# CHRIST CHURCH

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# CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, NEWTON

#### The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 24, 2025 8:00 & 10:00 am

\*omitted at 8:00 am

As we prepare our hearts and minds for worship, please keep conversations to a minimum.

\*Prelude

Ritornello on 'Toplady'

Matthew Wachman

\*Hymn in Procession #8

Morning has broken

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Throughout the summer months, we are holding a Summer Workshop Series in Holley Hall.

All children are welcome to join in this time of formation.

## **Opening Acclamation**

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant 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.

Gloria 8 am: spoken; 10 am: S-280

Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, Almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God. You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us;

You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

# The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray. Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

The Congregation may please be seated.

The First Lesson Isaiah 58:9b-14

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in. If you refrain from trampling the sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs; then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 103:1-8 said responsively

1 Bless the LORD, O my soul, \*

and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.

- 2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, \*
  - and forget not all his benefits.
- 3 He forgives all your sins \*

and heals all your infirmities;

- 4 He redeems your life from the grave \* and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;
- 5 He satisfies you with good things, \* and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
- 6 The LORD executes righteousness \* and judgment for all who are oppressed.
- 7 He made his ways known to Moses \*
  and his works to the children of Israel.
- 8 The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, \*

slow to anger and of great kindness.

The Second Lesson Hebrews 12:19-29

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to lesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken- that is, created things- so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

\*Sequence Hymn #411

O bless the Lord, my soul

St. Thomas (Williams)

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Holy Gospel Luke 13:10-17

Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon The Rev. Chris Streeter

The Nicene Creed

Please stand.

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

Please stand or kneel

Confident in God's steadfast love through Jesus Christ and guided by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence

God of wisdom, guide your church into all truth. Remind us that what unites us is greater than that which divides us. Help us be a light to the world, a true reflection of your grace to all people.

God of love, hear our prayer.

We give thanks for the gift of your good creation, and for the joy and love which surrounds us on every side. As we live into these summer months, grant us times of rest and refreshment that our minds, our bodies, and our souls may be turned toward you.

God of love, hear our prayer.

We give you thanks for the gift of this church family: the joy we share with each other in times of celebration, and the support we offer each other in times of challenge and sorrow. Guide us as we continue to live out our call to love you, love our neighbors and love ourselves.

God of love, hear our prayer.

We rejoice with those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week. Fill them with light and love, and make them a blessing to those around them.

God of love, hear our prayer.

We pray for those who are ill or under great stress, including those on our prayer list, and all whose struggles are known to you alone. Surround them with your care and restore them to health and wholeness in your good time and way.

God of love, hear our prayer.

We pray for all those whom we love, but see no longer. Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord. Make your light to shine upon them and grant them peace.

God of love, hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

#### The Confession of Sin & Absolution

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

A period of silence is kept, ended by the Celebrant.

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 Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Welcome & Announcements

The Rev. Chris Streeter

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# En priére Shannah Yerofeyev, soprano

Si la voix d'un enfant peut monter jusqu'à Vous,
Ô mon Père,Écoutez de Jésus, devant Vous à genoux, La prière!
Si Vous m'avez choisi pour enseigner vos lois
Sur la terre, e saurai Vous servir, auguste Roi des rois, Ô Lumière!
Sur mes lèvres, Seigneur, mettez la vérité Salutaire,
Pour que celui qui doute, avec humilité
Vous révère! Ne m'abandonnez pas, donnez-moi la douceur
Nécessaire, Pour apaiser les maux, soulager la douleur,
La misère! Révélez Vous à moi, Seigneur en qui je crois
Et j'espère: Pour Vous je veux souffrir et mourir sur la croix, Au calvaire! (- Stéphan Bordèse)

If the voice of a child could reach up to you, O my Father, to be heard by Jesus... kneeling before you, a prayer! If you have chosen me to teach your laws
On Earth, I would know how to serve you, august King of kings, O Light!
On my lips, Lord, place the salutary Truth, So that those who doubt, with humility will revere you! Do not abandon me, but give me the Grace necessary to overcome evils, and to relieve pain and misery!
Reveal yourself to me, Lord in whom I believe and hope!
For You I want to suffer and die on the Cross, on Calvary!

