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CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, NEWTON
The Last Sunday after Pentecost/Christ the King Sunday
November 22, 2026 **8:00 & 10:00 am**

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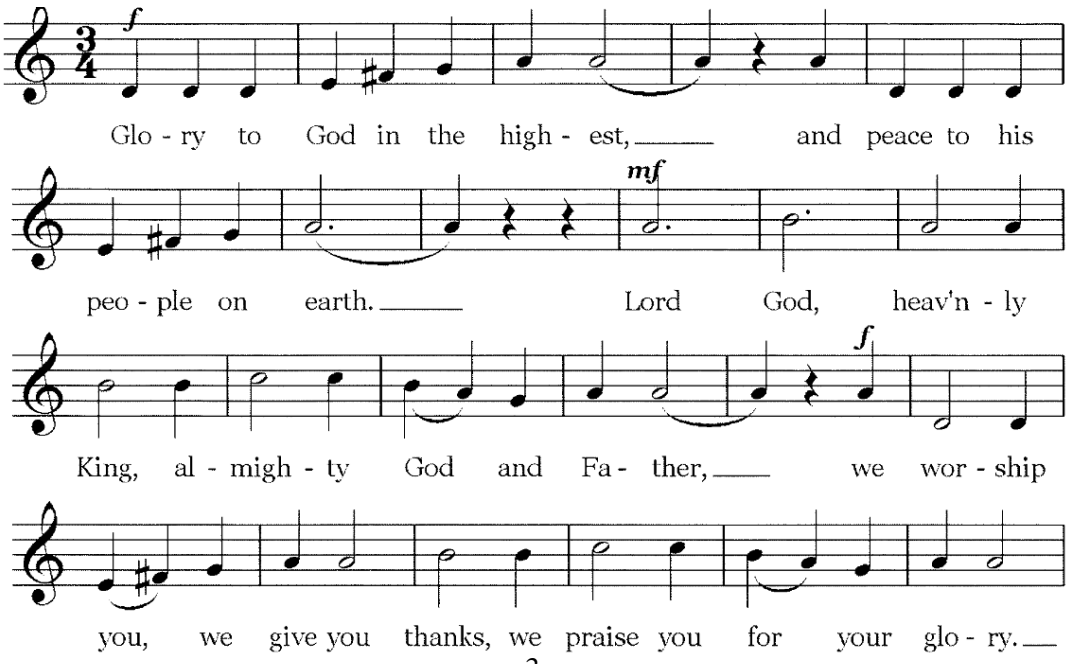
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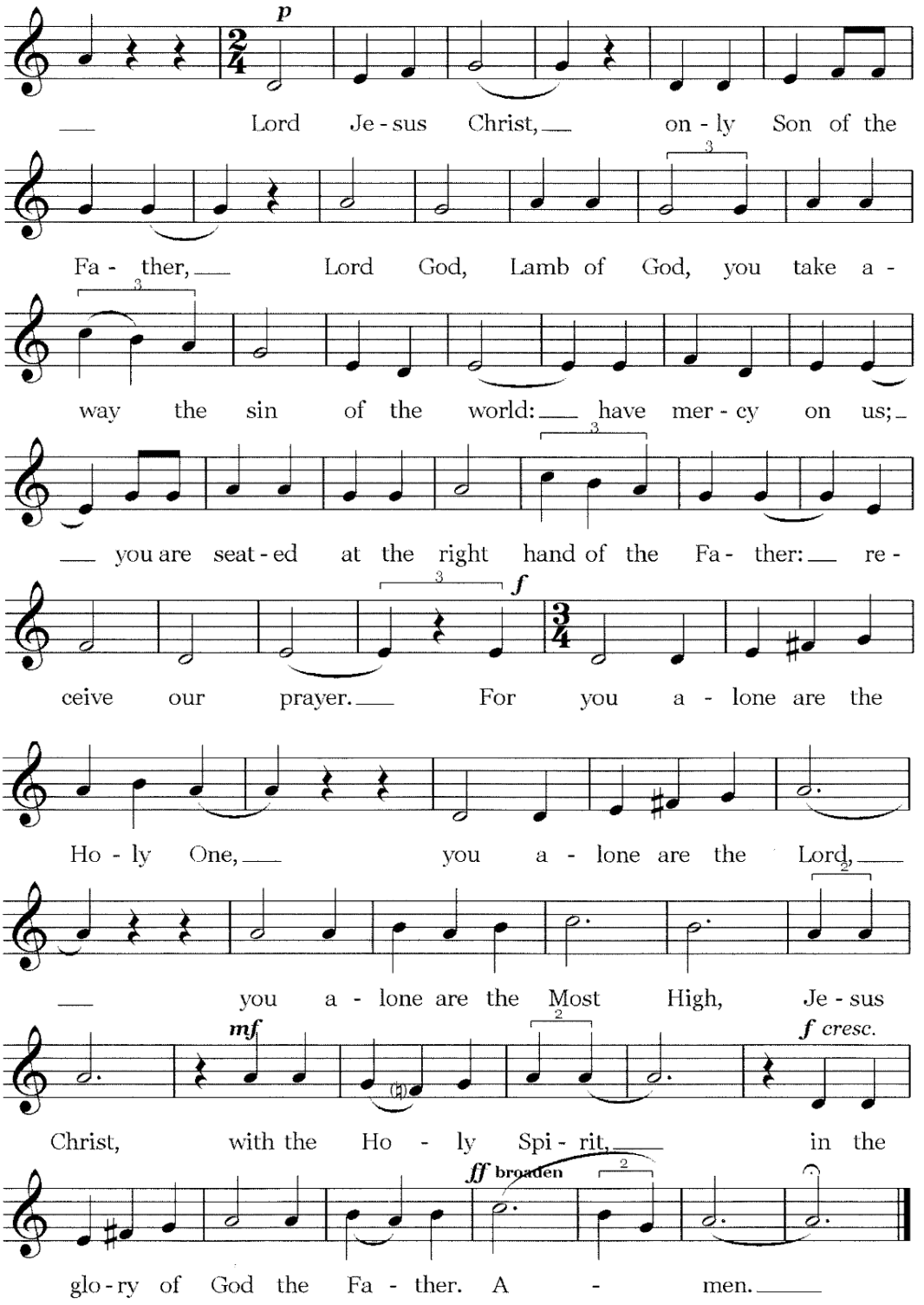
***Prelude** Largo Espressive *Gaetano Pugnani*
Alleluia *from Exultate Jubilate* *W.A. Mozart; arr. Lynne Lathem*

