for your pledges of time and money. Please feel free to put pledge envelopes in the offering plate on Sundays or drop off in the office. Questions? See Vestry members.

**Dates of Note**

- 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
- Tuesday, December 8, 9:00am – Outreach Committee Meeting

**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 15th:

- Parish Administrator – Tues/Wed/Fri 10:00am – 2:00pm, Thu 8:00-12:00pm
- 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 - we are is still in need of food and personal care toiletries for adults.
- Baby Center, Hyannis – Our November Diaper Drive has begun! Currently we need the following sizes:
    - Diapers: Size 6 and 7
    - Pull-ups: 3T/4T and 4T/5T

**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 rac. Magic Cloths and Rada Knives make great holiday gifts! Fridays and Saturdays 11 to 3!