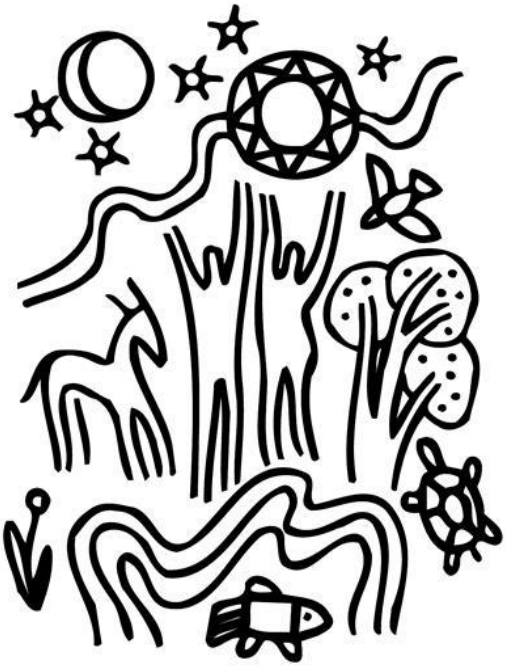
CHRIST CHURCH PARISH
EPISCOPAL

8:00 AM

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 29, 2024
Season of Creation



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 Word of God

OPENING ACCLAMATION
The people standing, the Celebrant says

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY AND GREAT COMMANDMENTS
The Celebrant says

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. **Amen.**

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.

OPENING ANTHEM
The following is said, all standing

Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace, good will towards men.
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,
art 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, who declarest thy almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Mercifully grant unto us such a measure of thy grace, that we, running to obtain thy promises, may be made partakers of thy heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lessons

FIRST READING: **Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22**

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of Esther.

The king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, "What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled." Then Queen Esther answered, "If I have won your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me—that is my petition—and the lives of my people—that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king." Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, "Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?" Esther said, "A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!" Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen. Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, "Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high." And the king said, "Hang him on that." So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the

anger of the king abated. Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

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

Silence may follow.

Psalm 124
Remain seated.

1 If the LORD had not been on our side, *
let Israel now say;

2 If the LORD had not been on our side, *
when enemies rose up against us;

3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive *
in their fierce anger toward us;

4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us *
and the torrent gone over us;

5 Then would the raging waters *
have gone right over us.

6 Blessed be the LORD! *
he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.

7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; *
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

8 Our help is in the Name of the LORD, *
the maker of heaven and earth.

SECOND READING: **James 5:13-20**

The people sit.

A Reading from the letter of James.

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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

Silence may follow.

GOSPEL: **Mark 9:38-50**

All stand.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. "If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to

stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. "For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

SERMON AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Stations of Creation

Today God's creation will preach! Participate in a sacred and prayerful scavenger hunt on our church grounds by exploring the stations below in solitude or with a group. You may pray the stations in any order you wish. At the end of 15 minutes, a bell will call you to return to our worship space.

Trees - *Find a tree. You may wish to stand below it and look up. Place your hand on its trunk, touch its leaves—does the tree make any sounds? Then pray the following:*

I am like a green olive tree in the house of God; I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever. - Psalm 52, verse 8

Dear God, thank you for the gift of trees. Open our hearts as conifers shed their cones like tears for seasons gone by. Open our ears to old sycamores that can tell a story in their bark. Help us taste the sweetness of life like the maples, and give us wisdom like oaks that reach the stars. Your Son prayed among olive trees in the groves of Gethsemane. Give us now a reverence for the trees' silent witness. When we walk on parched trails, remind us to bow our heads in thanksgiving for all the rain we have known. Amen.

- Adapted from a prayer by the Rev. Becca Stevens

Land - *Walk and/or pause anywhere on our parish grounds. Look down and around at the land. When you are ready, pray:*

"The earth is God's, and all its fullness; The world and those who dwell upon it."—Psalm 24, verse 1

Dear God, this land belongs to no one but you. The Earth was here before us and will endure after we are gone. Remind us to walk gently upon this precious earth, taking only what we need, leaving little waste, nurturing the soil, revitalizing the land to sustain future generations.

Remind us that the land we walk and worship upon today is the ancestral land of the Wampanoag people. Keep us mindful of their historical roots in this place, the many generations who were stewards of this land. Help us to acknowledge and repent of the history of pain, disease, and bloodshed the Wampanoag and other Native peoples endured at the hands of Christian European colonizers. Help us to listen to our Native neighbors, to learn from their wisdom, and to be in solidarity with them as they keep their sacred traditions and culture alive and seek to reclaim, reassert, and revive their sovereignty.