***Hymn in Procession #460** Alleluia! Sing to Jesus *Hyfrydol*

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: WLP 900 (Rutter)*




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Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the
Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.
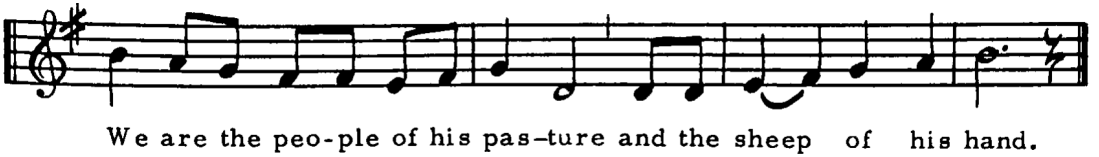
Almighty and everlasting God,
whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son,
the King of kings and Lord of lords:
Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin,
may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson **Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24**

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

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

Psalm 95:1-7 *8 am: spoken; 10 am: led by the choir*



1 Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. **[ANTIPHON]**
3 For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.
4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also. **[ANTIPHON]**
5 The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.
6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker. **[ANTIPHON]**
7 For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would harken to his voice! **[ANTIPHON]**
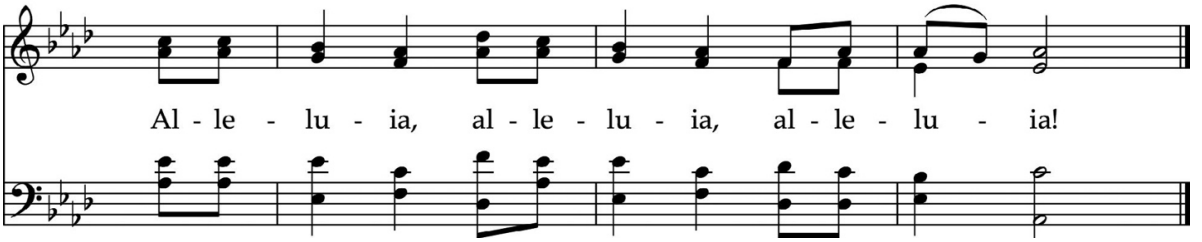
The Second Lesson **Ephesians 1:15-23**

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

***Sequence Hymn #494** Crown him with many crowns *Diadamata*

***The Gospel Acclamation**



Verse: "Just as you did to the least of these, you did also to me."

Clergy The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Holy Gospel **Matthew 25:31-46**

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of

these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

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

The Sermon The Rev. Chris Streeter, Rector

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows *Please stand.*

Celebrant Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil
and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?
People **I do.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?
People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin,
repent and return to the Lord?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people,
and respect the dignity of every human being?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

The Prayers of the People *Please stand or kneel*

As the shepherd who cares for the flock, O God, you guide all things through Jesus whom you have exalted over all creation as king. Hear the prayers we offer in his name for the world, the church, and for all people according to their needs. *A brief silence.*

Almighty and everlasting God, you made the universe with all its marvelous order, its atoms, worlds, and galaxies, and the infinite complexity of all living creatures: Grant that, as we probe the mysteries of your creation, we may come to know you more truly, and more surely fulfill our role in your eternal purpose. **God of love, hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for Christ Church, for the joy we have in worshipping together, and for the good work we are able to do in your name. We offer ourselves to your service: our joys and sorrows, our successes and failures, our strengths and our weaknesses. On this day, we pledge our commitment of time, talent and treasure to you and each other in the coming year. We acknowledge and thank those who have made a pledge to support the mission of this parish through their financial giving. **God of love, hear our prayer**.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, that they may be delivered from their distress. We pray for those we hold in our hearts and spirits, those on our prayer list, and all whose suffering is known to you alone. **God of love, hear our prayer.**

We pray for all those whom we love, but see no longer. Grant to the departed eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them.
God of love, hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding prayer.

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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***Offertory Anthem** To the Lamb on the Throne *Dan Forrest*

"Worthy the Lamb, Worthy the Lamb."
Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,
And publish abroad His wonderful name;
The name all-victorious of Jesus extol;
His kingdom is glorious and rules overall.

"Worthy the Lamb, Worthy the Lamb."
God rules in the height, almighty to save;
Though hid from our sight, His presence we have,
The great congregation His triumph shall sing,
Ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

"Worthy the Lamb, Worthy the Lamb."
Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!
Let all cry aloud, and honor the Son;
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
Fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.

"Worthy the Lamb, Worthy the Lamb."
Then let us adore and give Him His right,
All glory and power, all wisdom and might;
All honor and blessing with angels above,
And thanks never ceasing, and infinite love.

"Worthy the Lamb, Worthy the Lamb!"

