

Christ Episcopal Church

A Parish of the Anglican Communion

September 17, 2023, 10:00 AM

Empowered by Jesus to love, serve, and lead.
(Christ Church's Mission Statement)



16 Pentecost
Holy Baptism Rite II

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Celebrant: The Reverend Ernest Galaz, Rector

Deacon: The Reverend Joseph German

Organist: Mr. Joel Lenderman

Please bring all conversations to an end and use this time for reflection, meditation, preparation and prayer.

Processional Hymn: 410 “Praise, my soul, the King of heaven”

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet thy tribute bring:
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing;
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the ever lasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favor to his people in distress;
praise him still the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless:
Alleluia, alleluia! Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hand he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia, alleluia! Widely yet his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;
People **There is one hope in God’s call to us;**
Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People **One God and Father of all.**

The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray...O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People Amen.

The First Reading

Exodus 14:19-31

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 114

1 Hallelujah!

 When Israel came out of Egypt, *

 the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

2 Judah became God's sanctuary *

 and Israel his dominion.

- 3 The sea beheld it and fled; *
Jordan turned and went back.
- 4 The mountains skipped like rams, *
and the little hills like young sheep.
- 5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? *
O Jordan, that you turned back?
- 6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams? *
you little hills like young sheep?
- 7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, *
at the presence of the God of Jacob,
- 8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water *
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

The Epistle

Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Procession LEV 115 “Spirit of the Living God”

Spirit of the Living God, Fall fresh on me,
Spirit of the Living God, Fall fresh on me,
Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me.
Spirit of the Living God, Fall fresh on me.

The Gospel

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew 18:21-35

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

Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Ernest Galaz

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

The Celebrant says

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents

I present **Neva Ann Kelly** to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the child

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer **I do.**

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer **I do.**

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer **I do.**

Celebrant Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support **Neva Ann** in her life in Christ?

People **We will.**

Celebrant Let us join with **Neva Ann** who is committing herself to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
People I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidates

The Celebrant then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for **Neva Ann** who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth

A Person appointed leads the following petitions

Leader Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Open her heart to your grace and truth.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

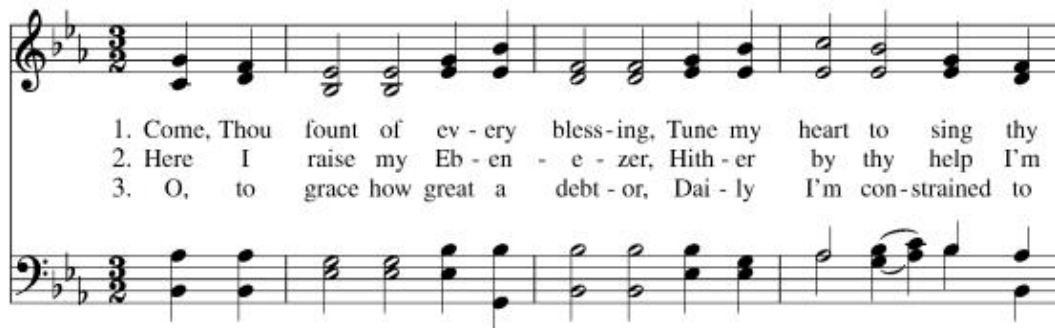
Leader Send her into the world in witness to your love.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

The Celebrant says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

Baptismal Hymn LEV 111 "Come, Thou fount of every blessing"



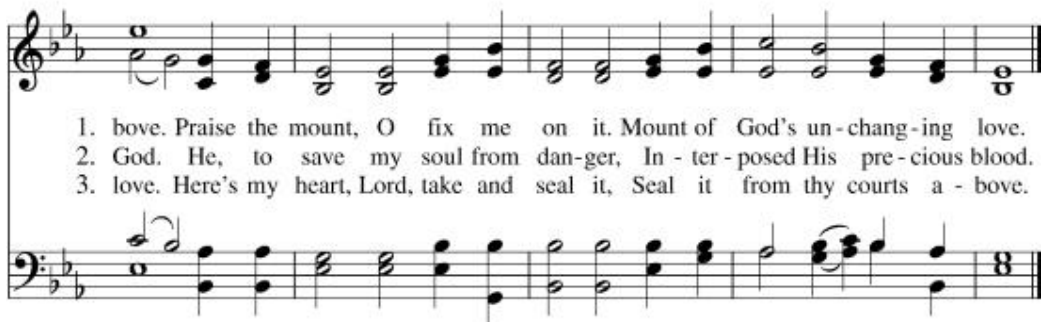
1. Come, Thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, Tune my heart to sing thy
2. Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer, Hith - er by thy help I'm
3. O, to grace how great a debt - or, Dai - ly I'm con - strained to



