

Christ Episcopal Church

A Parish of the Anglican Communion

June 9, 2024, 8:00AM

Empowered by Jesus to love, serve, and lead.

(Christ Church's Mission Statement)



**3 Pentecost
Holy Eucharist Rite I**

3 Pentecost

Celebrant: The Reverend Ernest Galaz

Deacon: The Reverend Joseph German

All Stand

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

Celebrant Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord.
People **Amen.**

Summary of Law

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Hymn of Praise

Gloria in excelsis

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards all. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only, art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

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.

The Gospel

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark 3:20-35

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

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."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise be to thee, O 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

In confidence we offer our 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 all the children of Adam and Eve may be rescued from ignorance, disobedience, and death, 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.

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 Celebrant says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Confession

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

The Celebrant says

The Absolution

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace (All Stand)

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

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.**

The Great Thanksgiving, (Eucharistic Prayer II)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts

People We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People It is meet and right so to do.

Celebrant

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. Amen.

The Celebrant continues

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

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

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia.

The Invitation

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.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom.

The Blessing

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.

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.

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. De Anna Hickson, Nursery care giver. We are looking for someone to assist De Anna in the Nursery on Sunday mornings. If interested, please call the parish office or email rita@christchurchmedia.org

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

June 9 – Living Your Life, Leaving Your Legacy: 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

PARENTS MEETING 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.

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.

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

CHURCH DIRECTORY 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 rita@christchurchmedia.org 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

8AM

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

8AM

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

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

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

ABOUT OUR CHURCH

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Vestry

2025

Heather Comerford, Preschool

Karen Mason, Parish Life

Robert Miller, Liturgical

Kate Zurick, Secretary & Communications

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Kurt Brunner, Rector's Warden

Rob Miller, Outreach

Patti Davis

Stephanie Untz

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Jo Trout, Hospitality

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

8AM Holy Eucharist Rite I

10AM Holy Eucharist Rite II

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