

# CHRIST CHURCH

NEWTON, NEW JERSEY

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CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, NEWTON

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 14, 2024

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**

Sing a New Church (Nettleton)

Eugene Englert

**\*Hymn in Procession #372**

Praise to the living God

Leoni

**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. O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our

Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

### **The First Lesson**

**Samuel 6:1-5,12b-19**

David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the LORD of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. They carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart with the ark of God; and Ahio went in front of the ark. David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the LORD with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals. So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing; and when those who bore the ark of the Lord had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. David danced before the Lord with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod. So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet. As the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart. They brought in the ark of the LORD, and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt offerings and offerings of well-being before the LORD. When David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts, and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

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

### **Psalm 85:8-13**

*said responsively*

- 8            I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, \*  
                 **for he is speaking peace to his faithful people**  
                 **and to those who turn their hearts to him.**
- 9            Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, \*  
                 **that his glory may dwell in our land.**

- 10 Mercy and truth have met together; \*  
**righteousness and peace have kissed each other.**
- 11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, \*  
**and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**
- 12 The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, \*  
**and our land will yield its increase.**
- 13 Righteousness shall go before him, \*  
**and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.**

### The Second Lesson

**Ephesians 1:3-14**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

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

**\*Sequence Hymn #615**            Thy kingdom come! on bended knee

*St. Flavian*

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

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

### The Holy Gospel

**Mark 6:14-29**

King Herod heard of Jesus and his disciples, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these

powers are at work in him.” But others said, “It is Elijah.” And others said, “It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.” But when Herod heard of it, he said, “John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.” For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip’s wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, “It is not lawful for you to have your brother’s wife.” And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, “Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.” And he solemnly swore to her, “Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.” She went out and said to her mother, “What should I ask for?” She replied, “The head of John the baptizer.” Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, “I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.” The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John’s head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

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

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Dr. Tim Mulder

**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*

We pray for your Church throughout the world. Help us to do the good work you have given us to do. Counsel us when to act and when to wait; turn our hearts toward those in need, and away from our own preoccupations and fears.

**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 parish 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, including Thomas Fogge, in whose memory the flowers are given this morning. 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.**

*Celebrant* 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**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**



### **Welcome & Announcements**

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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*



There - fore we pro - claim the mys - ter - y of faith:

*Celebrant and People*



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

*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

Holy Manna

*arr. Charles Callahan*

#### \*Communion Solo

Come, Thou Fount of Ev'ry Blessing

*arr. R. Walters*

*Come Thou fount of every blessing  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace  
Streams of mercy never ceasing  
Call for songs of loudest praise*

*Here I raise my Ebenezer  
Here by Thy great help I've come  
And I hope by Thy good pleasure  
Safely to arrive at home*

*Teach me some melodious sonnet  
Sung by flaming tongues above  
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it  
Mount of Thy redeeming love*

*Jesus sought me when a stranger  
Wandering from the fold of God  
He to rescue me from danger  
Interposed His precious blood*

*Oh, to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be  
Let Thy goodness like a fetter  
Bind my wandering heart to Thee*

*Prone to wander, Lord I feel it  
Prone to leave the God I love  
Here's my heart, oh take and seal it  
Seal it for Thy courts above*

## 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 of gladness

*Finnian*

## The Dismissal

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

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

\*The Voluntary

Choral Song

*Samuel Wesley*

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## Serving in God's House Today

8:00 am

Lector: Katie Reilly

L.E.M.: Andy VanOrden

Usher: Dan Kous

10:00 am

Crucifer: Messiah Bent

Lectors: Patricia Taggart, MaryAnn Risley,

Mark Hoyer

L.E.M.: Pauline Josephs

Ushers: Diana Riker, John Jaquath

## Joining us in worship & fellowship on July 7, 2024

8:00 am: 26

10:00 am: 80

## Christ Church Prayer List

**For those who are ill:** Guenter, Jennifer, Joyce, Dawn, Bart, Jeanne, Lorraine, Kevin, Jane, Ryan, Al, Susan, Joseph, Giana, Elijah, Patricia, Laura, Jacqueline, Rich, Daryl, Tom, Margaret, Mark, Michael, Phyll, Angela, Erik, Derek, Linda, Tina, Ryan, Julie, Antonia and Diana

**For those with child:** Jessica, Meredith

**For those serving in the armed forces:** Parker, Dean, Michael, Angel and Nicholas.

**We rejoice with...** Laura Ciccolella, Walter Thies, George Wink, Jim Bastnick, Asley Rose Gorden, Kathy Hoyer, Angie Harris and all who are celebrating their birthdays this week. Also with John & Siv Gisler on their Anniversary.

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

*The Altar flowers are given this morning in a celebration for the life of Thomas Fogge by the Dubel Family.*

## Christ Church Leadership

The Rt. Rev. Carlye J. Hughes, 11<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Newark

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