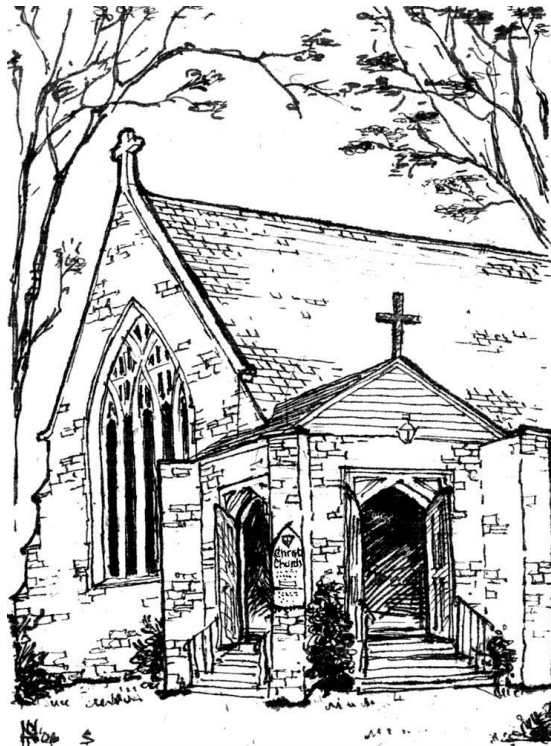


**CHRIST CHURCH PARISH
EPISCOPAL**

5:00 PM

The Thirteenth Saturday after Pentecost

August 17, 2024



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

ENTRANCE HYMN

God of grace and God of glory

1982 Hymnal 594

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Celebrant says

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

People **And blessed be God's reign, 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.**

OPENING ANTHEM

The following is said, all standing

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Lessons

FIRST READING:

Proverbs 9:1-6

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of Proverbs.

Wisdom has built her house, she has hewn her seven pillars. She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine, she has also set her table. She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls from the highest places in the town, "You that are simple, turn in here!" To those without sense she says, "Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. Lay aside immaturity, and live, and walk in the way of insight."

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

Psalm 34:9-14

Remain seated.

⁹Fear the LORD, you that are his saints, *
for those who fear him lack nothing.

¹⁰The young lions lack and suffer hunger, *
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.

¹¹Come, children, and listen to me; *
I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

¹²Who among you loves life *
and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?

¹³Keep your tongue from evil-speaking *
and your lips from lying words.

¹⁴Turn from evil and do good; *
seek peace and pursue it.

SECOND READING:

Ephesians 5:15-20

The people sit.

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

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

GOSPEL:

John 6:51-58

All stand.

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

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

Jesus said, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and

I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”

Deacon 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: Our God knows us and loves us beyond all that we can grasp or understand. Let us offer to God the prayers and intercessions of our hearts, knowing that God is doing better things than we can ask or imagine.

Wise and gracious God:

Fill us with your Spirit.

Leader: Wise and gracious God, we give thanks for all that you have done for us, for the life and the love you bestow upon us. Make us mindful of your gifts and ready to offer all that we have to further your purposes in the world.

Silence

Wise and gracious God:

Fill us with your Spirit.

Guide the work of the church to reflect more perfectly your will. We pray for the Anglican Communion and especially for Michael our presiding bishop, Sean our presiding bishop-elect, Alan and Carol our bishops, Julia our bishop-elect, Melissa our priest, James our deacon and our lay leaders. We are particularly mindful of all those among us who feel alienation and discrimination. May we discover anew how to be the church for all God's people.

Silence

Wise and gracious God:

Fill us with your Spirit.

We pray for a renewed commitment to peace and justice, and pray especially for the peoples of Ukraine, the Holy Land, South Sudan, Haiti and all who are victims of war, civil strife, and sectarian violence. We pray for the time when the human family will say, "Enough of war and hatred and greed!"

Silence

Wise and gracious God:

Fill us with your Spirit.

We pray for our communities and for all efforts to improve the lives of those who are marginalized by poverty or discrimination. Help us to remember that we are all brothers and sisters of one another in Christ.