1. grace; Streams of mer - cy nev - er ceas - ing, Call for songs of loud - est
2. come; And I hope, by thy good pleas - ure, Sure - ly to ar - rive at
3. be; Let that grace, Lord, like a fet - ter, Bind my wan - d'ring heart to



1. praise. Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, Sung by flam - ing tongues a -
2. home. Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger, Wan - d'ring from the fold of
3. Thee. Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel — it, Prone to leave the God I



1. bove. Praise the mount, O fix me on it. Mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
2. God. He, to save my soul from dan - ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.
3. love. Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, Seal it from thy courts a - bove.

The Celebrant, Candidate, Parents and Godparents proceed to the Baptismal Font

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Baptism

The candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, who then immerses the candidate, saying

Neva Ann, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Then the Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross using Chrism and saying

Neva Ann, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

Then the Celebrant takes a candle, lights it from the Paschal Candle, and presents it to the person, saying

Neva Ann, receive the light of Christ, and proclaim God's love to all peoples. **Amen.**

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works.

Amen.

Celebrant

Let us welcome the newly baptized with the following:

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

The Peace (*All stand.*)

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Greetings and Announcements

Prayer for Birthdays

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer for Travelers

O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Congregation is seated for the Offertory Anthem

Offertory Anthem "Lord Be With Us On This Day" – J. Althouse

Doxology Hymn 380 (v 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 Great Thanksgiving, (Eucharistic Prayer B)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

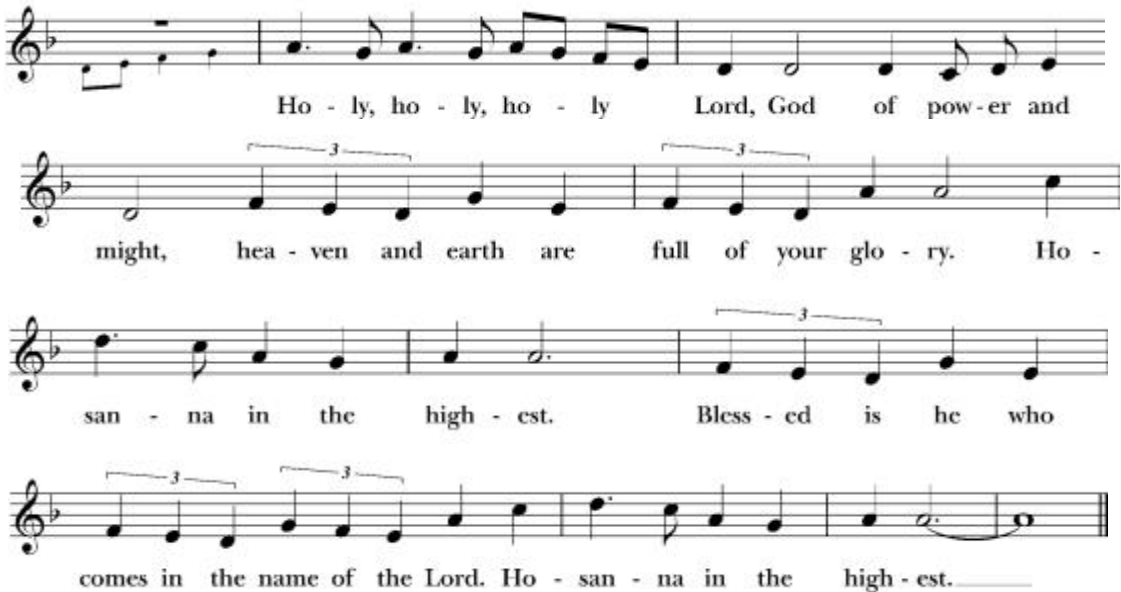
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. 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 S129



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 ever. Amen.

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem "Whoever Comes to Me" – Arlen Clarke

Whoever comes to me shall not hunger,
And who ever believes in me shall never thirst;
Send out your light and your truth
That they may lead me to your holy hill.

