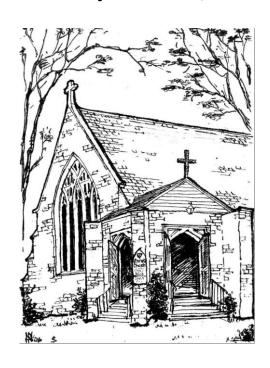
## CHRIST CHURCH PARISH EPISCOPAL

5:00 PM

The Seventh Saturday after Pentecost

July 26, 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 Kristen Abbott

ENTRANCE HYMN O day of God, draw nigh 1982 Hymnal 601

## **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**

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**

A Song of Our True Nature
The following is said, all standing

Julian of Norwich

Christ revealed our frailty and our falling, our trespasses and our humiliations. Christ also revealed his blessed power, his blessed wisdom and love. He protects us as tenderly and as sweetly when we are in greatest need; he raises us in spirit and turns everything to glory and joy without ending. God is the ground and the substance, the very essence of nature; God is the true father and mother of natures. We are all bound to God by nature, and we are all bound to God by grace. And this grace is for all the world, because it is our precious mother, Christ. For this fair nature was prepared by Christ for the honor and nobility of all, and for the joy and bliss of salvation.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## The Lessons

Hosea 1:2-10

## FIRST READING:

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of the prophet Hosea.

When the LORD first spoke through Hosea, the LORD said to Hosea, "Go, take for yourself a wife of whoredom and have children of whoredom, for the land commits great whoredom by forsaking the LORD." So he went and took Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son. And the LORD said to him, "Name him Jezreel; for in a little while I will punish the house of Jehu for the blood of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel. On that day I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel." She conceived again and bore a daughter. Then the LORD said to him, "Name her Lo-ruhamah, for I will no longer have pity on the house of Israel or forgive them. But I will have pity on the house of Judah, and I will save them by the LORD their God; I will not save them by bow, or by sword, or by war, or by horses, or by horsemen." When she had weaned Lo-ruhamah, she conceived and bore a son. Then the LORD said, "Name him Lo-ammi, for you are not my people and I am not your God." Yet the number of the people of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which can be neither measured nor numbered; and in the place where it was said to them, "You are not my people," it shall be said to them, "Children of the living God."

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

## Psalm 85

Remain seated.

- <sup>1</sup>You have been gracious to your land, O LORD; \* you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.
- <sup>2</sup>You have forgiven the iniquity of your people \* and blotted out all their sins.
- <sup>3</sup>You have withdrawn all your fury \* and turned yourself from your wrathful indignation.
- <sup>4</sup>Restore us then, O God our Savior; \* let your anger depart from us.
- <sup>5</sup>Will you be displeased with us for ever? \* will you prolong your anger from age to age?
- <sup>6</sup>Will you not give us life again, \* that your people may rejoice in you?
- <sup>7</sup>Show us your mercy, O LORD, \* and grant us your salvation.
- <sup>8</sup>I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, \* for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to him.
- <sup>9</sup>Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, \* that his glory may dwell in our land.
- <sup>10</sup>Mercy and truth have met together; \* righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- <sup>11</sup>Truth shall spring up from the earth, \* and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
- <sup>12</sup>The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, \* and our land will yield its increase.

<sup>13</sup>Righteousness shall go before him, \* and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

## **SECOND READING:**

Colossians 2:6-19

The people sit.

A reading from the letter to the Colossians.

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it. Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

GOSPEL: Luke 11:1-13

All stand.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say: 'Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial." And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. "So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Melissa Howell

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.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

All remain standing.

Deacon or Celebrant: God of mercy whose care and compassion for us is beyond imagining. Hear us and answer our prayers as may be best for us and always to your glory as we say, God in your mercy, hear our prayer.

*Leader:* Guide your church that it might be a place of welcome, respite, and dignity for all people.

Silence

God in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For the churches in our diocese, for Sean our Presiding Bishop, Julia our Bishop, Melissa our Priest, James and Natalie our Deacons, and each of us in our vocations and ministries.

Silence

God in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Open the eyes and hearts of all in authority. Grant them wisdom and compassion in the exercise of their responsibilities. *Silence* 

God in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Empower us to be advocates for human thriving in all the places we call home.

Silence

God in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Remind us of our call to be caretakers of creation and embolden us to act to ensure environmental sustainability.

Silence

God in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Bring your healing presence into the lives of all who suffer from any distress. 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.

God in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Hold the dead in your loving care and grant us also to enter into your eternal love on the day of our death. We pray for all our beloved dead and those we name now, either silently or aloud.

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

God in your mercy, hear our prayer.

*Celebrant:* Holy God, you know the longings of our hearts before we ask. Look upon us with compassion and lead us ever deeper into relationship with you as we seek to do your will. All this we ask in the name of our savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.** 

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

God of all mercy,

we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives.

We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created.

We repent of the evil that enslaves us,

the evil we have done,

and the evil done on our behalf.

Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of 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 Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

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

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## 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 Just a Closer Walk with Thee LEVAS 72





## The Great Thanksgiving

The People remain standing.

CelebrantPeopleCelebrantThe Lord be with you.And also with you.Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## Celebrant

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we say:

## **SANCTUS**

Celebrant and People

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.