- Charles Wesley, 1744

***The Doxology** *Hymnal #380, vs 3*
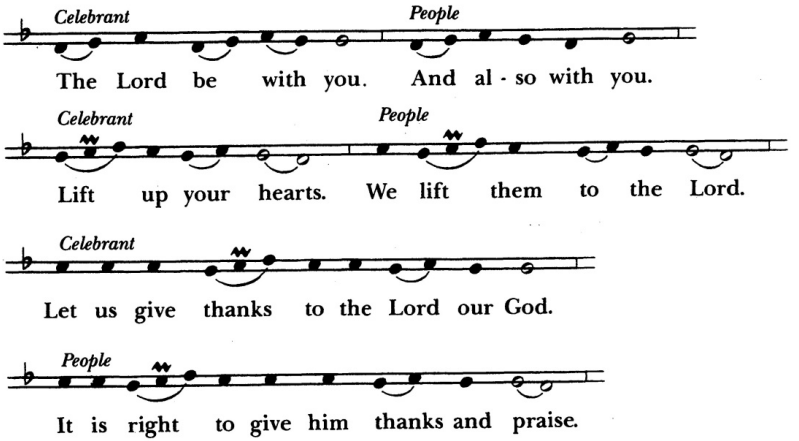
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all creatures here below.
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Blessing of 2027 Pledge Commitments

Celebrant Gracious God, giver of all that is good and true; we give you thanks for the many blessings of this life: for the wonder of your creation, and for the love and care which surrounds us on every side. We ask your blessing on the pledges we have made to the mission and ministries of Christ Church. They represent our continued commitment to you and our joy in the good work done here in your name. May they be an offering to you, sacred and holy, a sign of our hopes and dreams for the coming year. All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer A





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:

Sanctus and Benedictus *8 am: spoken*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

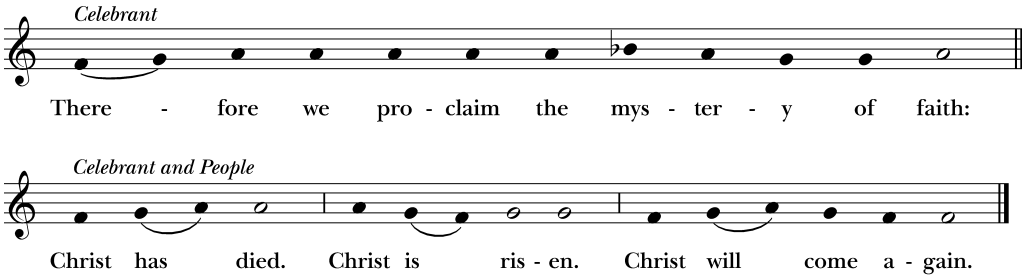
10 am: S-130 (Schubert)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

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."

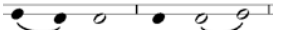
After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."



Celebrant 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



The Lord's Prayer

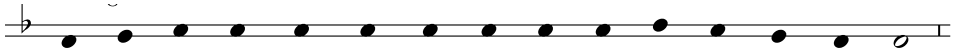
Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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.

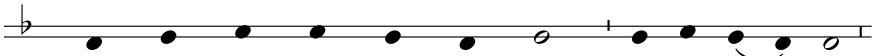
The Fraction

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

Celebrant



People



All are welcome at God's Table

Please come forward, at the direction of the ushers. The bread is received in the open palm.
Gluten-free 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** Sicilienne *attributed to Maria-Teresia v. Paradis*

***Communion Anthem** Lord Jesus, Be Near Me *Natalie Sleeth*
Junior Choir

Lord Jesus, be near me by night and by day;
Thy spirit surround me and light Thou my way;
Lord Jesus, restore me, that filled with Thy love,
My heart may know clearly Thy Father above.

Lord Jesus, prepare me to serve Thee full well;
To all men Good News of The Kingdom to tell;
Lord Jesus, inspire me with others to share
The joys of Thy mercy, the depths of Thy care.

Lord Jesus, forgive me if needful I be,
Send comfort to heal me, from sin set me free.
Lord Jesus, renew me, that forth I may go,
Thy bountiful goodness and wisdom to show.

