

CHRIST CHURCH PARISH
EPISCOPAL

5:00 PM

The Twentieth Saturday after Pentecost

October 10, 2026
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.

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.

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

The Word of God

ENTRANCE HYMN

Christ, whose glory fills the skies

1982 Hymnal 7

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.
Amen.**

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.**

SONG OF PRAISE

Canticle 12: A Song of Creation - The Earth and its Creatures

Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord; sing praise and give honor for ever.

In the high vault of heaven, glorify the Lord; sing praise and give honor for ever.

Let the earth glorify the Lord, sing praise and give honor for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O mountains and hills, and all that grows upon the earth;

sing praise and give honor for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O springs of water, seas, and streams, O whales and all that move in the waters.

All birds of the air, glorify the Lord; sing praise and give honor for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O beasts of the wild, and all you flocks and herds.

O people everywhere, glorify the Lord; sing praise and give honor for ever.

Let us glorify the Lord: Father, Son and Holy Spirit; sing praise and give honor for ever.

In the high vault of heaven, glorify the Lord; sing praise and give honor for ever.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Lessons

FIRST READING:

Isaiah 25:1-9

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23

Remain seated.

¹The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.

²He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.

³He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.

⁶Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

SECOND READING:

Philippians 4:1-9

The people sit.

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

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything

worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

GOSPEL:

Matthew 22:1-14

All stand.

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Stations of Creation at Christ Church Parish, Plymouth

Today God's creation will preach! Participate in a sacred and prayerful scavenger hunt on our church grounds by exploring the stations below on your own 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 home of the Wampanoag people. Keep us mindful of their historical roots in this place, the many generations who were and are keepers 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 Europeans. 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. We pray for the Find a Way pilgrims who will walk this week to bring awareness, peace, and hope to this land and to our histories and relationships with Native peoples.

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- 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 prayer.*

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

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 are migrating great distances now and 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.

**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 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.

<i>Celebrant</i>	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 HYMN

As we gather at your table

WLP 763

**As we gather at your Table,
as we listen to your Word,
help us know, O God, your presence;
let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story
till we claim it as our own;
teach us through this holy banquet
how to make Love's vict'ry known.**

**Turn our worship into witness
in the sacrament of life;
send us forth to love and serve you,
bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion
to forgive as you forgave;
may we still behold your image
in the world you died to save.**

**Gracious Spirit, help us summon
other guests to share that Feast
where triumphant Love will welcome
those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy blind us
nor will pride our peace destroy,
as we join with saints and angels
to repeat the sounding joy.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The People remain standing.

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

God of all power, Source and Sustainer of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: shining light and enfolding dark; the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with the capacity for memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of your creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your eternal Word, born of your servant Mary, to fulfill your Law, opening for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Celebrant and People

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate Christ's death and resurrection as we await the day of his coming.

Therefore, O God, we who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Savior. Sanctify us also, and let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

God of our ancestors; Redeemer and Mother of Israel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only and not for strength; for pardon only and not for renewal.

Accept these prayers and praises, Almighty God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

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 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.

COMMUNION HYMN

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life

1982 Hymnal 487

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**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.**

CLOSING HYMN

The tree of life

MHSO 149



1 The tree of life my soul hath seen, la -
2 His beau - ty doth all things ex - cel: by
3 For hap - pi - ness I long have sought, and
4 I'm wear - y with my form - er toil, here
5 This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, it



den with fruit and al - ways green. The
faith I know but ne'er can tell the
plea - sure dear - ly I have bought: I
I will sit and rest a while: un -
keeps my dy - ing faith a - live; which



trees of na - ture fruit - - - less be, com -
glo - ry which I now can see in
miss'd of all: but now I see 'tis
der the shad - ow I will be of
makes my soul in haste to be with



pared with Christ, the ap - ple tree.
Je - sus Christ, the ap - ple tree.
found in Christ, the ap - ple tree.
Je - sus Christ, the ap - ple tree.
Je - sus Christ, the ap - ple tree.

BLESSING

Deep peace, deep green of the grass to you. Deep peace, deep black of the earth to you. Deep peace, deep silver of the dew to you. Deep peace, deep blue of the sky to you. Deep peace, deep light of the moon to you. Deep peace of Christ, the Son of Peace, to you. And the blessing of the One, Holy, and Triune God, be upon you and upon all of creation, this day and always.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

The Deacon or Celebrant dismisses the people, and the people respond:

People **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

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