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving. The Body of Christ for the Body of Christ. Be what you see. Receive what you are.

Communion Hymns LEV 138 "Lord, I want to be a Christian"

1. Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian In my heart, In my heart;—
2. Lord, I want to be more lov - ing In my heart, In my heart;—
3. Lord, I want to be more ho - ly In my heart, In my heart;—
4. I don't want to be like Ju - das In my heart, In my heart;—
5. Lord, I want to be like Je - sus In my heart, In my heart;—

1. Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian In my heart, _____
2. Lord, I want to be more lov - ing In my heart, _____
3. Lord, I want to be more ho - ly In my heart, _____
4. I don't want to be like Ju - das In my heart, _____
5. Lord, I want to be like Je - sus In my heart, _____

In my heart, _____ In my heart, _____
In my heart, _____ In my heart, _____
In my heart, _____

1. Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian In my heart. _____
 2. Lord, I want to be more lov-ing In my heart. _____
 3. Lord, I want to be more ho-ly In my heart. _____
 4. I don't want to be like Ju-das In my heart. _____
 5. Lord, I want to be like Je-sus In my heart. _____

LEV 232 "Thank you, Lord"

Thank you, Lord, Thank you,

Lord; Thank you, Lord

I just want to thank you, Lord.

Celebrant and 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.

Blessing

Recessional Hymn 596 "Judge eternal, throned in splendor"

1 Judge e - ter - nal, throned in splen - dor, Lord of lords and
2 Still the wea - ry folk are pin - ing for the hour that
3 Crown, O God, thine own en - deav - or; cleave our dark - ness

King of kings, with thy liv - ing fire of judg - ment
brings re - lease, and the ci - ty's crowd - ed clang - or
with thy sword; feed all those who do not know thee

purge this land of bit - ter things; sol - ace all its
cries a - loud for sin to cease; and the home - steads
with the rich - ness of thy word; cleanse the bo - dy

wide do - min - ion with the heal - ing of thy wings.
and the wood-lands plead in si - lence for their peace.
of this na - tion through the glo - ry of the Lord.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, aligned with the notes. The lyrics are: "wide do - min - ion with the heal - ing of thy wings. and the wood-lands plead in si - lence for their peace. of this na - tion through the glo - ry of the Lord." The music ends with a double bar line.

Dismissal

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*The Altar Wine, Bread, and Candles are given to the Glory of God
by Mary Fran Moeller & Dan Mistichelli in thanksgiving and celebration of their anniversary.*

INTERCESSORY PRAYER LIST – (friends, family and acquaintances of parishioners)

Michael, Teresa, Helen, Mark, Al, Tracy, Lynn, Lee, Diana, Jackie, Bruce, Barbara, Peter, Patrick, Lucille, Bryan, Rosemarie, Rick, Robert, Meredith, Cindy, Willa, Thomas, Joan, Elizabeth, John, Adrian, Guy, Mike, Bette, Carol, Sherry, Linda, Peggy, Mary, Ed, Taylor, Robin, Joy, Alex, Paul, Judi, Rebecca, Terry, Sandy, Carolyn, Daniella, Rachel, Morgan, Karen, Anthony, Jean, Marco, Abigail, Pat, Barbara, Doug, Debbie, Judith, Taylor, Sandy, Carol, Isabella, Kurt, Connor, Bruce, Bonnie, Cynthia, Anu, Pat, Jo, Robert, Mark, Jim, Linda

WE CELEBRATE THIS WEEK

BIRTHDAYS: Terry Kirk, Ben Sniegowski, Pat Hausmann

ANNIVERSARIES: Mary Fran Moeller & Dan Mistichelli, Stefanie & Joel Lenderman

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE 8am Holy Eucharist Rite I and 10am Holy Eucharist Rite II, the 10am service is live-streamed.

WEDNESDAY PRAYER, BIBLE STUDY, and SERVICE Every Wednesday, all are invited to join in a spiritually uplifting morning. **Intercessory Prayer at 10am; Bible Study at 11am** in the Rector's Office. Following Bible Study, the **midday service** is offered in the Chapel. All are welcome!

NURSERY CARE Nursery care is available today from 9:30am—12:30pm for infants to 3 years of age in the Acorn Classroom located on the lower level. Ashley Steinhauer and De Anna Hickson, Nursery care givers.