Dear God, this land belongs to no one but you. The Earth was here before us and will endure after we are gone. Remind us to walk gently upon this precious earth, taking only what we need, leaving little waste, nurturing the soil, revitalizing the land to sustain future generations. Amen.

- Adapted from a prayer by Hila Ratzabi

Pollinators - *Walk, pause, look around and listen for bees, moths, butterflies, and other insects and pollinators. When you hear or see one, pray the following:*

Pleasant words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the body. - Proverbs 16:24

God, our Provider, we praise you for pollinators, for the many beings who are indispensable in bringing food to our tables—birds, flies, bats, beetles, Butterflies, moths, and bees, who also give us the sweet gift of honey. Bless native plants—their flowering, fruiting, and feeding of this ecosystem. Bless species at risk: rusty-patched and yellow-banded bumble bees. Bless our attempts to partner in the restoration and health of this land. Bless the web of life, our deep connections, our interdependence, our giving and receiving. Amen.

- Adapted from a prayer by the Burning Bush Forest Church

"The Prayer of the Bee," from *Prayers for the Ark*

Lord,
I am not one to despise Your gifts.
May You be blessed
Who spread the riches of Your sweetness
for my zeal....
Let my small span of ardent life
melt into our great communal task;
to lift up to Your glory
this temple of sweetness,
a citadel of incense,
a holy candle, myriad-celled,
moulded of Your graces
And of my hidden work.

- Carmen Bernos De Gasztold, translated by Rumer Godden

Birds - *Walk, pause, look around, and listen for the sights and sounds of birds. As you walk, keep an eye out for feathers (it is the season when birds molt, losing their summer feathers and growing new ones for the cooler weather ahead). When you see or hear birds or their feathers, stop and pray the following prayer.*

Even the sparrow finds a home and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. - Psalm 84:3

Dear Jesus, help us to remember that the Holy Spirit descended on you like a dove at your Baptism, and that you told your disciples that not a single sparrow can fall to the ground without God knowing it. We give you thanks for birds and the way they glorify you with their songs and with their being. We ask your blessing on the birds of the air, the sea, and the ground, remembering those who will remain in place for the winter, and those who will be migrating great distances in the weeks ahead. May the birds remind us of our interconnection with you, with one another, and with all things. Amen.

Garden - *Find a section of our church gardens. Look closely at the plants growing there. What do you notice? Are there flowers? Seed pods? What color are the leaves? Are all the plants the same, or are there a variety? What season of life are the plants in? How do you know? How are the*

plants growing together—do they seem to be cooperating, or in competition? When you are ready, pray:

Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. - John 19:41

Creator God, in the beginning you planted a garden, and filled it with animals, birds, insects, and seed-bearing plants. In the garden you first met us, your creatures. In the garden Jesus agonized over the path of suffering love, in the garden he rose to make all creation new. And so we pray for our church gardens and for all gardens, and for those who labor in them. May they be places not only of fertile soil, abundant food, and joyful labor, but also places of learning to tend and keep, bearing the fruit of healing and hope. Creator God, we ask you to shower down your blessings on our gardens. Amen.

- Adapted from a prayer by the Rev. Nurya Love Parish

Water - *Find water or a source of water (hint: there are several spigots on the outside of our church buildings). Pause to consider and give thanks for all the ways you have already used water today. What is your favorite water-related place or memory? When you are ready, pray the following litany:*

Dear God, in the beginning, your Spirit hovered over the waters. The water you called into being is at the heart of all that lives. Mindful of the many ways water affects our lives, I pray to you now for our waters and for the life of the world around us.

