CHRIST CHURCH PARISH EPISCOPAL

10:00 AM

Pentecost

June 8, 2025



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.

A Note to Parents and Caregivers with Children in Church

Thank you for bringing your children to church. We are so glad you are here!

We know it can be difficult at times to manage little ones during the service.

For that reason, we have provided some resources which we hope will make it easier for you and your family to enjoy worship together.

You will find books and coloring pages at the back of the Mary Chapel. Please feel free to utilize these at any point during the service.

We have installed a TV in the nursery! You are welcome to visit the nursery with your child during any portion of our service and join us via our livestream.

It is okay to take breaks. If you need to step out with your child, our parish grounds are a great place to get the wiggles out.

Above all, please remember: You and your family are very welcome here!

Though your children may be squirming, talking, or making noise, they are also observing, copying, and learning. Children are a gift and an important part of our community; we are grateful to have them worship with us.

The Word of God

PRELUDE





OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

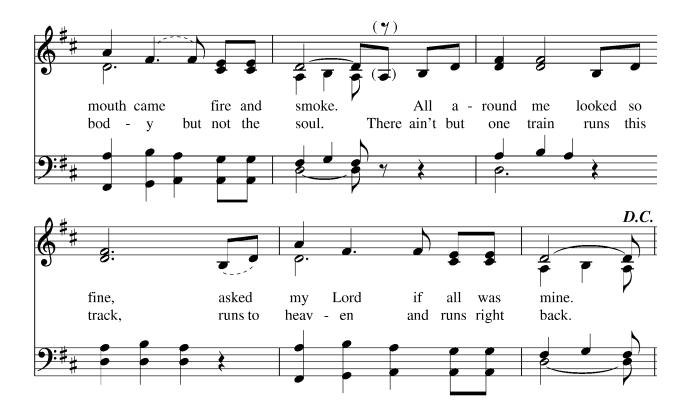
People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Celebrant may say

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





THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

CelebrantPeopleAnd also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

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*.

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.

Psalm 104:25-35, 37

Remain seated.

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!

SECOND READING:

Romans 8:14-17

The people sit.

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

All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then

heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

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

Silence may follow.

SEQUENCE HYMN Spirit of God, unseen Voices Found 53 All stand.

GOSPEL: John 14:8-17, 25-27

All stand.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Philip said to Jesus, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it. "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

Silence may follow.

BAPTISMAL RENEWAL INVITATION

All stand as they are able.

Celebrant: Recalling our Baptism by water and the Holy Spirit into the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, I invite us, on this feast of Pentecost, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism.

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

Celebrant: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your

commitment to Jesus Christ?

People: I do.

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven

and earth.

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: 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.

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: 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.

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in

the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into

sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God

in Christ?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your

neighbor as yourself?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and

respect the dignity of every human being?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you cherish the wondrous works of God and protect the

beauty and integrity of all Creation?

People: I will, with God's help.

The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows with a prayer:

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

All remain standing.

Deacon or Celebrant: O God the Holy Spirit, giver of all good gifts, come into our lives to refresh, inspire, and surprise us. Come as light and joy to enable and encourage us in all that we do. Hear our prayers as we say, Spirit of the living God: Fall afresh on us.

Leader: O God the Holy Spirit, come and revive your church, beginning here and now, that we may cherish your gifts and extend your love to others. We pray for Sean our presiding bishop, Julia our bishop, Melissa our priest, James and Natalie our deacons, for all of our lay ministers, and for each of us, in our vocations and ministries.

Silence

Spirit of the living God:

Fall afresh on us.

O God the Holy Spirit, guide and inspire our leaders with wisdom and discernment. Awaken in all of us the desire to work for the blessed gifts of peace, unity, and reconciliation. Work in us to renew and restore the earth according to your loving purposes.

Silence

Spirit of the living God:

Fall afresh on us.

O God the Holy Spirit, fill our homes and our lives with the warmth of your love, and inspire us to do new and creative things. Guide us in our relationships and draw us together in your fellowship of love and joy. *Silence*

Spirit of the living God:

Fall afresh on us.