Silence

Wise and gracious God:

Fill us with your Spirit.

Give us the wisdom, O God, to make every effort to save this planet from our misuse and abuse. We pray for those who work to preserve the air, the land, and the waters. May we appreciate both your gift of the creation and embrace our responsibility to be good and wise stewards of that gift.

Silence

Wise and gracious God:

Fill us with your Spirit.

We are mindful of those who have special needs and those who are living with illness, pain, grief, and despair. Make us sensitive to their needs and give us the courage and insight to be better ministers to them. We pray 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.

Wise and gracious God:

Fill us with your Spirit.

We rejoice with all who now praise you in the glory of your eternity, who sing your praises with all the company of heaven. We remember those who have died and those we name now, either silently or aloud.

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

Wise and gracious God:

Fill us with your Spirit.

Celebrant: Gracious God, who invites us to the heavenly banquet and feeds us with the bread of life, nourish us with your Spirit, that we may go forth and proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ in all that we do and say. We pray in Christ's name. **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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY HYMN *All who hunger gather gladly* MHSO 52



All who hun - ger gath - er — glad - ly; — ho - ly — man - na
All who hun - ger, nev - er — stran - gers, seek - er, — be a
All who hun - ger, sing to - geth - er, — Je - sus — Christ is



is our bread. Come from wil - der - ness and — wan - d'ring.
wel - come guest. Come from rest - less - ness and — roam - ing. —
liv - ing bread. Come from lone - li - ness and — long - ing. —



Here in — truth we will be fed. You that yearn for
Here, in — joy we keep the feast. We that once were
Here, in — peace we have been fed. Blest are those who



days of — full - ness, all a - round us is our — food.
lost and — scat - tered in com - mun - ion's love have stood.
from this — ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.



Taste and — see the grace e - ter - nal. —
Taste and — see the grace e - ter - nal. —
Taste and — see the grace e - ter - nal. —



Taste and — see that God is good.
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The Great Thanksgiving

The People remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant 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.**

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,
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:

SANCTUS

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.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus 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: Behold what we are. May we become what we receive. 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

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart

1982 Hymnal 488

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**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 Christ,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness

1982 Hymnal 492

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; Bill Lutz; Family of Clara Clements; Caleb Eaton and family; Carol Owen; Cindy Boyer; Dianne Powers; Don Bolt; Doug Perry; Elaine Christian; John Davidson; Karen Guerra; Karen Romero; Kate Taylor; Kim Fillian; Lauren Parnass; Laurie Ghelfi Smith; Linda Garrone; Louise Woodruff; Lynne Neeley; Margie Kaupp; Maryanne Kerrigan; Michelle and Michael Almeida; Nicole Smith; Norm Zinger; Owen Smith; Ray Rogers; **for the repose of the soul of Ruth Ann Cederholm**; 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.

Keeping Connected – Christ Church’s weekly eNewsletter can now be found on our website christchurchplymouth.org. Visit our website to view the newsletter or scroll to the bottom of the page and enter your name and email to have it sent directly to your inbox.

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.

Office Closed – August 19th – 23rd while David is on vacation.

Summer Sunday Worship Schedule Changes - Starting June 23, 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!

Church School News - We are looking forward to welcoming back our Church School students this fall! There are a few important updates to share:

