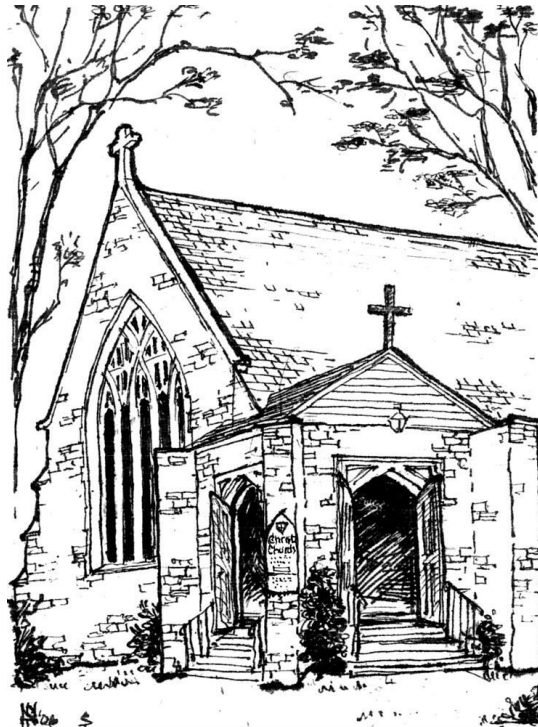


**CHRIST CHURCH PARISH
EPISCOPAL**

10:00 AM

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 16, 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.

The Invitatory and Psalter

VERSICLE

All stand

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Officiant and People

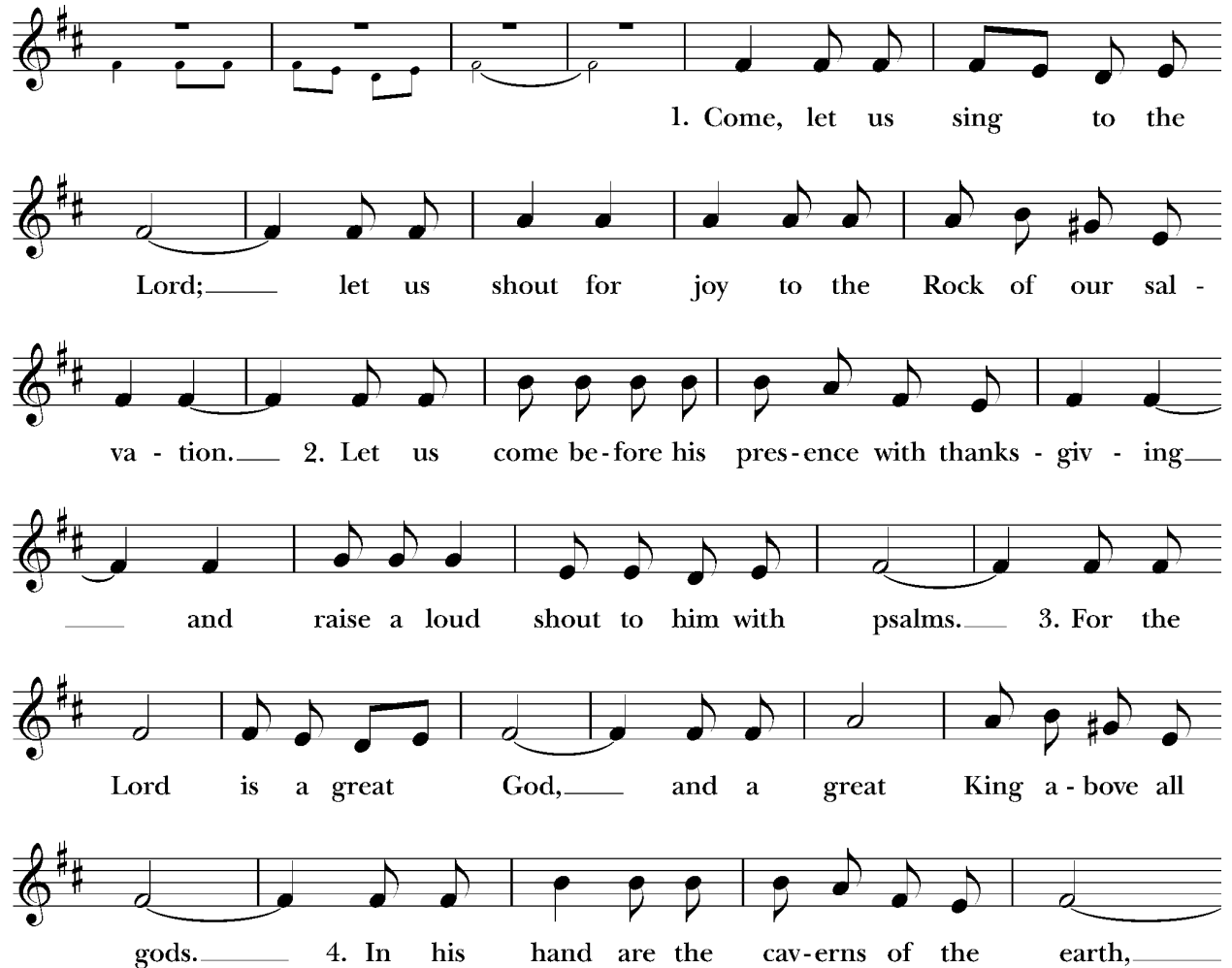
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Alleluia.