O God the Holy Spirit, we bring before you all who hunger and thirst for new life, all who are weary or discouraged. Be with those who are ill or with special needs, and anoint them with the grace and balm of your love. We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list and those we name now, either silently or aloud.

Silence is held for a time as people share their intercessions. Spirit of the living God:

Fall afresh on us.

O God the Holy Spirit, your breath enlivens the dry bones of our lives and gives us hope even when life here on earth ends. We pray for those who have died and for all who grieve. We remember Paul Giaccaglia in whose memory the high altar flowers have been given. We remember those we name now, either silently or aloud.

Silence is held for a time as people share their intercessions.

Spirit of the living God: Fall afresh on us.

Celebrant: God our creator, the peoples of the earth have many languages, but the Gospel proclaims your love to all nations in one heavenly tongue. Make us messengers of the Good News, that through the power of your Spirit all the world may unite in one song of praise; through Jesus Christ we

pray. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

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

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

All stand.

Celebrant 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.

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!

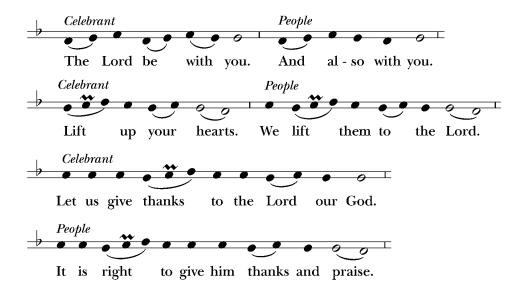


OFFERTORY ANTHEM Rain Down

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The Great Thanksgiving

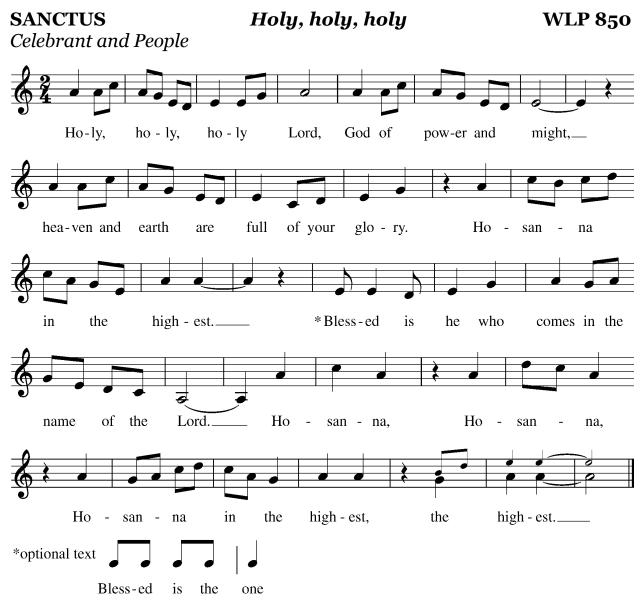


Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down [on this day] from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



The People stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him,

you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [______ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray, *People and Celebrant*

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 Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM

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

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 in two lines down the center aisle, to either the main altar or the chapel altar rail. Please fill in all the spaces along the rail. Standing or kneeling, 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 across your chest as the cup bearers come to you. If you would prefer a blessing, come forward to the rail, cross your arms across your chest, and the minister will bless you.

At the main altar, once you have received, stand and exit through the side door closest to you (either left past the organ or right through the choir room) to walk around and back into the sanctuary, using the side aisles to return to your seat.