I pray for all people of faith, and for the transformations in their lives that are marked by the sacredness of water: at the Red Sea, in the Jordan River, in ritual baths, in the washing of feet, and in Holy Baptism.
Silence

I pray for the leaders of nations, corporations, and communities around the world, that they may exercise wise stewardship over the waters of their lands, so that all people may have clean water to drink and may live free from waterborne diseases.
Silence

I pray for the wisdom to shape creative solutions to conflicts over water in the dry places of our planet, and for justice and peace in desert lands.
Silence

I pray for all the waters of the earth: for oceans and seas, for rivers and streams, for lakes and ponds, for watersheds, marshes, and swamps, for the waters beneath the ground; and for all creatures that live in the waters of the earth.
Silence

I pray for all who travel or work at sea or on inland waterways.
Silence

I pray for all afflicted with too much water in flood or tsunami, storm or ice; and for those people and creatures who suffer as glaciers and ice floes melt and shrink.
Silence

I pray for all who have died and for all who mourn, that their tears of grief may be turned to wellsprings of joy.
Silence

Blessed God, fountain of life: Grant that we may see all water as holy, and so protect and preserve the waters of the earth and the life they sustain. In the name of Christ, the living water, I pray. Amen.

- From Season of Creation 2024, A Celebration Guide for Episcopal Parishes

The Christ Church Thrift Shoppe - *Walk to the Thrift Shoppe. You may wish to stand on the porch or put your hand on one of the walls as you pray the following scripture passage and blessing:*

Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony. And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful. - Colossians 3:14-15

Dear Jesus, you taught that whenever we clothe someone in need, we are clothing you. Bless the ministry of our parish Thrift Shoppe and its volunteers, donors, and shoppers in their service of sustainability, provision, stewardship, connection, and outreach to our community. May

the Thrift Shoppe remind us to clothe ourselves and one another in love each day, as we aim to follow you. Amen.

The Christ Church Food Pantry - *Walk to the Food Pantry. You may wish to stand on the porch or put your hand on one of the walls as you pray the following scripture passage and blessing:*

Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." - Matthew 14:16

Dear Jesus, you called your disciples to feed thousands with only a few loaves and fishes. Help us to remember this call and to serve the hungry among us. Bless the ministry of our parish Food Pantry, bless the gifts of food from your creation that are received, packaged, and sent out from this place. Bless all volunteers who serve here, and bless all who call and come here seeking nourishment and connection. And bless our lives to your service, that those who hunger for food may receive it, and that those who have food may hunger for your justice. Amen.

Stone - *Find a rock or stone. Look at it, place your hand on it or pick it up—what color or colors is it? What is the texture like? Is there anything growing on it, and if yes, what does it look like? When you are ready, pray:*

I abandon myself to You, O Living Presence, my strength. You are my stronghold, my freedom, Almighty One, the rock and foundation of my life, Just One, tower of strength, the source of truth and light, I call upon You, Heart of my heart, singing praises to your Name, and fear no longer holds me. - Psalm 18, verses 1-4, translated by Nan Merrill

Dear Jesus, you were buried and rose again to new life from a tomb of stone. Bless the stones of our parish church and the stones of the earth. May they support and shelter us and our fellow creatures, and may they remind us to seek and find you in the stony, hard, rocky places of our lives. Thank you for being our cornerstone and the rock of our salvation. Amen.

Seeds - *Find a seed, nut, pinecone, acorn, or other fruit or berry. Hold it in your hand… what do you notice about it? When you are ready, pray:*

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it

has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." - Matthew 13:31-32

Creating God, you have given seed for the sower, and your Son calls us to abundantly sow the life-changing seeds of his gospel. Nourish, protect, and bless all seeds, pinecones, and bulbs which are sown in hope and with love. May they bring forth bountiful fruit and beauty. Amen.

Our Neighbors - *Turn and face away from the church, out to a surrounding street. Notice the homes and businesses surrounding us, the people walking and driving and biking by—these are our neighbors. When you are ready, pray the following scripture passage and prayer:*

Jesus said, "The first [commandment] is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." - Mark 12:29-31

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
Prayer for the Human Family, from *The Book of Common Prayer*

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.

CONFESSION OF SIN
The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and God's creation.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

Holy and merciful God,
we confess that we have failed to honor you
by rightly claiming our kinship with all your creatures.
We have walked heavily on your earth,
overused and wasted its resources,
taken for granted its beauty and abundance,
and treated its inhabitants unjustly,
holding future generations hostage to our greed.
Have mercy on us and forgive us our sin.

Renew in us the resolve to keep and conserve your earth as you desire and intend,
with grateful and compassionate hearts,
through your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Priest stands and says

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.**

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMISSIONING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

CELEBRATIONS AND MEMORIALS

Today we remember especially Amanda Maheffey in whose honor and memory the Lamp of Presence has been given.

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

If you wish to make a gift to support the ministries of Christ Church Parish, you may place your offering in the plate, or scan the QR code to the right to donate online. Thank you!

