

CHRIST CHURCH

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CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, NEWTON
The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 26, 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**

Prelude on Brother James' Air

Ian Higginson

***Hymn in Procession #593**

Lord, make us servants of your peace

Dickinson College

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

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glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men. —

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

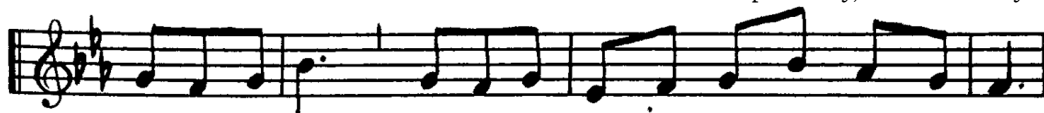
The Congregation may please be seated.

Sirach 35:12-17

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

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



○ Lord of hosts, hap-py are they who put their trust in you.

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! *
 My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
 my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house
 and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
 by the side of your altars,
 O LORD of hosts, my King and my God. [ANTHYPHON]

- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way. [ANTHYPHON]
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6 They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion. [ANTHYPHON]

The Second Lesson

2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18

I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

*Sequence Hymn #707 Take my life, and let it be

Hollingside

*The Gospel Acclamation



Verse All who exalt themselves will be humbled, *
 but all who humble themselves will be exalted.

Clergy
People

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Holy Gospel

Luke 18:9-14

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

Clergy
People

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Candace Sandfort

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. We pray for a peaceable end to conflict in all nations, and for the inhabitants of all war-torn countries.

Gracious and generous God, hear our prayer.

On this Stewardship Sunday, 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.

Every day we stand in the shade of trees we did not plant. We live in houses we did not build. We live in a body with a mind and a spirit that we did not choose or create. O God let us never take for granted the many blessings you have freely bestowed upon us.

Gracious and generous God, hear our prayer. Amen.

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

The Rev. Chris Streeter

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***Offertory Anthem**

O How Amiable are Thy Dwellings

R. Vaughan Williams

O how amiable are thy dwellings, thou Lord of hosts!
My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord
My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
Yea, the sparrow hath found her a house
And the swallow a nest where she may lay her young:
Even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King, and my God.
Blessed are they that dwell in thy house. They will be alway praising thee.
The glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us;
Prosper thou the work of our hands upon us. O prosper thou our handiwork!
O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

***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.

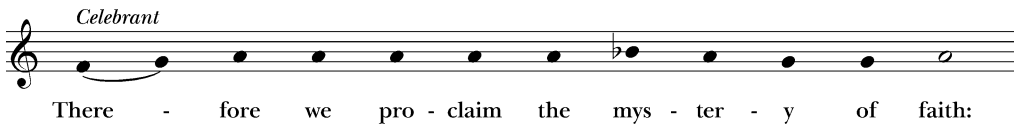
10 am: S-130 (Schubert)

**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."

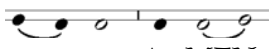
After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."



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, now and for



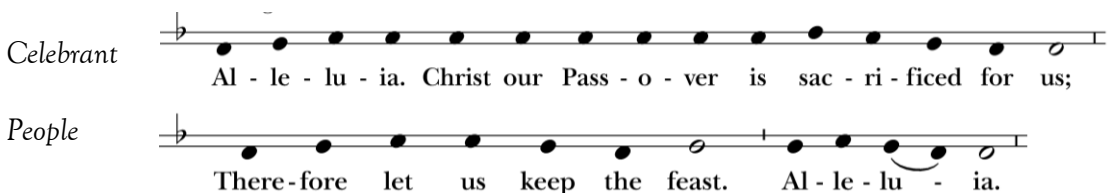
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The Lord's Prayer

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**

Sur Adoro te

Henri Nibelle

***Communion Hymn #398** I sing the almighty power of God

Forest Green

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 #397** Now thank we all our God

Nun danket alle Gott

The Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

***The Voluntary**

How Firm a Foundation (Lyons)

Lani Smith

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Serving in God's House Today

8:00 am

Lector: Walter Kiechel

L.E.M.: Mitch Hillard

Ushers: Mark Dubel

Altar Guild: Gail Orcheski, Jennifer

Scuralli & Joyce Krumm

10:00 am

Crucifer: Josh Szelesta

Lectors: Eric Dietz, Geri Livengood,

Tracy Zilmer

L.E.M.: Curt Wilson

Ushers: Mike & Denise Streeter

Joining us in worship & fellowship on October 19, 2025

8:00 am: 26

10:00 am: 117

Christ Church Prayer List

For those who are ill: Fred, Jennifer, Gizelle, Carlyne, Madeline, Gloria, Lorraine, Mark, Phyllis, Michael, Antoinette, Albie, Jackie, Carole, Linda, Michael Patrick, Charlie, Derek, Guy, Ryan, Tricia, Lauren, Tony, Sam, Marie, Antonia, Michelle, Ronnie, Colleen, Frances, Jenna, Deena, Dale, Karen, Becky, Laura, Ed, Brenda, Alex, Becky, Amy, Elaine, Judi, Jason, Angie, Sharon, Reid Family, Lou, Gabbie, Susan, Marlene, Ed, Trina, Barbara, Albert, Jane, Daryl, Jane, Judi, Debbie, Jeffrey, Amy, Alyssa, Katie, Laura, Janet, Stevie, Mookie, Emilie, Andy, Joyce, Lorraine, Tammy, Ann, Liz, Roberto, Ovidro, Aceneth, Louise, Mike, Art, Ray, Madeline, Sharon, Nadine, Mark, Michele, Ann, Eva, Jenny, Brian and Marie

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

We rejoice with... Cindy Kirby, Ginny Smith, Barbara Parker and all who are celebrating their birthdays this week. Also with Robert & Dawn Charlton and Rick & Cindy Heismeyer on their anniversaries.



Join Us for Breakfast!

Thursdays, 7:00 – 8:30 a.m.

(starting October 30th)

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(corner of Church & Main)

Hot Breakfast – Fellowship – Help with Community Programs

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- Market Street Mission
- Mental Health Association
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- Town of Newton



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Annual Giving at Christ Church

Today we distributed annual giving materials, inviting you to make a financial pledge to support Christ Church in the coming year. We ask you to prayerfully consider your level of support, and return a completed pledge card by **Sunday, November 23.**

Stewardship Dinner Friday, November 21 at 6 pm

Join us for our annual
Stewardship Dinner!

Bring a favorite entrée or dessert to share.

Prizes awarded for best dishes!



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