The Doxology

Hymnal #380, vs 3

Praise God from whom all blessings flow Praise him all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye heavenly host Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

# The Holy Communion Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.



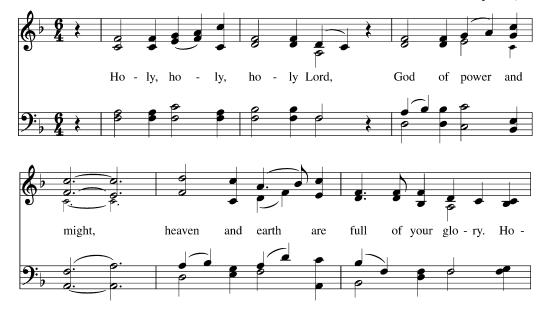
#### Celebrant

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 you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:



8 am: spoken; 10 am: sung





Celebrant 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.

Celebrant Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People Christ has died. Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant 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.

People AMEN.

# The Lord's Prayer

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

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, forever and ever. Amen.

#### The Fraction

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

#### All are welcome at God's Table

Please come forward, at the direction of the ushers. The bread is received in the open palm. Glutenfree wafers are available by asking the priest. The wine, if desired, may be taken from the common cup by drinking (placing your hand gently on the base of the chalice to guide it). If you do not wish to receive communion, you may cross your arms over your chest and receive a blessing from the priest.

\*Communion Beecher arr. Charles Callahan

\*Communion Solo

Pater noster qui es in coelis (Our Father, who art in heaven)

Ernest Chausson

Pater noster, qui es in caelis, sanctificetur nomen tuum.

Adveniat regnum tuum

Adveniat regnum tuum.
Fiat voluntas tua, sicut in caelo et in terra.
Panem nostrum cotidianum da nobis hodie.
Et dimitte nobis debita nostra,
sicut et nos dimittimus debitoribus nostris.
Et ne nos inducas in tentationem, sed libera nos a malo.

# Thanksgiving after Communion

Please stand or kneel

Celebrant Let us pray.

People 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.

The Blessing

\*Closing Hymn #624 Jerusalem the golden Ewing

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

\*The Voluntary Fantasia in C G. P. Telemann

# Serving in God's House Today

8:00 am 10:00 am

Lector: John Beasley Crucifer: Mark Hoyer

L.E.M.: Geri Livengood Lectors: Alex Zander, Patricia Taggart,

Ushers: Mike Ragsdale Tracy Zilmer

Altar Guild: Judy Tregellas & Diana Riker L.E.M.: Pauline Josephs

Ushers: Mike & Denise Streeter

#### Joining us in worship & fellowship on Aug 17, 2025

8:00 am: 30 10:00 am: 89

#### Christ Church Prayer List

For those who are ill: Fred, Jennifer, Gizelle, Carolyne, Madeline, Gloria, Lorraine, Mark, Phyllis, Michael, Antoinette, Albie, Jackie, Carole, Linda, Michael Patrick, Charlie, Derek, Guy, Ryan, Tricia, Lauren, Tony, Sam, Marie, Antonia, Michael, Ronnie, Colleen, Frances, Jenna, Deena, Dale, Karen, Becky, Laura, Ed, Brenda, Alex, Daryl, Becky, Amy, Elaine, Judi, Jason, Angie, Sharon, Reid Family, Lou, Gabbie, Susan, Marlene, George, Ed, Trina, Barbara, Albert, Jane George, Daryl, Jane, Judi, Debbi, Jeffrey, Amy, Alyssa, Katie, Laura, Janet, Stevie, Mookie, Emilie, and Marie

For those serving in the armed forces: Dean, Michael, Jonathan and Angel.

We rejoice with... Eric Dietz, Lisa Pachnos, Wayne DelVecchio, Gizella Garren and all who are celebrating their birthdays this week. Also with Richard & Elaine Anderson on their anniversary.

Please contact Karrie Miller in the church office to have names added or removed from our prayer list.

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During the summer we are offering **Sunday School Workshops** for our youngest friends, preschool through early elementary age. Older kids are invited to worship with their families or attend the workshops as teacher's helpers.

For more information, please connect with **The Rev. Jenny Streeter** at sundayschool@christchurchnewton.org.

Thank you in advance for supporting our growing Christian Education Program!



Next Sunday, August 31<sup>st</sup> Renewal of Vows for Joe & Debbie Mello

Join us **next Sunday during our 10:00 am service** to witness and celebrate the renewal of marriage vows for Joe and Debbie Mello.



Sunday, September 7th during the 10:00 am Service

All students are invited to bring their school backpacks to church on September 7<sup>th</sup>! They will be blessed during worship and each student will receive a special gift!



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