Christ Episcopal Church

A Parish of the Anglican Communion June 9, 2024 10:00 AM

Empowered by Jesus to love, serve, and lead.

(Christ Church's Mission Statement)



3 Pentecost Holy Eucharist Rite II **Welcome!** Whether you are visiting for the first time or are a lifelong member, we are glad you are here. Whatever your religious background and wherever you are on your faith journey, we hope you encounter the Sacred here.

You'll notice that in our worship services not all people participate in exactly the same ways. Part of what makes The Episcopal Church special is that people with diverse beliefs and practices worship together here. We invite you to participate in the service as you feel comfortable. You are free to sit, stand or kneel; cry and laugh; doubt and question; hold hands with your partner; sit silently; or sing off key. Children are a blessing, not a bother, so don't be worried if they wiggle.

Most of the material you need is in this bulletin; as well as *The Hymnal 1982*, the songbook *Lift Every Voice and Sing* (LEVAS) and the *Book of Common Prayer* (has a cross on the front). There are Bibles in the pews in various translations, feel free to leaf through, or even take one, if you'd like.

The Holy Eucharist is Christ's eternal banquet. In the Episcopal Church it is our tradition to welcome everyone to receive communion. This is God's table, not our table; and God welcomes everyone to share in the Body of Christ.

Following the service, please join us for refreshments in St. Joseph's Hall. There are often presentations of varied topics of interest in the Adult Forum.

If you have questions about our church, please speak with a clergyperson, one of the ushers, or a greeter after the service or contact the church office, 610-566-7525 or rita@christchurchmedia.org. To join our emailing list, please fill out the tan visitor card in your pew and give it to an usher or put it in the collection plate.

God loves and accepts you, just as you are, and we do too. Welcome!

The Rt. Rev. Daniel G.P. Gutierrez - Bishop The Rev. Fr. Ernest Galaz - Rector The Rev. Dcn. Joseph German - Deacon Mr. Kurt Brunner - Senior Warden

3 Pentecost

Celebrant: The Reverend Ernest Galaz, Rector

Deacon: The Reverend Joseph German
Organist: Mr. Joel Lenderman

Processional Hymn: 620 "Jerusalem, my happy home"



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.

People Amen.

Gloria - Lau

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 adore you.

Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.

The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray... O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your

inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People Amen.

The First Reading

1 Samuel 8:4-11. 16-20

All the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, and said to him, "You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations." But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to govern us." Samuel prayed to the LORD, and the LORD said to Samuel, "Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. Now then, listen to their voice; only—you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them."

So Samuel reported all the words of the LORD to the people who were asking him for a king. He said, "These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots. He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the LORD will not answer you in that day."

But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, "No! but we are determined to have a king over us, so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles."

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

Psalm 138

- 1 I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; * before the gods I will sing your praise.
- 2 I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your Name, * because of your love and faithfulness;
- 3 For you have glorified your Name * and your word above all things.
- 4 When I called, you answered me; * you increased my strength within me.
- 5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD, * when they have heard the words of your mouth.
- 6 They will sing of the ways of the LORD, * that great is the glory of the LORD.
- 7 Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly; * he perceives the haughty from afar.
- 8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; * you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.
- 9 The LORD will make good his purpose for me; * O LORD, your love endures for ever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

The Epistle 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke" —we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

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

Gradual Hymn 194 "Jesus lives!



The Gospel

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark 3:20-35 **People Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The crowd came together again, so that Jesus and his disciples could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

"Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"— for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon Rev. Ernest Galaz

The Nicene Creed

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 (truly human).

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

Leader: In confidence we offer our Sunday prayers to the Lord, saying: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: That the church may always fix its gaze on the life that lasts forever, let us pray to the

Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: That those who strive to build God's kingdom may enjoy the understanding of their

families, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: That we may be filled with the power to amend our lives and to seek forgiveness from

those we wrong, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: That our church may remain bound together in fidelity and compassion, let us pray to

the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: That all those who gather around this table may find trustworthy brothers and sisters,

let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: That all the sick and suffering may be healed, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: In the communion of the Holy Spirit, with Mary, the mother of God, and with all the

saints, let us commend our lives and the lives of one another to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

The people add their petitions and thanksgiving aloud or silently.

The Celebrant concludes with a Collect

God of loving kindness, you have ordered all things for our benefit. Listen to our prayers and answer them with blessings. This we ask through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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 "Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven" - D.H. Williams

Doxology Hymn 380 (v 3)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: paise 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 - Lau

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, Hosanna in the highest.

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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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 188 "When peace, like a river"

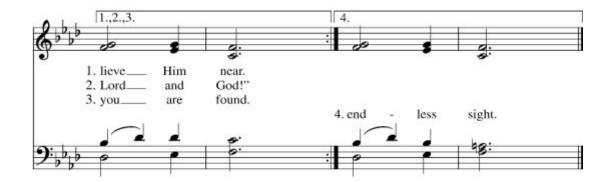






LEV 206 "We walk by faith"





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 569 "God the Omnipotent"





Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God.

