

CHRIST CHURCH

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CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, NEWTON
The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 16, 2026

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** Meditation on Beecher Roger C. Wilson

***Hymn in Procession #531** O Spirit of the Living God Melcombe

***Invitation to Summer Workshop Series**

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

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

Nursery care is available during our Workshop Series.

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: Hymnal # 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. Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Genesis 45:1-15

Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there – since there are five more years of famine to come – so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 133

said responsively

- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
 when brethren live together in unity!
2 It is like fine oil upon the head *
 that runs down upon the beard,
3 Upon the beard of Aaron, *
 and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
4 It is like the dew of Hermon *
 that falls upon the hills of Zion.
5 For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: *
 life for evermore.

The Second Lesson

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

*Sequence Hymn #538

God of mercy, God of grace

Lucerna Laudoniae

Clergy The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 15:10-20

Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him,

“Explain this parable to us.” Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Chris Streeter, Rector

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 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. Make your light to shine upon them and grant them peace.

God of love, hear our prayer.

The Celebrant may add a concluding prayer.

The Confession of Sin & Absolution

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

A period of silence is kept.

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.



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***Offertory Anthem**

Evening Hymn
Shannah Yerofeyev, soprano

Henry Purcell

*Now that the sun hath veil'd his light,
And bid the world goodnight;
To the soft bed my body I dispose,
But where shall my soul repose?
Dear God, even in thy arms,*

*And can there be any so sweet security!
Then to thy rest, O my soul!
And singing, praise the mercy
That prolongs thy days.
Hallelujah!*

- Bishop William Fuller (1608-1675)

***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:

Sanctus & Benedictus

8 am: spoken; 10 am: Hymnal # S-129

Celebrant & People

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.

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:

Celebrant & 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 forever. 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. 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** Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior *arr. Robert Lau*

***Communion Solo** The Dream *Patrick Doyle*

Oh, scorn or pity on me take
I must the true redemption make
I am undone tonight
God, in a subtle dream, disguised
Hath both my heart and me surprised
Whom never yet be durst attempt awake

Nor will he tell me for whose sake
He did me the delight or spite
But leaves me to inquire
In all my wild desire of sleep again
Who was his aid
And sleep so guilty and afraid
And since he dares not come within my sight

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 #544**

Jesus shall reign where'ere the sun

Duke Street

The Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

***The Voluntary**

Duke Street

arr. Charles Callahan

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Serving in God's House Today

8:00 am

Lector: Beth Batastini

L.E.M.: Andy Van Orden

Usher: Bill Habermann

Altar Guild: Julianne Gerdes

10:00 am

Crucifer: Brad Hodgins

Lectors: Patricia Taggart, Walter Thies,

Katie Reilly

L.E.M.: Curt Wilson

Ushers: Pauline Josephs & Randall Kurie

Christ Church Prayer List

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

Ann, Arlene, Betty, Brenda, Carolyn, Carolynne, Cindy, Daryl, Derek, Ed, Elaine, Elaine, Ellen, Erin, Gizelle, Grace, Irene, Jack, James, Jason, Jennifer, Jerry, John, Joyce, Karen, Karla, Lee Ann, Lindsay, Lisa, Lisa, Louis, Louis, Madeline, Marie, Marie, Mary, Nancy, Nate, Paul, Paul, Phyllis, Richie, Ryan, Shelagh.

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

Angel, Dean, Jonathan, Michael, Robert.

We rejoice with those expecting a child, including: Arthur & Stephanie

We rejoice with those celebrating birthdays this week, including:

Siv Gisler (*August 16*), Freja Grover, Beau Parker (*August 17*),
Richard Anderson (*August 18*), Carol Lally (*August 19*),
Allan Cooper (*August 20*), Brooke Knaust, Georgeann Van Sise (*August 22*).

We rejoice with those celebrating anniversaries this week, including:

Joe & Debbie Mello (*August 16*), Norm & Agnes Beatty (*August 21*),
Patrick Tumillo & Susan Polcer (*August 22*).

We want to be praying with you!

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



Christ Church at Skylands Stadium This Friday, August 21

We will be attending the Sussex County Miners' Game at Skylands Stadium this Friday, August 21.

We have reserved a suite behind home plate;

Cost is \$25 per person. All are welcome!

Gates open at 6:00 p.m.

To reserve your spot, contact the church office,
973-383-2245 or office@christchurchnewton.org.



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