The Great Thanksgiving

The People remain standing.

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 to the Lord our God.
People **It is meet and right so to do.**

Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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.

Who by water and the Holy Spirit hast made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth thy glory in all the world.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS
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 people kneel or stand.

Then 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 LORD'S PRAYER
The Celebrant then 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,
forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM
Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS
The following prayer may be said. The People may join in saying this prayer

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

INVITATION
The Presider invites the people to Communion with these or similar words:

Wherever you are on your journey, you are welcome at God's table.
The Gifts of God for the People of God.

To receive the Sacrament, come forward and hold out your hands. The minister will place the bread in your palm. You may then receive the wine by drinking from the larger cup or intincting (dipping) the bread in the smaller cup. If you do not wish to receive the wine, cross your arms as you pass by the cup bearers to return to your seat.

If you would prefer a blessing, come forward, cross your arms across your chest, and the minister will bless you.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER
After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The People may join in saying this prayer

**Create in us a new heart and a new vision, O God,
that the gifts of your Spirit may work
in us and renew the face of the earth.
May we be one with you
so that our work is yours
and your work is ours.
Lead us to transform our lives
to reflect your glory in Creation;
through Jesus Christ our Savior
who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God now and for ever. Amen.**

If Lay Eucharistic Visitors are being sent out to bring the Sacrament to those who cannot be with us in-person, the following is said as the Visitors are handed the bread and wine:

Celebrant: In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's body and blood.
People: **We who are many are one body, for we all share one bread and one cup.**

BLESSING

DISMISSAL
The Deacon or Celebrant dismisses the people.
The people respond: **Thanks be to God.**

Announcements

Please keep the following people in your prayers during the coming week. Any names added this week are in bold.

Arnie Kaupp; Caleb Eaton and family; Carol Owen; Cindy Boyer; Darlene Parnass; Dianne Powers; Don Bolt; Doug Perry; Elaine Christian; John Davidson; Karen Guerra; Karen Romero; Kate Taylor; Kim Fillian**;** Jack Bersani; Lauren Parnass; Laurie Ghelfi Smith; Linda Garrone; Louise Woodruff; Lynne Neeley; Margie Kaupp; Maryanne Kerrigan; Michael Petringa; Michelle and Michael Almeida; Nicole Smith; Norm Zinger; Owen Smith; **Paula Varsch;** Ray Rogers; Sam Barry; Sharon Steadman; Steven Mills-Price; Suzanne and Dave Salois; 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

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.

Church School News - We are happy to see so many students returning this fall! We are using a new curriculum called Illustrated Ministry which is lectionary-based and which provides many print and online resources for our teachers. Students learn about one of the readings that they will hear in church at the 10:00 am service and receive a coloring activity to take with them to help them focus on the lesson. Students in grades 6 and up are invited to join our Youth Group! These students meet monthly alternating with a Friday night pizza/movie gathering and a Sunday morning discussion session. The next Youth Group gathering is on Sunday October 20 at 11:30 am. They will discuss themes from the Pixar movie WALL-E. If you have a student but have not yet registered, please use the link in Keeping Connected or fill out a registration form in class on Sunday morning.

Many thanks to those who have signed up to help in our Church School classes! We still have spots to fill in our classrooms throughout the year. Volunteers assist the lead teacher with class activities and ensure that we adhere to minimum adult supervision requirements for Safe Church guidelines. If you would like to help, please use the link in Keeping Connected or contact Su D'Ambrosio at assunta999@gmail.com.

Evening Women's Group – will be meeting on October 2 at Andrea Colby's home at 17 State Rd in Plymouth. Please RSVP to Donna Lawrence 508-243-2293 or donnamL21@comcast.net

Cookbook Update – The long-awaited roll out of the cookbook is here. You can go online to: typensave.com
username: CCParish
password: garlic547

You can then enter your favorite recipes right to our cookbook. If you do not have access to a computer, please feel free to give your recipes to Robin Nielsen or Anne McManus. If you have any other questions, please let us know.

Veterans Day at Christ Church November 10, 2024 - In 1918, On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, was declared between the Allied nations and Germany in World War I, then known as "the Great War." Commemorated in many countries as Armistice Day the following year, the U. S. honors veterans always on November 11 and is known as Veterans Day.

