

CHRIST CHURCH

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CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, NEWTON
The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 19th, 2023

8:00 & 10:00 am

**omitted at 8:00 am*

*Prelude Be Thou My Vision *arr. Jeff Bennett*

*Hymn in Procession #598 Lord Christ, when first thou came to earth *Mit Freuden zart*

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-278*
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. Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm." Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**



Teach us to num-ber our days that we may ap-ply our hearts to wis-dom.

- 1 Lord, you have been our refuge *
 from one generation to another.
- 2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, *
 from age to age you are God. [ANTIPHON]
- 3 You turn us back to the dust and say, *
 “Go back, O child of earth.”
- 4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past *
 and like a watch in the night. [ANTIPHON]
- 5 You sweep us away like a dream; *
 we fade away suddenly like the grass.
- 6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
 in the evening it is dried up and withered. [ANTIPHON]
- 7 For we consume away in your displeasure; *
 we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.
- 8 Our iniquities you have set before you, *
 and our secret sins in the light of your countenance. [ANTIPHON]

The Second Lesson

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining

salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

***Sequence Hymn #551**

Rise up, ye saints of God

Festal Song

***The Gospel Acclamation**



Cantor Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

People **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

Verse *Show me your ways, O Lord; * lead me in our truth and teach me.*

People **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

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

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

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy

slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Randy Parks

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, 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 those who have died, including Daniel, Charles & Dorothy, and 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.

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.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.



Welcome & Announcements

The Rev. Chris Streeeter

*Offertory

Rejoice, ye pure in heart!

Healey Willan

*Rejoice, ye pure in heart!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
Your glorious banner wave on high,
the cross of Christ your King.*

*Your clear hosannas raise,
and alleluias loud;
while answering echoes upward float,
like wreaths of incense cloud. Refrain*

*Refrain: Rejoice, rejoice,
rejoice, give thanks, and sing.*

*With voice as full and strong
As ocean's surging praise,
Send forth the hymns our fathers loved,
The psalms of ancient days. Refrain*

*Bright youth and snow-crowned age,
Strong men and maidens meek,
Raise high you free exulting song,
God's wondrous praises speak. Refrain*

*Praise him who reigns on high,
The Lord whom we adore,
The Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
Our God for evermore. Refrain*

*With all the angel choirs,
with all the saints of earth,
pour out the strains of joy and bliss,
true rapture, noblest mirth. Refrain*

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; 10 am: S-130

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



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

Celebrant and People

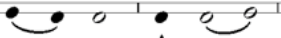


Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

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

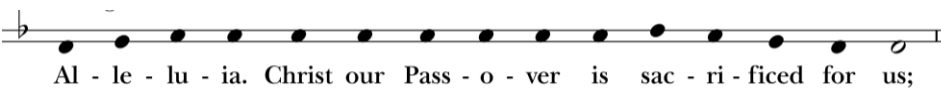
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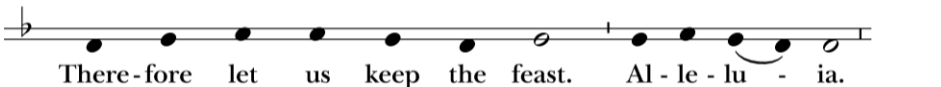
The Lord's Prayer

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.

Celebrant 
Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

People 
There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

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

Song 1

Healey Willan

*Communion Hymn #314

Humbly I adore thee

Adoro devote

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 #680

O God our help in ages past

St. Anne

The Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*The Voluntary

Gottes Sohn ist kommen

Johann Walther

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Serving in God's House Today

8:00 am

Lector: Walter Thies

L.E.M.: Matt Genung

Ushers: Bill Habermann

10:00 am

Lectors: Tim Evans, Lori Parks,

Mark Hoyer

L.E.M.: Geri Livengood

Ushers: Kurt Lutz and Lou Slamer

Joining us in worship & fellowship on November 12, 2023

8:00 am: 33

10:00 am: 89

Christ Church Prayer List

For those who are ill: Jason, Lorraine, David, Rick Jr. Valarie, Petra, Anthony, Paul, Carolane, Gladson, Jeanne, Clive, Lauren, Tricia, Mary, Val, Gizelle, Marie, Carolyn, Tom, George, Margret, Tricia, Lauren, Gus, Lisa, Kourtney, Faith, Linda, Peggy, Lynn, Maura, Evan, Chelsea, Jennifer, Susan, Jake and Kevin.

For those with child: Kelly, Ellari

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

For those we hold in our hearts: Jim, Becky

We rejoice with... Joy Chapman, Jason Fletcher and all who are celebrating their birthdays this week. Also with Richard & Arlene Ralph 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 to the Glory of God beloved memory of Daniel D Richards.

The Altar Candles are given to the Glory of God by Joseph & Deborah Mello in loving memory of Charles & Dorothy Norris Parents of Deborah Mello.

Announcements & Events:

Thanksgiving Day Service – Thursday, November 23 at 10 am



Before you dig into turkey and pie, join us as we make our thanksgiving to God for the many blessings of this life. Our Thanksgiving Day service of Holy Eucharist begins at 10 am. We hope to see you!

Thursday Morning Worship...

Need to recharge your spiritual juices mid-week? Beginning this week, join Father Chris on Thursday mornings at 10 am in the parlor for a time of worship, discussion and fellowship.



Christ Church Calendar: Week of November 19, 2023

- Sunday Nov. 19 - The Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Pentecost
8 am Holy Eucharist (Rite II, spoken)
9 am Adult Bible Study & Journey
9:30 am Sunday School
10 am Holy Eucharist (Rite II, with music)
Coffee & Fellowship Following
11:45 am Sunday Brunch in a Bag
- Monday Nov. 20 (*Church Office Hours: 8am to 1pm*)
7 pm Sussex County Oratorio Society
- Tuesday Nov. 21 (*Church Office Hours: 8 am to 1 pm*)
7pm Sussex County Youth Orchestra
- Wednesday Nov. 22 (*Church Office Hours: 8 am to 1 pm*)
7 pm Book Club
- Thursday Nov. 23 (*Church Office Closed*)
10 am Thanksgiving Service
- Sunday Nov. 26 Last Sunday of Pentecost/Christ the King
8 am Holy Eucharist (Rite II, spoken)
9 am Adult Bible Study & Journey
9:30 am Sunday School
10 am Holy Eucharist (Rite II, with music)
Coffee & Fellowship Following
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