CHURCH SCHOOL begins Sunday, September 17th! Church school is held immediately following the 10am Sunday worship service. All children 4 years of age through 5th grade meet in St. Mary's Hall. Church School ends promptly at 12:15pm.

We are looking for volunteer teachers and helpers for our church school and youth ministries. Share your faith with our children. We will provide you all the support you need. If interested in helping, please contact Sue Welfley susanwelfley100@gmail.com

YOUTH GROUP begins Sunday, September 24th

All youth Middle and Senior High are invited to join us immediately following the 10am Sunday worship service. This Group meet in the new Meeting Room (formerly Toddler room) located on the lower level adjacent to the Butterfly class, from 11:30-12:15pm. For more information please contact Frank Mathews at kanefrank86@yahoo.com.

ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL In-person rehearsals are held Wednesday evenings, 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary. Please contact Joel Lenderman 610-368-8471 or joel@christchurchmedia.org for questions or information.

ADULT FORUM Adult Forum immediately follows the 10 AM worship service, and is held in St. Joseph's Hall. Please plan to come and enjoy the following upcoming topics along with your fellow parishioners.

- **September 17th:** Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, Part 2: Father Ernie Galaz will give his reflections on his experiences in the Holy Land.
- **September 24th:** Vestry Meeting - All are welcome to attend meetings of the Vestry.
- **October 1st:** In honor of the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, Mary Ellen Maatman will speak about St. Francis and about the beautiful hilltop town of Assisi.
- **October 8th:** Presentation by the Archives Committee - Patti Davis, Gregg Smith, Ron Mecklin, Don Glackin, Doug Sisk, and Jo Trout

If you'd like to present a topic at an upcoming Adult Forum, or if you have an idea for a topic, please contact Mary Fran Moeller at 610-299-5574 or maryfranmoeller@gmail.com

HOSPITALITY COFFEE HOUR HOSTING The sign-up sheet for hosting our coffee hour during Adult Forum is posted on the bulletin board outside the parish office. To the left of the sign-up-sheet there is an informational take home page, this will help you to know what to bring and how much. A detailed "What to do" sheet is posted inside the Hospitality kitchen cabinet to assist you with set-up and clean up. Please sign up to host a Sunday...many hands make light the work.

CHRIST CHURCH KITCHEN GUILD Our hospitality ministry is looking to form a Kitchen Guild. We want to have guild members serve on a rotating Sunday schedule to assist coffee hour hosts. Guild members could be asked to assist with funeral and other receptions. In addition, kitchen guild members might be asked to occasionally assist in keeping our kitchen in order. Please consider serving on this important part of our parish life. A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board for you to let us know of your interest in helping.

THANK YOU! A shout out to Jo Trout for her many hours spent cleaning, organizing, and labeling of the kitchen cabinets. Our kitchen looks amazing! Your time and talent very much noticed and appreciated. Thank you!

CHRIST CHURCH GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP The Christ Church Grief Support Group meets every month on the third Saturday at 10 AM. This meeting is offered both in-person at the church and via Zoom. All are welcome, whether your loss is recent or long ago. Next meeting: October 21

PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY We kindly remind you to notify the church when you are sick, hospitalized, or in need of pastoral care. You may contact Deacon Joe German at josephagerman425@gmail.com or phone: 610-389-0793.

SAVE THE DATE! Parish Picnic, Saturday, September 30, 12:00PM - Parish picnic at the Townsend's farmhouse on Baltimore pike in Middletown. Food, fun and fellowship. More information to come. (*Rain date- Sunday, October 1, 1:00PM*)

USHERS NEEDED! We are in great need of ushers at both the 8 AM and 10 AM services, but more so at 10. This is a great ministry and a chance to be involved in the service. Please let us know if you are interested by emailing Jim McKeown at boilerhit@hotmail.com or calling at 267-408-6154.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY As we are all called to be in Mission for Christ to go out into the world, I'm bringing forth to you an opportunity for being part of something greater than yourself. St John the Evangelist Episcopal Church in Essington is in need of volunteers to help with their weekly food pantry distribution. For 1 hour a week on Tuesday night from 5:00 to 6:00 volunteers are needed to help distribute food to families in need. If you wish to be a part of this ministry, contact Deacon Joe after the service and he'll put you in contact with individuals who are running the food pantry. Currently they're only three volunteers serving the needs of those less fortunate in Essington.