## The Celebrant continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with [\_\_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **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:

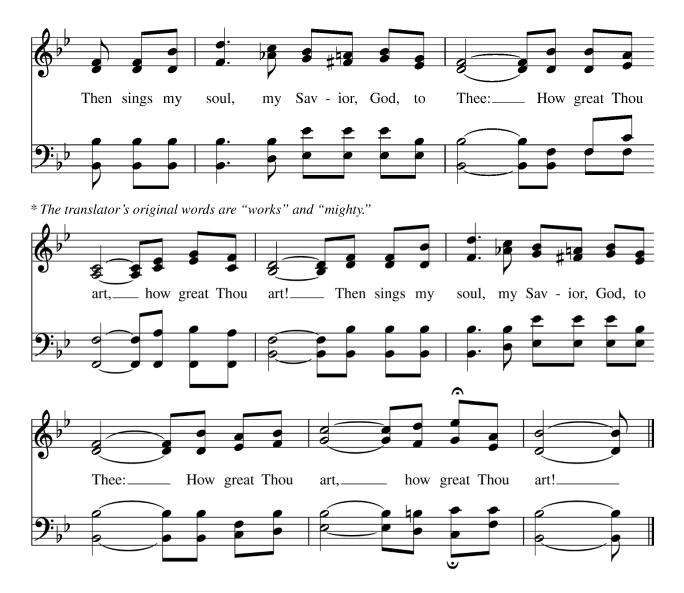
Wherever you are on your journey, you are welcome at God's table.

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.





## **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. 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

The Priest blesses the people, saying

Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us on the way. So make haste to love. Be quick to be kind. And the blessing of the One, Holy, and Triune God be upon you, and all those you love, this day and always. **Amen.** 

## **CLOSING HYMN**

I sing a song of the saints of God

1982 Hymnal 293

#### 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.

Barbara Hulme; for the repose of the soul of Bob Steele; for the repose of the soul of Chad; Don Bolt; Donna Eby; Ellen Nordquist; Greta Couter; Jack Willett; Jane Murphy; Jean Belle Bernhardt; for the repose of the soul of Jeanne Patenaude-Lane; Jim Kelly; Katharine LiBretto; Laurie Ghelfi Smith; Mark Poster; Norm Harbinson; Peter Trenouth; 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 Office Hours** - In July and August, our church office will be closed on Fridays. We will resume our normal Monday through Friday office schedule in September.

**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 12:00-1:15, 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 <a href="mailto:eileenpca@aol.com">eileenpca@aol.com</a>
For more information, please contact Barbara Wojtklewicz at 617-291-4634, or by email at <a href="mailto:barbara.wojtklewicz@gmail.com">barbara.wojtklewicz@gmail.com</a>



# Come Join Us!



# As we introduce the exciting new ministry of:

## Invite · Welcome · Connect

Saturday, August 9th @ 6-8:30pm - Parish Hall OR Sundy, August 10th @ 10-11:30am - Parish Hall

Christ Church Parish Plymouth
Is excited to continue our mission of
Seeking Christ in Ourselves,
Serving Christ in the World
with a renewed and intentional focus on
Evangelism, Hospitality, and Belonging!
All are welcomed to an introductory session to
learn more about this ministry and explore how it

There is no obligation to take on a big role, just come, learn, and be part of the conversation.

might take root in our church.

To sign-up for the Introductory Session please scan the QR Code or contact Makenzie mknzface@gmail.com - 774.283.2734



**Evening Women -** will be held Wednesday, August 6 at Donna Lawrence's home at 21 Pine Ridge Way, Carver at 5:00 PM. Please RSVP 508-243-2293.

**Christ Church Thrift Shoppe** - We were all moved by the devastating consequences of the July 4th floods in the Hill Country of west Texas. In response, the Christ Church Thrift Shoppe leaders recently designated an outreach donation of \$5000 to the Episcopal Relief and Development Fund, specifically for the Bishop of West Texas flood relief. These funds, approved by our Vestry, will be used to help the impacted areas of the Hill Country.

There are still some unallocated 3rd quarter Thrift Shoppe funds, and since outreach is one of the Thrift Shoppe's main priorities, the leaders, Drew Lench and Barb Hurney, are open to suggestions from parishioners for programs that could benefit from these monies.

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

## Week At - A - Glance \* July 27, 2025 - August 3, 2025

**SUNDAY** 9:00 AM **Holy Eucharist – The Seventh Sunday after** 

**Pentecost** 

Lemonade on the Lawn 10:30 AM

**MONDAY** Morning Prayer - Facebook Live 9:00 AM

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

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

12:00 PM - 1:15 PM **Food Pantry** 

WEDNESDAY 9:00 AM Morning Prayer - Facebook Live

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

**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** 4:00 PM - 5:15 PM Food Pantry

Office Closed **FRIDAY** 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM

9:00 AM

Morning Prayer - Facebook Live Thrift Shoppe

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Fore & Aft 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

**SATURDAY** 10:00 AM - 11:15 AM **Food Pantry** 

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Thrift Shoppe

Holy Eucharist Rite II - The Eighth 5:00 PM

**Saturday after Pentecost** 

Holy Eucharist - The Eighth Sunday after **SUNDAY** 9:00 AM

Pentecost

Lemonade on the Lawn 10:30 AM

## **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

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## **Office Hours**

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