

**CHRIST CHURCH PARISH
EPISCOPAL**

5:00 PM

Pentecost

May 18, 2024



WELCOME

Christ Church is an Episcopal Parish in the Diocese of Massachusetts. We welcome and honor the God-given gifts that make us unique as individuals and strong as community. You and your family are welcome regardless of age, ethnicity, sexual orientation, marital status or prior religious affiliation.

OPENING SONG *Surely the Presence of the Lord is in this Place*

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place
I can feel his mighty power and His grace,
I can feel the brush of Angels' wings
I see glory on each face,
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

Surely the spirit of the Lord is here in love
And it brings God's peace and quiet far from up above.
I can see the glow of Angels' wings
Shining brightly for a-bove,
Surely the spirit of the Lord is here in love.

Surely the blessing of the Lord is in my heart
And it's here when we're to-gether or a-part,
Now I feel the rush of angels' wings and
I know how great thou art,
Surely the blessing of the Lord is in my heart.

OPENING SENTENCE

The Officiant says

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The Invitatory and Psalter

VERSICLE

All stand

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.

People **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Alleluia.

INVITATORY

**O gracious Light,
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!**

**Now as we come to the setting of the sun,
and our eyes behold the vesper light,
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

**You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,
O Son of God, O Giver of life,
and to be glorified through all the worlds.**

Psalm 104:25-35, 37

The people sit.

²⁵O LORD, how manifold are your works! *
in wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

²⁶Yonder is the great and wide sea
with its living things too many to number, *
creatures both small and great.

²⁷There move the ships,
and there is that Leviathan, *
which you have made for the sport of it.

²⁸All of them look to you *
to give them their food in due season.

²⁹You give it to them; they gather it; *
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

³⁰You hide your face, and they are terrified; *
you take away their breath,
and they die and return to their dust.

³¹You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; *
and so you renew the face of the earth.

³²May the glory of the LORD endure for ever; *
may the LORD rejoice in all his works.

³³He looks at the earth and it trembles; *
he touches the mountains and they smoke.

³⁴I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; *
I will praise my God while I have my being.

³⁵May these words of mine please him; *
I will rejoice in the LORD.

³⁷Bless the LORD, O my soul. *
Hallelujah!

At the end of the Psalm is sung or said

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Lessons

FIRST READING:

Acts 2:1-21

The people sit.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in

our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

FIRST CANTICLE

Canticle 15: The Song of Mary
All stand.

Magnificat

Luke 1:46-55

**My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.**

**From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.**

**He has mercy on those who fear him *
in every generation.**

**He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.**

**He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.**

**He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty.**

**He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,**

**The promise he made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

SECOND READING:

Romans 8:22-27

The people sit.

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome.

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Reader **The Word of the Lord.**

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

SECOND CANTICLE

Canticle 17: The Song of Simeon

Nunc dimittis

Luke 2:29-32

All stand.

**Lord, you now have set your servant free *
to go in peace as you have promised;**

**For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, *
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:**

**A Light to enlighten the nations, *
and the glory of your people Israel.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

THIRD READING:

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

The people sit.

A Reading from John.

Jesus said to his disciples, "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. "I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

Reader **The Word of the Lord.**

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

HOMILY

Bill Ferguson

Silence may follow.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Officiant and People together, all standing.

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

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.

**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. Amen.**

The Prayers

SALUTATION

The people stand or kneel

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Officiant and People

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.
**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

SUFFRAGES

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. And grant us your salvation.
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. Let your people sing with joy.
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. For only in you can we live in safety.
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. Your saving health among all nations.
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

FIRST COLLECT

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

SECOND COLLECT

O God, the source of eternal light: Shed forth your unending day upon us who watch for you, that our lips may praise you, our lives may bless you, and our worship on the morrow give you glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYER FOR MISSION

O God and Father of all, whom the whole heavens adore: Let the whole earth also worship you, all nations obey you, all tongues confess and bless you, and men and women everywhere love you and serve you in peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

All stand.

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today we remember especially Helen M. Christian and Ruth E. Beal in whose honor and memory the Lamp of Presence has been given.

MEDITATION

Don & Debbie Hill

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Officiant: Let us pray.