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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Celebrant and People

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, 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

May Almighty God, who enlightened the minds of the disciples by pouring out upon them the Holy Spirit, make you rich with God's blessing, that you may abound more and more in that Spirit for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit as a flame of fire that rested upon the heads of the disciples, burn out all evil from your hearts, and make them shine with the pure light of God's presence. **Amen.**

May God, who by the Holy Spirit caused those of many tongues to proclaim

Jesus as Lord, strengthen your faith and send you out to bear witness to him in word and deed. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**



DISMISSAL

The Deacon or Celebrant dismisses the people.
The people respond: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

POSTLUDE

Announcements

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

Barbara Hulme; Don Bolt; Donna Eby; Greta Couter; Jack Willett; Jane Murphy; Jean Belle Bernhardt; Jim Kelly; Katharine LiBretto; Laurie Ghelfi Smith; **the repose of the soul of Lena Bolduc;** Linda Garrone; **Mark Poster;** Norm Harbinson; Norm Zinger; the repose of the soul of Roberta Mills-Price; Sandy Underhill; Sharon Steadman; Skip Nielsen; Suzanne and Dave Salois; Valerie B. Pflock; William Underhill

We ask your prayers for those serving in the military and their families: Aidan McKinney, Andrew Barton, Austin Vico, Harry Morini, Joel Carveiro, 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.

Summer Sunday Worship Schedule Changes - Starting June 15, 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!

Christ Church Food Pantry – 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.

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



TAKE OUR SHORT SURVEY!

WE ARE EXPANDING
THE WAYS CCP SUPPORTS YOUNG FAMILIES!
IF YOU ARE A PARENT, GRANDPARENT OR CAREGIVER.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!



SURVEY IS ANONYMOUS

NOT ALL QUESTIONS ARE MANDATORY

SKIP QUESTIONS THAT DON'T APPLY

WRITE IN CUSTOM RESPONSES

Scan the QR code, or check **Keeping Connected** for a direct link to our google survey.

If these options don't work for you, please email, Deacon Natalie at **nefinstad@gmail.com**

Plymouth Pride — Mark your calendars! Volunteers are needed! The Thrift Shoppe made a generous outreach donation to Plymouth Pride this year making Christ Church parish a Rainbow sponsor at the Plymouth Pride Festival! The date is June 29th at Nelson Park. We'll have a booth from 11am - 5p with face painting and materials to give out about our lovely home. We'll need volunteers to sit at the booth, talk to people about Christ Church and who we are, our ministries and our worship services.

There's a pink sign-up sheet located on the bulletin board, more than one person can sign up for a time slot and questions can be directed to Kat LiBretto 201-286-5591 or Drew Lench 781-291-9205

Christ Church Thrift Shoppe - The Thrift Shoppe is marking the start of summer with its Porch Sale, where shoppers can enjoy the open air and browse through an eclectic mix of home furnishings, knick knacks and other small items.

Plus, don't forget that Father's Day will soon be here, and if the young people in your family are thinking about a gift for Dad or Grandpa, the Thrift Shoppe has some shopping opportunities that are just right for a kid-sized wallet!

Shoppe Hours: Thursday and Friday 10-4 Saturday 10-1

Week At - A - Glance * June 8, 2025 - June 15, 2025

SUNDAY 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I – Pentecost

9:00 AM Adult Church School

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II – Pentecost

11:30 AM Coffee Hour

MONDAY 9:00 AM Morning Prayer – Facebook Live

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Fore & Aft

TUESDAY 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM Fore & Aft

4:00 PM – 5:15 PM Food Pantry

5:30 PM Finance Committee

WEDNESDAY 9:00 AM Morning Prayer – Facebook Live

12:00 PM Funeral Roberta Mills-Price

6:30 PM Vestry Meeting

THURSDAY 10:00 AM Bible Study

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

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 – 11:15 AM Food Pantry

10:00 AM – 1:00 PM Thrift Shoppe

5:00 PM Evening Prayer – Eve of Trinity Saturday

SUNDAY 9:00 AM Morning Prayer/Matins – Sunday of the

Diaconate

10:30 AM Lemonade on the Lawn

Christ Church Parish

Seeking Christ in Ourselves * Serving Christ in the World

JESUS CHRIST IS THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH

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All the people of Christ Church Parish

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The Rev. Deacons James & Natalie Thomas
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Peter Litchfield, Accompanist
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