Christ Church Parish invites our veterans to share their stories and photos in preparation for a special presentation on Sunday, November 10th. If you are interested in this project, please contact Lynne Neeley at lneeley123@gmail.com or 973-760-3063.

Bloomin' 4 Good Program - For the month of September, the purchase of a $10.99 bouquet in the sleeve marked "Bloomin' 4 Good" from the Stop & Shop at 127 Samoset St in Plymouth will brighten a home or make someone's day while also directing a $1 donation to the Christ Church Food Pantry. This is a great way to broaden awareness in the local community and raise donations for our organization to help fight hunger. The more bouquets sold, the greater the donation we will receive from Stop & Shop! To learn more about this program, please visit stopandshop.2givelocal.com.

Christ Church Food Pantry – This week we are low on: Instant mashed potatoes, Canned mixed vegetables, Raisin Bran cereal, Grape or Strawberry jelly, Shampoo.

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 Wojtklewicz at 617-291-4634, or by email at barbara.wojtklewicz@gmail.com

Prayer Chain – Our prayer chain consists of devoted parishioners who, in confidence, pray daily for the needs of our parish family. Our mission is to lift up to God the prayers of people in need, in joy, or in thanksgiving.

All prayer requests are said for a period of 2 weeks, and all requests are kept in strict confidence. If you would like a prayer said for yourself, a member of your family or friends, please reach out to Robyn Lench Whittles 781-291-9459 or email to betty02364@gmail.com

Christ Church Thrift Shoppe - Creation Care at the Thrift Shoppe - Caring for the environment is a shared interest of friends Peg Blackwell, Kathryn Gloster and the Thrift Shoppe. As we celebrate the Season of Creation, we give special thanks to Peg and Kathryn who are active members of Sustainable Pinehills and volunteers dedicated to collecting and donating clothing and home goods for recycling, repurposing, and resale at the Thrift Shoppe. The unique partnership began during a routine Thrift Shoppe visit in 2022. Peg and Kathryn shared with leaders their vision of assisting friends and neighbors with recycling and repurposing of unneeded items. They believed that by offering pick-up and delivery of items to a charitable organization, one whose mission included community outreach, people would consider donating items that they otherwise would dispose of.

The collaboration began the following week and has become a win-win for all. Peg and Kathryn arrive weekly in a vehicle packed with donated items that provide needed inventory, while playing a pivotal role in significantly reducing waste production, conserving resources, and lowering carbon emissions. For many, “thrifting” has gained significant popularity in recent years. Shoppers indicate a desire to be part of a movement that encourages a more sustainable approach to consumption. If you have not yet visited the Thrift Shoppe, we encourage you to stop by to see how you can help support our mission and its eco-friendly approach to environmental sustainability.

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

Week At - A - Glance * September 29, 2024 – October 6, 2024

SUNDAY	**8:00 AM**	**Holy Eucharist Rite I – The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**
	9:00 AM	Church School (Adults and Grades Pre-K – 5)
	9:00 AM	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 AM	**Holy Eucharist Rite II – The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost – Outdoor worship and Stations of Creation**
	11:15 AM	Coffee Hour
MONDAY	**9:00 AM**	**Morning Prayer –** Facebook Live
	10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Fore & Aft
TUESDAY	10:00 AM	Companions Group
	10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Fore & Aft
	4:00 PM – 5:15 PM	Food Pantry
WEDNESDAY	**9:00 AM**	**Morning Prayer –** Facebook Live
	10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Fore & Aft
	5:00 PM	Evening Women's Group
THURSDAY	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Thrift Shoppe
	10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Fore & Aft
	12:00 PM – 1:15 PM	Food Pantry
	1:00 PM	Book Study
	4:00 PM – 5:15 PM	Food Pantry
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
FRIDAY	**9:00 AM**	**Morning Prayer –** Facebook Live
	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Thrift Shoppe
	10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Fore & Aft
SATURDAY	10:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Thrift Shoppe
	10:00 AM – 11:15 AM	Food Pantry
	5:00 PM	**Holy Eucharist Rite II – The Twentieth Saturday after Pentecost**
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	9:00 AM	Church School (Adults and Grades Pre-K – 5)
	9:00 AM	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 AM	**Holy Eucharist Rite II – The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost – Blessing of the Animals**
	11:15 AM	Coffee Hour

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The Rev. Deacon James Thomas
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Lea Tyler, Choir Director
Su D'Ambrosio, Sunday School Coordinator

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