Officiant and People

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

CLOSING SONG

Let the Fire Fall

Don & Debbie Hill

Holy Spirit, (Holy Spirit) Come with your fire
Holy Spirit, (Holy Spirit) Come with your fire
Holy Spirit come with your fire,
Holy Spirit come with your fire,

Come Holy Spirit, let the fire fall,
Let the fire fall, let the fire fall.

Holy Spirit, (Holy Spirit) Purify my heart
Holy Spirit, (Holy Spirit) Purify my heart
Holy Spirit purify my heart,
Holy Spirit purify my heart,

Come Holy Spirit, let the fire fall,
Let the fire fall, let the fire fall.

Holy Spirit, (Holy Spirit) Set my life on fire
Holy Spirit, (Holy Spirit) Set my life on fire
Holy Spirit set my life on fire,
Holy Spirit set my life on fire,

Come Holy Spirit, let the fire fall,
Let the fire fall, let the fire fall.

Come Holy Spirit, let the fire fall,
Let the fire fall, let the fire fall.

CONCLUDING VERSICLE

Let us bless the Lord, alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.

CONCLUDING SENTENCE

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

Announcements

Please keep the following people in your prayers during the coming week.

Any names added this week are in bold.

Family of Clara Clements; Caleb Eaton and family; Carol Owen; Cindy Boyer; **Charlene Birkenhead**; Dianne Powers; Don Bolt; Doug Perry; Elaine Christian; Gabriel; **Jamarr and Tracey Norman**; John Davidson; Karen Romero; Lauren Parnass; Laurie Ghelfi Smith; Linda Garrone; Louise Woodruff; Margie Kaupp; Maryanne Kerrigan; Michelle and Michael Almeida; Nicole Smith; Nicole Zapolski; Norm Zinger; Owen Smith; Richard Larraga; Ruth Ann Cederholm; Sam Barry; Sharon Steadman; **for the memory of Stephanie Legg**; Steven Mills-Price; Suzanne Williamson-Vico; Tim N.; Tina MacAllister; Valerie B. Pflock; William Underhill

We ask your prayers for those serving in the military and their families:

Andrew Barton, Austin Vico, Harry Morini, Josh Zabin, Tory Boudreau

From the Office

In order to have your announcements included in the weekly bulletin and *Keeping Connected*, please send them to the office by 12 Noon on Wednesday. They should include date, time, place, description of event and contact information and should be written exactly the way you want them to appear.

Keeping Connected – Christ Church’s weekly eNewsletter can now be found on our website christchurchplymouth.org. Visit our website to view the newsletter or scroll to the bottom of the page and enter your name and email to have it sent directly to your inbox.

Adventures In Learning

This month we start our third Love First unit: *Love God*. Please see the May schedule below:

Church School Schedule

May

19 Love God 5—PENTECOST

26 **Memorial Day Weekend** –No Church School

Join Our Church School Team!

We warmly welcome adults to become part of our Church School program! Alongside our dedicated teachers, we are in search of adults to partner with them, ensuring there are always two adults present in every class. Additionally, we need individuals who are willing to step in as substitutes when teachers are unavailable.

No prior experience is necessary as we provide all the information and materials needed for a fulfilling experience. Your enthusiasm and willingness to contribute are what truly matter!

If you're interested in making a meaningful difference in the lives of our children, please reach out to Donna Eby at donnaeby@rocketmail.com and education.christchurchplymouth@gmail.com for more information or to volunteer. Together, let's create a nurturing environment where our children can grow in faith and understanding. Thank you for considering this opportunity to serve!

Christ Church Food Pantry – The Food Pantry is low on bags to pack food for our clients. If you have paper shopping bags to recycle or extra fabric shopping bags, please drop them in the food pantry collection box at the entrance to the sanctuary, under the mailboxes outside the church office, or inside the Pantry during shift hours (see below). Non-Sugar added cereals (Corn Flakes, Cheerios or like items, Raisin Bran, Rice Krispies), Small juice boxes, Canned peaches or mixed fruit.

All are welcome to the Christ Church Food Pantry!

We are open by appointment:

Tuesday 4:00-5:15, Thursday 12:00-1:15 and 4:00-5:15, and Saturday 10:00-11:15.

Call the pantry message line: 508-746-4959, ext 6, BY 1 PM THE DAY BEFORE YOU WISH TO PICK UP YOUR ORDER. Our volunteers check messages and return your call from their homes to ask you what you need.

