

CHRIST CHURCH

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CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, NEWTON

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 27, 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** Chorale Variations on *Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness* Franklin D. Ashdown

***Hymn in Procession #435** (Verses 1-4) At the Name of Jesus King's Weston

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)

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, _____ and peace to his

peo - ple on earth. _____ Lord God, heav'n - ly

King, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, _____ we wor - ship

you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. _____

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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 -

ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the

Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus *f cresc.*

Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the

ff broaden glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

Reader The Word of the Lord.

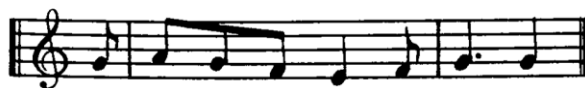
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 25:3-9

8 am: said responsively; 10 am: led by the choir



Re-mem-ber, O Lord, your com-pas-sion and love,



for they are from ev—er-last-ing.

3 Show me your ways, O Lord, *
 and teach me your paths.

*The Gospel Acclamation



Verse: *"Even after you saw it, *
 you did not change your minds and believe him."*

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

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:23-32

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. "What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

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.

Gracious God, we give you thanks for the life you have given us and for the love and care that surrounds us on every side. Help our eyes open to the beauty of your good creation which we can so easily take for granted. **Gracious and generous God, hear our prayer.**

We pray for the nations of the world and for those elected to govern and lead us. Keep them ever mindful of the needs of those whom they have been called to serve, O Lord, that they might not forget the trust imparted to them by your people.

Gracious and generous God, hear our prayer.

We give thanks for this parish and the joyful witness of its people. Guide us as we engage in ministries which demand our best efforts and reflect your love to the world. We rejoice with those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week. Bless them, and make them a blessing to others. **Gracious and generous God, hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who are ill, including those on our prayer list, those in our hearts, and those whose suffering is known to you alone. Be with doctors, nurses and all care partners, that through their ministries the health of your people may be strengthened and your creation glorified. **Gracious and generous God, hear our prayer.**

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

The Celebrant may offer a concluding prayer.

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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***Offertory Anthem**

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

Melita; arr. Dan Forrest

1 Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm does bind the restless wave,
Who bids the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep;
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.

2 O Savior, whose almighty word
The winds and waves submissive heard,
Who walked upon the foaming deep,
And calm amid the rage did sleep;
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.

3 O Holy Spirit, who did brood
Upon the waters dark and rude,
And bid their angry tumult cease,
And give for wild confusion peace;
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.

4 O Trinity of love and pow'r,
Your children shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire, and foe,
Protect them where-so-e'er they go;
Thus, evermore shall rise to Thee
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

- William Whiting, 1860

***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 *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. 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 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.

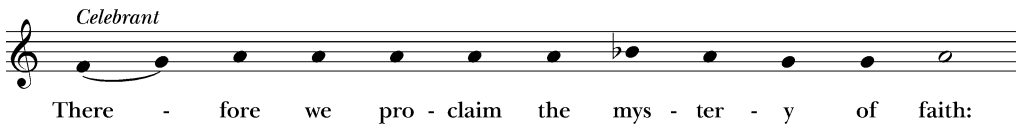
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

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,

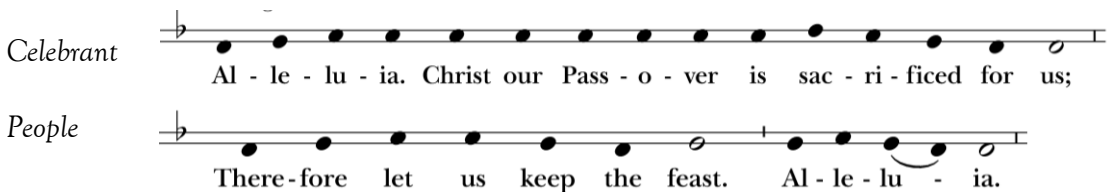
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The Lord's Prayer

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.



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

What Wondrous Love Is This

arr. David Gale

*Communion Anthem

Song for a Bright New Day
Junior Choir

Kenneth T. Kosche

*Wake up, arise, rejoice and give thanks
To the Lord for a bright new day.
Wake up, arise, rejoice and give thanks
With a song as you go on your way.*

*This is the day that the Lord has made,
Let all be glad and sing.
From the dawn's first night 'til the
Dark of night, your joyful anthems bring!*

*Bless the Lord of life my inmost soul, O bless God's holy name;
For this gift of love, new from above, Let happy hearts exclaim!*

*Communion Hymn #343

Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless

St. Agnes

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 #477

All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine

Engelberg

The Dismissal

*Clergy Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

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Serving in God's House Today

8:00 am

Lector: John Beasley

L.E.M.: Geri Livengood

Usher: Mitch Hillard

Altar Guild: Gail Orcheski

10:00 am

Crucifer: Josh Szelesta

Lectors: Beth Batastini, Brad Hodgins,

Geri Livengood

L.E.M.: Katie Reilly

Ushers: Pauline Josephs & Mike Streeter



Parish Ministry Fair TODAY in Holley Hall!

How is God calling you to
serve your community
in this new program year?

**Check out some of the many
opportunities we offer at Christ
Church in Holley Hall TODAY!**



Contemplative Prayer Group This Wednesday, September 30 from 7-8 pm

Our monthly Contemplative Prayer Group will meet
on Wednesday evening at 7 pm.

Give yourself the gift of an hour in our sacred space.
For more information, please speak with Diana Greene.

Christ Church Prayer List

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

Amy, Ann, Arlene, Betty, Bill, Brenda, Carolyn, Carolyn, Christie, Cindy,
Dan, Daryl, David, Derek, Ed, Elaine, Elaine, Erin, Gary, Grace, Harry,
Helise, Jack, Jason, Jay, Jerry, John, Joyce, Karen, Kate, Lisa, Lisa, Madeline,
Mary, Mary, Michael, Nancy, Paul, Peggy, Richard, Richie, Ryan, Shelagh, Thomas.

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:

Joyce Straway (September 27), Christine McLoughlin (September 28),
Addison Hillard (September 29), Abigail Ralph (September 30),
Cecelia Clayton, Steven Hoffman, Alex Yerofeyev (October 2),
Janet Jenkins, Althea Profeta (October 3).

We rejoice with those celebrating anniversaries this week, including:

Mike & Jessica Caruso, Mark & Mary Eldridge (October 3),
Ty & Pattiann Parker (October 4).

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 September 20, 2026

8:00 am: 29

10:00 am: 170

Thursday Morning Bible Study 10:00-11:00 am in the Church Parlor

Our Thursday Morning Bible Study Group
meets weekly to reflect on the Scripture readings
for the upcoming Sunday.
Join us from 10-11 am in the Church Parlor!



CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Faith • Friendship • Fun
Preschool–6th grade

September–June

9:30–11AM

- **Learn** Bible Stories and about Jesus
- **Pray** and grow closer with God
- **Create** through crafts music and activities
- **Connect** with friends, faith and our community



Everyone Welcome!

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Blessing of the Animals
Next Sunday, October 4
2 pm on the church lawn.

Join us on the church lawn
next Sunday at 2 pm as we
 celebrate the ministry of St.
 Francis of Assisi by blessing
 those four-legged and feathered
 members of our families.

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