Lord Jesus, protect me, preserve me from harm,
Uphold me with strength from Thine Almighty arm.
Lord Jesus, direct me, all of my days
Thy paths I may follow for ever in infinite praise.

***Communion Hymn #610** Lord, whose love through humble service *Blaenhafren*

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 #492** Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness *Finnian*

The Dismissal

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

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

***The Voluntary** Ode to Joy *Beethoven; arr. Lynne Latham*

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Serving in God's House Today

8:00 am
Lector: Shari Hillard
L.E.M: Mitch Hillard
Usher: Mike Ragsdale
Altar Guild: Julianne Gerdes, Beth Batastini

10:00 am
Crucifer: Josh Szelesta
Lectors: John Beasley, Tim Evans
Prayers: Debbie Mello
L.E.M.: Mary Ann Risley
Ushers: Mike & Denise Streeter

Christ Church Prayer List

We offer our prayers for those who are ill, including:

Amy, Ann, Antonia, Arlene, Betty, Bill, Brenda, Brian, Carolyn, Carolyne, Christie, Cindy, Clara, Clifford, Dan, Daryl, David, Deanna, Derek, Ed, Elaine, Elaine, Emily, Erin, Ernie, Florez Family, Gary, Grace, Gizelle, Harry, Helise, Holly, Jack, Jason, Jay, Jennifer, Jerry, Joe, John, Jon, Joyce, Kate, Lindsay, Linda, Lisa, Lynn, Madeline, Marie, Mary, Mary, Michael, Mike, Paul, Peggy, Pensado Family, Richard, Ryan, Sharon, Shawna, Shelagh, Stacy, Steve, Sue, Suzanne, Thomas, Tracy.

We offer our prayers for those serving in the armed forces, including:

Angel, Dean, Jonathan, Michael, Robert

We rejoice with those celebrating birthdays this week, including:

Taylor Constantine, *(November 23)*
Jason Fletcher, *(November 24)*
Candace Sandfort, *(November 25)*
Lianna Halkyard, *(November 26)*
Ellari Hillard, *(November 28)*

We want to be praying with you!

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

Joining us in worship & fellowship on November 15, 2026

8:00 am: 35 10:00 am: 126



Annual Giving at Christ Church

Thank you to all who have submitted a pledge card and made a commitment to support Christ Church in 2027 through annual giving. If you have not returned yours, please do so soon to help aid us in planning for the coming year.

"You can develop a healthy, robust community that lives right with God and enjoy its results only if you do the hard work of getting along with each other, treating each other with dignity and honor." James 3:18 (MSG)



Violin & Piano Recital
Nicholas Currie & Diana Greene
TODAY at 4:00 pm

Join us for **Evening Song:**
Music of Beethoven, Chopin, Amy Beach and Arvo Pärt.

Thanksgiving Day Service
Thursday, November 26 at 9:00 am



Begin your Thanksgiving Day by offering praise to God. We will celebrate Holy Eucharist at 9:00 am. **Prayer makes Turkey taste better!** We also will serve breakfast Thanksgiving morning starting at 7:00 am. If you can help, please see Nick Pachnos or Father Chris.



A Visit from St. Nicholas, Bishop of Myra
Sunday, December 6

St. Nicholas will be making a stop at Christ Church on Sunday, December 6. He will join us for our monthly breakfast, and spend the morning with our Sunday School classes.

A Prayer for the Feast of Christ the King

Cameron Bellm

As the great wheel of the liturgy spins,
It lands here, once a year,
To remind us that Christ is King –
In winter's chill or late autumn drear,
We need reminding that new life will come,
Springing from frozen roots and brittle branches.
As we prepare to approach the manger once more,
We need this renewal in understanding
That the glory of God turns up in the most unexpected places.
O Christ the King, turn our hearts this day
Not only to the world around us
But to the world within us –
Where your Kingdom comes anew
With each act of love we offer,
Each prayer we whisper, each breath we draw.
Amen.

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