CHRIST CHURCH PARISH
EPISCOPAL

8:00 AM

The Feast of St. Francis

October 4, 2026



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.

Hearing assistance devices are available in labeled baskets by the sanctuary entrances.

The Word of God

The service begins on page 323 of the Book of Common Prayer (BCP). All stand as the ministers enter.

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

The Celebrant prays the Collect for Purity.

All remain standing and pray the Gloria together:

THE GLORIA BCP p. 324

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY
Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant prays the Collect of the Day. The people respond: **Amen.**

FIRST READING Job 39:1-18
After each reading, the reader says "The Word of the Lord," and the people respond: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 121 BCP p. 779

SECOND READING Acts 4:32-35, 5:1-11

GOSPEL Luke 12:13-21
All stand. Before the Gospel is proclaimed, the Deacon or Celebrant says:

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.
The people respond: **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

After the Gospel is proclaimed, the Deacon or Celebrant says:
The Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

THE SERMON *The Rev. Melissa Howell*
The people sit. Silence may follow.

THE CREED *All stand.* BCP p. 326

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE , FORM IV BCP p. 388

CONFESSION OF SIN BCP p. 331

THE PEACE BCP p. 332

ANNOUNCEMENTS + BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

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!

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER II BCP p. 340

THE LORD'S PRAYER BCP p. 336

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD
A moment of silence is held.
Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS BCP p. 337

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

The people come forward to receive Holy Communion or a blessing.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER BCP p. 339

BLESSING

DISMISSAL
The people respond: **Thanks be to God.**

Christ Church Parish
Seeking Christ in Ourselves * Serving Christ in the World

JESUS CHRIST IS THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH

MINISTERS

All the people of Christ Church Parish

Staff
The Rev. Melissa Howell, Rector
The Rev. Deacons James & Natalie Thomas
David Tyler, Parish Administrator
Lea Tyler, Choir Director
Peter Litchfield, Accompanist
Sam Stevenson, Sexton

Officers and Vestry Representatives
Robb Pflock, Senior Warden
Alex Manchester, Junior Warden
Ray Rogers, Treasurer
Amanda Peterson, Clerk

Wil Bernard, Tom Choinski, Donna Eby, David Greene, Don Hill,
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