- Donna Eby is stepping down after completing her term as Interim Church School Coordinator. Her contribution to this program has been incredible and she stepped up to lead this program to make sure it would thrive after Johnna Frederickson moved to VT. Her passion for the youth of Christ Church is extraordinary and we look forward to her participation in other ways during the school year and beyond.
- Su D'Ambrosio is stepping up to be the Church School Coordinator this year
- Becky Metzger is stepping up to pilot a new youth program for students in grades 6-12
- **New Church School Schedule!** After much discussion and prayer we are adjusting the class times for Church School to make it possible for families and Church School volunteers to attend church together regularly and provide a more engaging program for our older students. The new schedule is:
 - Grades PreK-5: Sunday 9:00 AM to 9:45 AM
 - Opportunities for older students and adults from 9-9:45 AM: All adults and older students are invited to participate in faith formation discussion with Rev. Melissa. These sessions are designed to include Lectionary-based themes which can facilitate parent connection with the curriculum we are using with PreK-5. Adults and older students are also welcome to join choir rehearsal or enjoy coffee and quiet time before church!
- **Youth Group for Grades 6-12:** Becky Metzger is leading a youth group which features:
 - A pizza/movie night on Fridays and discussion related to the movie and faith formation on Sundays. Students will meet once per month alternating Friday and Sunday sessions.
 - An opportunity for these students to connect in a fun/social environment
 - A dedicated youth formation Church School time for this age group that allows them to participate more fully in church services.
 - The potential for planning a mission trip at some point.
 - Expansion on the "off weeks" to include Confirmation Class when we have students to participate.

We currently have students in grades 6-9 only. As this group expands we will group students accordingly (6-8/9-12).

The first day of Church School for PreK-5 is Sunday, September 8. We will have class at 9 AM and a special Welcome Back Ice Cream Social at Coffee Hour!

Help needed! We are always looking for volunteers to help in our classrooms. Volunteers assist the lead teacher with class activities and ensure that we adhere to minimum adult supervision requirements for Safe Church guidelines. You can volunteer for one week, be on call as a substitute teacher, or join our Church School team.

Please consider sharing your time and talent with our youngest parishioners by volunteering to help in our Church School classes! Please contact Su D'Ambrosio for more information or to volunteer.

Plymouth Taskforce to End Homelessness Annual Golf Tournament - The Taskforce will be holding its annual golf tournament on Monday, August 26th at Southers Marsh beginning at 1 PM. Our goal is to raise \$50,000. We are looking for new golfers and sponsors. Go to our website – <http://Plymouth-taskforce-homeless.org> to download the registration form. Christ Church is one of three churches to host the Overnights of Hospitality, a winter sheltering program for unhoused individuals.

Christ Church Thrift Shoppe - Donations of all clothing will be paused between 8/18 and 9/1 while we transition the racks to fall items.

Summer Sales mean big savings! Please stop by, shop our dollar racks and help us make room for fall clothing and seasonal items.

Thanks to those who have generously donated to our collection bin located in the Narthex. We will continue using this collection site for home decor, fiction books, jewelry, kitchenwares and gently used items from non-smoking homes throughout the month of August.

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

Christ Church Food Pantry – This week we are low on: chicken noodle soup, tomato soup, ramen noodles, fresh onions, and small bottles of dish soap

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 Wojtkiewicz at 617-291-4634, or by email at barbara.wojtkiewicz@gmail.com

Week At - A - Glance * August 18, 2024 – August 25, 2024

SUNDAY	9:00 AM 10:15 AM 10:15 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite I – The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost Lemonade on the Lawn Worship Committee Meeting
MONDAY	9:00 AM 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Morning Prayer – Facebook Live Office Closed Fore & Aft
TUESDAY	9:30 AM – 3:00 PM 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM 4:00 PM – 5:15 PM	Office Closed Fore & Aft Food Pantry
WEDNESDAY	9:00 AM 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM 5:00 PM	Morning Prayer – Facebook Live Office Closed Fore & Aft Parish Ministry Network
THURSDAY	9:30 AM – 3:00 PM 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM 12:00 PM – 1:15 PM 4:00 PM – 5:15 PM	Office Closed Thrift Shoppe Fore & Aft Food Pantry Food Pantry
FRIDAY	9:00 AM 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Morning Prayer – Facebook Live Office Closed Thrift Shoppe Fore & Aft
SATURDAY	10:00 AM – 1:00 PM 10:00 AM – 11:15 AM 5:00 PM	Thrift Shoppe Food Pantry Holy Eucharist Rite II – The Fourteenth Saturday after Pentecost
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All the people of Christ Church Parish

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The Rev. Deacon James Thomas
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Lea Tyler, Choir Director
Donna Eby, Interim Sunday School Coordinator
Jae Johnson, Sexton

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Office Hours

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