The Altar Flowers, Wine, Bread, and Candles are given to the Glory of God by Patti Davis in thanksgiving and celebration of her son, T.C.'s birthday and in loving memory of her grandmother Rose Walker. 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, 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, Connor, Bruce, Bonnie, Cynthia, Anu, Robert, Mark, Jim, Linda, Greg, Joanne, Cecelia, Chris, Rose, Kris

WE CELEBRATE THIS WEEK

BIRTHDAYS: Janet Miller, Lynn Dufner, Khairo Booker, Gail Kienitz, Jan Dreachslin

ANNIVERSARY: Susan & Jim Mayer

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 MIDDAY SERVICE will resume in September.

<u>NURSERY CARE</u> 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.

<u>ADULT FORUM</u> Adult Forum immediately follows the 10 AM worship service and is held in St. Joseph's Hall. Upcoming topics:

June 9 – <u>Living Your Life, Leaving Your Legacy</u>: Estate Planning Consideration for the Young and Non-Quite-Young, presenter Pat Rizzo

June 16 – Coffee Hour

If you'd like to present a topic at an upcoming Adult Forum, or if you have an idea for a topic, please contact Beth Termini 978-239-3937

<u>PARENTS MEETING</u> There will be a short meeting of parents of little ones in the sanctuary after the 10am service on June 9. We'd like families to be able to connect with one another and hear how Christ Church might better serve their needs.

<u>CHRIST CHURCH GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP</u> 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.

<u>CHRIST CHURCH BOOK CLUB</u> All are welcomed to come on **Tuesday**, **June 11**th **at 11am** in St. Joseph's Hall to discuss the book, "<u>Their Eyes Were Watching God</u>" by Zora Neale Hurston.

<u>CHURCH DIRECTORY</u> We are working on publishing an updated Church Directory in the next few weeks. Have you changed your email address? Phone number? Please let us know of any changes to your current contact info. Also, if you DO NOT want to be listed in the directory please let us know. We appreciate any changes be sent to <u>rita@christchurchmedia.org</u> no later than June 24th. Thank you!

THURSDAY EMPOWERMENT GROUP meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 7pm. The group has decided to study the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) beginning with our next meeting. This is a great opportunity for both those new to the Episcopal church and for long time members to delve into our shared faith. The BCP includes all of the various rites (Eucharist, Baptism, Marriage, etc.) prayers, as well as historical documents, a catechism of church teachings, and so much more. All are welcome to join us and hopefully have many of your questions answered. If you have any questions about this group, please contact Dan Mistichelli via email ddmisti@gmail.com.

ARCHIVES UPDATE The Archives Committee is pleased to announce that we now have a central e-mail to make it easier for you to know where to send any photographs or information that you have for the timeline update. The address is **Archives@christchurchmedia.org**. Also, the rollout of the updated timeline has been moved to September 22 to help launch our 170th celebration!

SAVE THE DATE! Tuesday, July 30 – CHRIST CHURCH NIGHT AT THE PHILLIES

Christ Church has purchased 50 tickets for the Phillies vs Yankees game. The game has a 6:40pm start time. Tickets are \$50 each. Please see Bob Miller if interested on purchasing tickets or contact him via email: Robertmiller42311@gmail.com

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

3 Pentecost, June 9 MA8

Altar – Rob Miller OT, Psalm – Geoff Kitson PP – Sandy McKeown NT/CB – Kate Zurick

10AM

Crucifer – Robert Miller 1st Server – Caroline Lenderman 2nd Server – Ivy Comerford Gospeler: Frank Mathews OT, Psalm – Dave Klassen NT – Dan Mistichelli PP – Susan Mayer CB1 – Scott Scranton CB2 – Jo Trout

Ushers

8AM –Jim & Sandy McKeown 10AM –Jim Mayer, Faith Elcock

4 Pentecost, June 16 MA8

Altar – Rob Miller OT, Psalm - Sandy McKeown PP – Holly Cunningham NT, CB – Kate Zurick

10AM

Crucifer – Ivy Comerford 1st Server – Scott Scranton 2nd Server – Maya Scranton Gospeler - Robert Miller OT, Psalm – Suzie Laborda

NT – Ron Mecklin PP - Patti Davis Paten – Dan Mistichelli

CB1 – Alexsa McKeown CB2 – Caroline Lenderman

Ushers

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Weekly Calendar

3 Pentecost, June 9

8am Holy Eucharist Rite I

9:30am Nursery Care

10am Holy Eucharist Rite II

11:30am Adult Forum

Monday, June 10

Tuesday, June 11

11am Book Club, SJH

Wednesday, June 12

9:30am Preschool Moving On Day

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

8pm AA Meeting, SJH

Thursday, June 13

10am Granite Farms Holy Communion

7pm Empowerment Group, SJH

Friday, June 14

Saturday, June 15

9am Altar Guild

4 Pentecost, June 16

8am Holy Eucharist Rite I

9:30am Nursery Care

10am Holy Eucharist Rite II

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Patti Davis

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