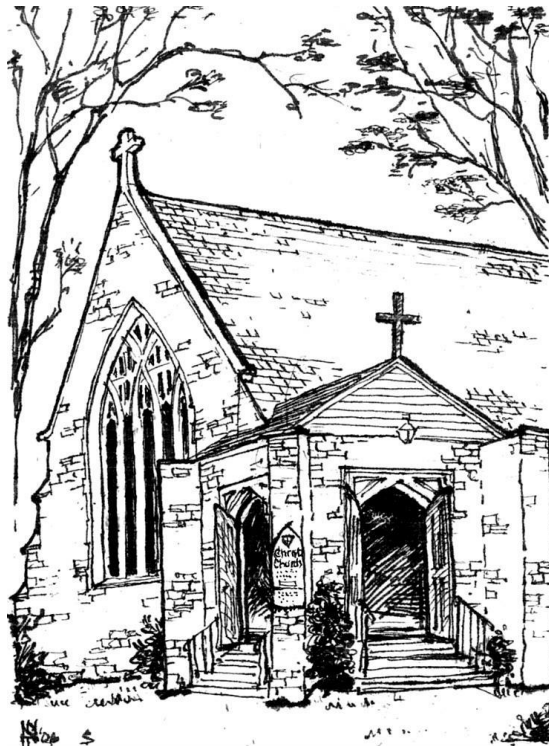


**CHRIST CHURCH PARISH
EPISCOPAL**

9:00 AM

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 11, 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.

PRELUDE

Ave verum corpus

Marcel Dupré

The Word of God

ENTRANCE HYMN

This is the hour of banquet and of song

1982 Hymnal 316

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.**

SONG OF PRAISE

God is Love, let heaven adore him

**God is Love, let heaven adore him;
God is Love, let earth rejoice;
let creation sing before him
and exalt him with one voice.
God who laid the earth's foundation,
God who spread the heaven above,
God who breathes through all creation:
God is Love, eternal Love.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

**Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always
those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without
you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Lessons

FIRST READING:

1 Kings 19:4-8

The people sit.

A Reading from the First book of Kings.

Elijah went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

Psalm 34:1-8

Remain seated.

¹I will bless the LORD at all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

²I will glory in the LORD; *
let the humble hear and rejoice.

³Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; *
let us exalt his Name together.

⁴I sought the LORD, and he answered me *
and delivered me out of all my terror.

⁵Look upon him and be radiant, *
and let not your faces be ashamed.

⁶I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me *
and saved me from all my troubles.

⁷The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, *
and he will deliver them.

⁸Taste and see that the LORD is good; *
happy are they who trust in him!

SECOND READING:

Ephesians 4:25--5:2

The people sit.

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

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, ²and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

SEQUENCE HYMN

For the bread which you have broken
All stand.

1982 Hymnal 341

GOSPEL:

John 6:35, 41-51

All stand.

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

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

³⁵Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. ⁴¹Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." ⁴²They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" ⁴³Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. ⁴⁴No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. ⁴⁵It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. ⁴⁶Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹I 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."

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: Grateful for the gifts we have already been given, we now bring our hopes and needs into the presence of our gracious God, saying:

O God, as you supply our needs,

May we now minister to others.

Leader: The Scriptures tell us that we are members one of another. May we never fear to speak the truth in love nor hesitate to offer the food that nourishes both body and soul.

Silence

O God, as you supply our needs,

May we now minister to others.

We pray for the church, that we may hunger for the bread of life and may be transformed into the Body of Christ, ready to live and serve in Christ's

name. We pray for the witness of Anglicans around the world. We pray 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; for our lay leaders; and for our own vocations and ministries.

Silence

O God, as you supply our needs,

May we now minister to others.

We pray for all who labor to provide the necessities of life, and those who provide our food, clothing, shelter, and security. May we neither hoard nor squander that which has come to us by our labor or by the efforts of others.

Silence

O God, as you supply our needs,

May we now minister to others.

We pray for those who work to conserve and protect the land, the air, and the waters. May we pledge not to contribute to the destroying or defacing of our planet, but work for new ways of healing our essential ecology.

Silence

O God, as you supply our needs,

May we now minister to others.

We pray for those who dwell in the squalor of poverty, abuse, and environmental neglect. We remember all whose land has been ravaged by war and all places that have been pillaged through greed.

Silence

O God, as you supply our needs,

May we now minister to others.

We pray for all government leaders. May their aim be the increase of justice rather than power or selfish motives, and an end to violence and instability in our world. May the community of nations bring about peace and justice around the world.

Silence

O God, as you supply our needs,

May we now minister to others.

O God, continue to nourish with your healing presence all who are ill or with special needs, remembering especially 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.

O God, as you supply our needs,

May we now minister to others.

We give thanks that as God's beloved children, our lives are with God both here and beyond the grave. We remember those who have died, especially Ruth Ann Cederholm, and those we name now, either silently or aloud.

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

O God, as you supply our needs,

May we now minister to others.

Celebrant: O God, our wondrous provider, who invites us all to feast at the heavenly banquet, sustain us in our life today, and equip us to minister your love and compassion in a world that hungers and thirsts for God. We pray in Jesus' 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.**

All stand.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness

1982 Hymnal 339

1982 Hymnal 380, v3

The People remain standing.

The Lord 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.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

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 *Holy, holy, holy* **1982 Hymnal S 124**
Celebrant and People

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 *Christ our Passover* 1982 Hymnal S 154

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.

COMMUNION HYMN

I come with joy to meet my Lord

1982 Hymnal 304

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.**

BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

1982 Hymnal 690

DISMISSAL

The Deacon or Celebrant dismisses the people.

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

POSTLUDE

Ecce panis

Marcel Dupré

Healing prayers will be offered in the Mary chapel after the service.

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**; 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!

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 - Summer Sales are in progress. 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 to collect 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 11, 2024 – August 18, 2024

SUNDAY	9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite II – The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost Lemonade on the Lawn
MONDAY	9:00 AM 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Morning Prayer – Facebook Live Fore & Aft
TUESDAY	10:30 AM – 11:30 AM 4:00 PM – 5:15 PM 5:00 PM 5:30 PM	Fore & Aft Food Pantry Investment Committee Finance Committee
WEDNESDAY	9:00 AM 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM 6:30 PM	Morning Prayer – Facebook Live Fore & Aft Vestry Meeting
THURSDAY	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM 12:00 PM – 1:15 PM 4:00 PM – 5:15 PM	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 Thirteenth Saturday after Pentecost
SUNDAY	9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite I – The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost Lemonade on the Lawn

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JESUS CHRIST IS THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH

MINISTERS

All the people of Christ Church Parish

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The Rev. Deacon James Thomas
Connie Melahoures, Verger
David Tyler, Parish Administrator
Lea Tyler, Choir Director
Donna Eby, Interim Sunday School Coordinator
Jae Johnson, Sexton

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John Steele, Junior Warden
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