INVITATORY

Venite

1982 Hymnal S 35



1. Come, let us sing to the

Lord; — let us shout for joy to the Rock of our sal -

va - tion. — 2. Let us come be - fore his pres - ence with thanks - giv - ing —

— and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. — 3. For the

Lord is a great God, — and a great King a - bove all

gods. — 4. In his hand are the cav - erns of the earth, —

_____ and the heights of the hills are his al - so. _____ 5. The
 sea is his, for he made it, _____ and his hands have
 mold - ed the dry land. _____ 6. Come, let us bow down, and bend the
 knee, _____ and kneel be-fore the Lord our Ma - ker. _____ 7. For
 he is our God, _____ and we are the peo - ple of his
 pas - ture _____ and the sheep of his hand. _____
 _____ Oh, that to - day you would heark-en to his voice! _____

Psalm 20

¹May the LORD answer you in the day of trouble, *
the Name of the God of Jacob defend you;

²Send you help from his holy place *
and strengthen you out of Zion;

³Remember all your offerings *
and accept your burnt sacrifice;

⁴Grant you your heart's desire *
and prosper all your plans.

⁵We will shout for joy at your victory
and triumph in the Name of our God; *
may the LORD grant all your requests.

⁶Now I know that the LORD gives victory to his anointed; *
he will answer him out of his holy heaven,
with the victorious strength of his right hand.

⁷Some put their trust in chariots and some in horses, *
but we will call upon the Name of the LORD our God.

⁸They collapse and fall down, *
but we will arise and stand upright.

⁹O LORD, give victory to the king *
and answer us when we call.

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:

1 Samuel 15:34--16:13

The people sit.

A Reading from the First book of Samuel.

Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the LORD was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel. The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come

peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is now before the LORD." But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

CANTICLE

A Song of Praise

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1. Glo - ry to you, Lord

God of our fa - thers; you are wor - thy of praise;

glo - ry to you. 2. Glo - ry to you

— for the ra - di-ance of your ho - ly Name; — we will

praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. —

3. Glo - ry to you — in the splen - dor of your

tem - ple; — on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to

you. — 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed bet -

ween the Cher - u - bim; — we will praise you and

high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. —

Descant

5. Glo - ry to you, — be -

5. Glo - ry to you, — be - hold - ing the

hold-ing the depths; in the high vault of

depths; in the high vault of hea-ven, glo - ry to

hea - ven, 6. Glo - ry to you,

you. 6. Glo - ry to you, Fa - ther,

Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will

Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will praise you and

high-ly ex - alt you Glo-ry to you!

high-ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

The Prayers

SALUTATION

The people stand or kneel

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

SUFFRAGES

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.

V. Day by day we bless you;

R. We praise your Name for ever.

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;

R. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;

R. For we put our trust in you.

V. In you, Lord, is our hope;

R. And we shall never hope in vain.

COLLECT FOR SUNDAYS

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR GRACE

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PEACE

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

LITANY

I.

Holy God, Creator of heaven and earth,
Have mercy on us.

Holy and Mighty, Redeemer of the world,
Have mercy on us.

Holy Immortal One, Sanctifier of the faithful,
Have mercy on us.

Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, One God,
Have mercy on us.

II.

From all evil and mischief; from pride, vanity and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred and malice; and from all evil intent,
Savior deliver us.

From sloth, worldliness and love of money; from hardness of heart and contempt for your word and your laws,
Savior deliver us.

From sins of body and mind; from deceits of the world, flesh and the devil,
Savior deliver us.

From famine and disaster; from violence, murder, and dying unprepared,
Savior deliver us.

In all times of sorrow; in all times of joy; in the hour of our death and at the day of judgment,
Savior deliver us.

By the mystery of your holy incarnation; by your birth, childhood and obedience; by your baptism, fasting and temptation,
Savior deliver us.

By your ministry in word and work; by your mighty acts of power; by the preaching of your reign,
Savior deliver us.

By your agony and trial; by your cross and passion; by your precious death and burial,
Savior deliver us.

By your mighty resurrection; by your glorious ascension; and by your sending of the Holy Spirit,
Savior deliver us.

VI.

Give us true repentance; forgive us our sins of negligence and ignorance and our deliberate sins; and grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your word.

**Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy on us.**

HYMN *Come away to the skies* **1982 Hymnal 213**

SALUTATION

The people stand

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

SECOND READING:

2 Corinthians 5:6-17

The people sit.

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

We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our

right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

THIRD READING:

Mark 4:26-34

The people sit.

A Reading from Mark.

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come." He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

SERMON

The Rev. Deacon James Thomas

Silence may follow.

THE CREED

All stand.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became 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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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.**

INTERCESSIONS

All remain standing.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Michael
our presiding bishop, Alan and Carol our bishops, Julia our bishop-elect,

Melissa our priest, James our deacon, and all of our lay ministers; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.

Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed.

Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. The high altar flowers have been given in celebration of the 14th anniversary of the wedding of Leonard and Holly Williams, and in Leonard's memory.

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

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

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

ANTHEM

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.**

THE GRACE

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.**

POSTLUDE

We walk by faith, and not by sight

1982 Hymnal 209

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; Dianne Powers; Don Bolt; Doug Perry; Elaine Christian; Jack; 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; Mike; Nicole Smith; **Norman Harbinson**; Norm Zinger; Owen Smith; Richard Larraga; Ruth Ann Cederholm; Sam Barry; Sharon Steadman; Steven Mills-Price; Suzanne Williamson-Vico; Tim N.; Tina MacAllister; Tyler Christian; 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.

Coffee Hour - We have found a contractor to strip and wax the Parish Hall floors. Due to their schedule and our urgent need to get the work done, they are coming this Saturday, June 15th. The wax takes time to dry and cure so instead of Coffee Hour on Sunday, June 16th, we will have Lemonade on the Lawn a week early. Thank you for your flexibility and we look forward to seeing you there!

Thrift Shoppe - This week, Vestry approved the Thrift Shoppe designation of \$2500 from proceeds to the Plymouth Salvation Army. This outreach will be specifically earmarked for the Salvation Army's Summer Camp Wonderland scholarships. Camp Wonderland, instituted in 1924, is an overnight camp located in Sharon, housed on 110 acres of woodlands on Lake Massapoag. It provides memorable camping experiences that encompass physical, social, and spiritual guidance for hundreds of Massachusetts children. The Salvation Army is committed to ensuring every child the opportunity to attend camp. The scholarship money provided will specifically support children of need from Plymouth, Kingston, and Carver. We are grateful to the many volunteers, donors, and shoppers who make community outreach possible.

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

Christ Church Food Pantry – This week we are low on: chicken noodle soup, cereal/breakfast bars, kidney beans, pork and beans, and small bottles of dish soap

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

Summer Sunday Worship Schedule Changes - Starting June 23, Christ Church will transition to our summer worship schedule. We warmly invite you to join us for our Saturday service of Holy Eucharist at 5pm or Sunday service of Holy Eucharist at 9am.

Following the Sunday 9am service, we will be gathering for a delightful tradition: Lemonade on the Lawn. This is more than just refreshments; it's an opportunity to mingle, connect, and bask in the sunshine together. We'd love to see you there!

Summer Office Hours - In July and August, our church office will be closed on Fridays. We will resume our normal Monday through Friday office schedule in September.

Worship Schedule for 6/15-6/16 and 6/22-6/23

While Rev. Melissa is away, our worship will be as follows:

Saturday 6/15 5pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 6/16 at 8am: Morning Prayer

Sunday 6/16 at 10am: Morning Prayer/Ante-Communion,
all officiated by The Rev. Deacon James Thomas

Saturday 6/22 5p Evening Prayer, officiated by Connie Melahoures

Sunday 6/23 9am Holy Eucharist, celebrated by The Rev. Elisabeth Tunney

Week At - A - Glance * June 16, 2024 – June 23, 2024

SUNDAY	8:00 AM	Morning Prayer – The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
	10:00 AM	Morning Prayer/Ante-Communion – The Third Sunday after Pentecost
MONDAY	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer – Facebook Live Fore & Aft
	10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	
TUESDAY	10:00 AM	Companions Group Fore & Aft Food Pantry
	10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	
	4:00 PM – 5:15 PM	
WEDNESDAY	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer – Facebook Live Office Closed Fore & Aft
	9:30 AM – 3:00 PM	
	10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	
THURSDAY	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Thrift Shoppe Fore & Aft Food Pantry Food Pantry
	10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	
	12:00 PM – 1:15 PM	
	4:00 PM – 5:15 PM	
FRIDAY	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer – Facebook Live Thrift Shoppe Fore & Aft
	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM	
	10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	
SATURDAY	10:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Thrift Shoppe Food Pantry Evening Prayer – The Fifth Saturday after Pentecost
	10:00 AM – 11:15 AM	
	5:00 PM	
SUNDAY	9:00 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite II – The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost Lemonade on the Lawn
	10:15 AM	

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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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Office Hours

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