FALL FESTIVEAL JEWELRY TABLE In preparation for our Fall Festival we are now accepting jewelry donations. The earlier we receive donations (jewelry only!), the better prepared we will be for the event. Please leave donations in the parish office. Any questions can be sent to Debbie Smith at debbismith03@gmail.com. Thank you.

Do you knit, crochet, quilt, embroider, sew? If so, please consider donating a new item (or items!) for sale at the Fall Festival in November. Our customers always appreciate your creativity! Please call, text or email Carol Smith (215-970-4106, cpsmith0511@hotmail.com) with any questions or to let me know you want to donate.

Events Planning Committee Fall/Winter Calendar

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW AND SAVE THE DATES for our upcoming Fall and Winter Events

September 16	9am-1pm Rummage Sale
September 30	12pm Fall Gathering at the Townsend's Farm (rain date 10/1)
October 14	6pm Bingo night/Potluck dinner
November 4	3:30-5:30pm Messy Church
November 18	9am Fall Festival
December 12	Tuesday, 7pm Cookie Exchange
December 17	11:30am Greening of the Church
January 20	3:30-5:30pm Messy Church
February 3	6pm Chili Cook Off/Bingo Night
February 13	5:30pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Weekly Calendar

16 Pentecost, September 17

8am Holy Eucharist Rite I
9:30am Nursery Care
10am Holy Baptism II
11:30am Adult Forum, SJH
11:30am Church School begins, SMH

Monday, September 18

9:30am Soccer Shots, SJH

Tuesday, September 19

9:30am Archives Meeting, SJH

Wednesday, September 20

10am Intercessory Prayer
11am Bible Study
12:15pm Midweek Service
7pm Choir Rehearsal
8pm AA Meeting, SJH

Thursday, September 21

Friday, September 22

Saturday, September 23

9am Altar Guild

17 Pentecost, September 24

8am Holy Eucharist Rite I
9:30am Nursery Care, Acorn Classroom
10am Holy Eucharist Rite II
11:30am Adult Forum, SJH
11:30am Church School & Youth Group

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

16 Pentecost, September 17

8AM

Acolyte – Peggy Levesque
Reader – Holly Cunningham
CB – Bob Levesque

10AM

Crucifer - Frank Mathews
Torch 1 – Claire Comerford
Torch 2 – Maya Scranton
1st Server – Caroline Lenderman
2nd Server – Alexa McKeown
Gospeler – Robert Miller
OT/Psalm – Susan Mayer
NT – Jo Trout
PP – Sean Seeney
CB1 – David Klassen
CB2 – Sue Welfley

Ushers

8AM

Holly Cunningham, Greg Smith

10AM

Ron Mecklin, Jim Mayer

17 Pentecost, September 24

8AM

Altar – Rob Miller
Reader – Geoff Kitson
CB – Kate Zurick

10AM

Crucifer – Robert Miller
Torch 1
Torch 2
1st Server – Ivy Comerford
2nd Server – Robert Miller
Gospeler – Frank Mathews
OT/Psalm – Marylee Bunting
NT – Ron Mecklin
PP – David Klassen
CB1 – Patti Davis
CB2 – Mary Ann Klassen

Ushers

8AM

McKeown Family

10AM

Jim Mayer, Faith Elcock

ABOUT OUR CHURCH

Rector: The Reverend Ernest Galaz, frernie@christchurchmedia.org

Organist/Choir Director: Mr. Joel Lenderman, joel@christchurchmedia.org

Treasurer: Mr. Geoff Kitson, gkitson@christchurchmedia.org

Parish Administrator: Mrs. Rita Caserta, rita@christchurchmedia.org

Preschool Director: Mrs. Lori Crussard, lori@christchurchmedia.org

Vestry

2026

Kurt Brunner, Rector's Warden

Rob Miller, Outreach

Patti Davis

Stephanie Untz

2025

Heather Comerford, Preschool

Karen Mason, Parish Life

Robert Miller, Liturgical

Kate Zurick, Communications

2024

Steven Falcone, Property

Leslie Bullitt, Stewardship

Maggie Dunn, Secretary of Vestry

Jo Trout, Hospitality

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

8AM Holy Eucharist Rite I

10AM Holy Eucharist Rite II

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