Leave a message if you wish to donate non-perishable food and household items, or you may leave your donations under the mailboxes outside the office or in the front entrance to the sanctuary. Squirrels like to get into any bags left on the porch of the food pantry!

If you wish to volunteer, contact Eileen Paris at eileenpca@aol.com

For more information, please contact Barbara Wojtkiewicz at 617-291-4634, or by email at barbara.wojtkiewicz@gmail.com

Thrift Shoppe - The Thrift Shoppe proudly partners with Plymouth Public School's *Project Growth*. This inclusive program provides unique opportunities for special needs students to experience success, regardless of how tough or challenging their journey. Nick Muscato is one such student. A much loved and valued member of the Thrift Shoppe team, Nick volunteers weekly sorting and organizing donations and assisting with various tasks that maintain a neat and orderly shop. We are grateful for Nick and his desire to help others, his cheerful can-do attitude, and the many positive contributions he makes to the Thrift Shoppe.

If you or someone you know is interested in joining this ministry, all are welcome regardless of age, experience, abilities, or religious affiliation. Please contact us at office.christchurchplymouth@gmail.com or speak with any volunteer.

Shoppe Hours
Thursday and Friday 10-4
Saturday 10-2

Parish Safe Church Policies - At its May 8th meeting, our vestry voted to adopt two parish Safe Church policies. Vestry also set a goal of parish compliance with the policies by the end of 2024.

Our diocese requires every congregation to adopt and follow these policies in order "to create safe and welcoming space for minors, elders and people with disabilities and those engaged in ministry with them."

Links to the policies are located in this week's Keeping Connected and will be posted on our parish website. Binders with paper copies will be located in each area of the main church, as well as on both floors of Hall House and in the food pantry. We strongly encourage all parishioners and volunteers to read and become familiar with these documents. It takes all of our efforts to live into being a safe and welcoming community for all people, and following the "universal precautions" in these Safe Church policies is part of our call to minister together in healthy ways as the Body of Christ.

Rev. Melissa and vestry liaisons will be reaching out to ministry leaders who serve directly with children, youth, and vulnerable adults to ensure they have received and reviewed these documents. We are also working with staff and leaders to complete required and recommended Safe Church training and identify areas where we need to update our practices.

Thank you! If you have questions about these policies or wish to take the online Safe Church training (which is open to all), please contact David in the church office, and he will assist you directly or direct your question to the right person.

Week At - A - Glance * May 19, 2024 – May 26, 2024

SUNDAY	8:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:15 AM 11:15 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite I - Pentecost Holy Eucharist Rite II - Pentecost Coffee Hour Thrift Shoppe Volunteer Meeting
MONDAY	9:00 AM 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Morning Prayer – Facebook Live Fore & Aft
TUESDAY	10:30 AM – 11:30 AM 12:30 PM 4:00 PM – 5:15 PM	Fore & Aft Pastoral Care Food Pantry
WEDNESDAY	9:00 AM 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Morning Prayer – Facebook Live Fore & Aft
THURSDAY	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM 10:00 AM 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM 12:00 PM – 1:15 PM 1:00 PM 2:00 PM 4:00 PM – 5:15 PM 7:00 PM	Thrift Shoppe Bible Study Fore & Aft Food Pantry Book Study Office Closed Food Pantry Choir Rehearsal
FRIDAY	9:00 AM 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Morning Prayer – Facebook Live Thrift Shoppe Fore & Aft
SATURDAY	10:00 AM – 2:00 PM 10:00 AM – 11:15 AM 11:00 AM 5:00 PM	Thrift Shoppe Food Pantry Eucharistic Visitor Training Holy Eucharist Rite II – Trinity Saturday
SUNDAY	8:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:15 AM 11:15 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite I – Trinity Sunday Holy Eucharist Rite II – Trinity Sunday Coffee Hour Thrift Shoppe Volunteer Meeting

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JESUS CHRIST IS THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH

MINISTERS

All the people of Christ Church Parish

Staff

The Rev. Melissa Howell, Rector
The Rev. Deacon James Thomas
Connie Melahoures, Verger
David Tyler, Parish Administrator
Lea Tyler, Choir Director
Donna Eby, Interim Sunday School Coordinator
Jae Johnson, Sexton

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Monday - Friday 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM