

# CHRIST CHURCH

NEWTON, NEW JERSEY

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CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, NEWTON  
The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 12, 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 Liebster Jesu J.S. Bach

\*Hymn in Procession #48 O day of radiant gladness Waldvoegelein

**\*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.*

**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. 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 forever.

**Amen.**

## The First Lesson

**Isaiah 55:10-13**

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

*Reader*          The Word of the Lord.

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

## Psalm 65:9-14

*said responsively*

9      You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; \*

**the river of God is full of water.**

10     You prepare the grain, \*

**for so you provide for the earth.**

11     You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; \*

**with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.**

12     You crown the year with your goodness, \*

**and your paths overflow with plenty.**

13     May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, \*

**and the hills be clothed with joy.**

14     May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,  
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; \*

**let them shout for joy and sing.**

## The Second Lesson

Romans 8:1-11

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law~ indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

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

**\*Sequence Hymn #440**

Blessed Jesus, at thy word

*Liebster Jesu*

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

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

## The Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!" "Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one



## 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.



## Welcome & Announcements

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### \*Offertory Quartet

Qui Sedes (from GLORIA)  
Susan Polcer Tummillo, soprano

Antonio Vivaldi

*"Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis."*

*You are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.*

### \*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.**



## Serving in God's House Today

**8:00 am**

Lector: Katie Reilly

L.E.M.: Andy Van Orden

Usher: Mark Dubel

Altar Guild: Ann Marie Oberstein,  
Diana Riker

**10:00 am**

Crucifer: Mark Hoyer

Lectors: Mark Hoyer, Lori Parks,  
Patricia Taggart

L.E.M.: Beth Batastini

Ushers: Pauline Josephs and Randy Kurie

## Christ Church Prayer List

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

Arlene, Art,Carolyn, Cindy, Daryl, Diana, Elaine, Ellen, Gail, Gizelle,  
Irene, James, Jennifer, Jerry, Joe, John, Karen, Karla, Laura, Lee Ann,  
Lindsay, Lisa, Lisa, Lorraine, Lou, Louis, Louis, Louise, Madeline, Marie,  
Marie, Mary, Mike, Nancy, Nate, Paul, Phyllis, Ryan, Sharon, Terry, Theresa.

**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:**

Cate Terwilliger (*July 12*)

Noah Gunn-Russell (*July 14*)

Laura Ciccolella, Jason Grover, Walter Thies (*July 17*)

Jim Bastinck, George Wink (*July 18*)

*We want to be praying with you!*

*Please contact the church office to have names added or removed from our prayer list,  
or to add a birthday or anniversary to our list.*

*Please note: names will be retained for three months, unless otherwise requested.*



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