

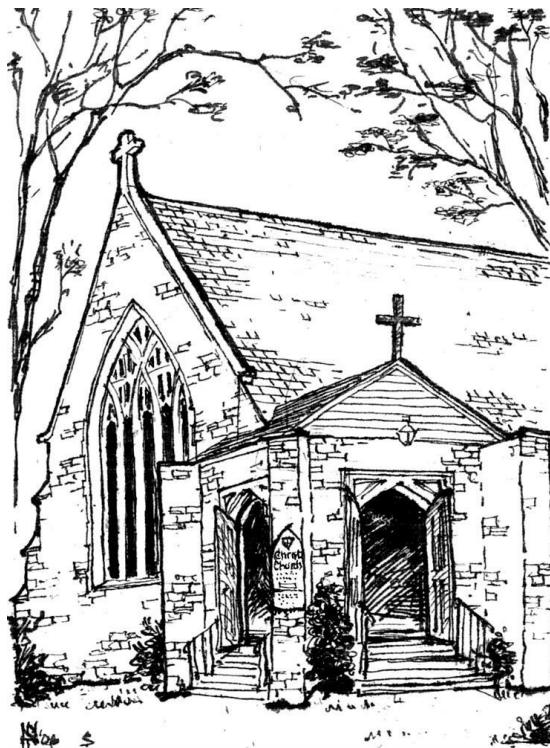
CHRIST CHURCH PARISH

EPISCOPAL

5:00 PM

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 20, 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

O for a thousand tongues to sing

1982 Hymnal 493

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, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son 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:

The people sit.

Jeremiah 23:1-6

A Reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD. The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

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:

The people sit.

Ephesians 2:11-22

A Reading from the letter to the Ephesians.

Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision”—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to

those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

GOSPEL:

All stand.

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

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

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

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Melissa Howell

Silence may follow.

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: We rejoice in the protection and care of our good and gracious Shepherd. Let us pray that God will guide us and keep us in the ways that lead to life, nourishment, and peace.

O Good Shepherd, lead us

In paths of justice and peace.

Leader: We pray for the shepherds of our flock and for all who minister in God's name, especially 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 all of our lay ministers. We pray for the Anglican Communion, for this diocese, and for our individual and corporate ministries in this parish.

Silence

O Good Shepherd, lead us

In paths of justice and peace.

We pray for all political and civic leaders. May they be inspired to serve with integrity and justice and, following the example of the Good Shepherd, to lead all people into a place of peace. We pray especially for the peoples of the Holy Land, Ukraine, Sudan, and Haiti, and for all who are affected by war and sectarian strife.

Silence

O Good Shepherd, lead us

In paths of justice and peace.

We give thanks for all who have sought us out in times of trouble and who have been a strength and a joy to us. We pray that you will guide all who teach and influence others. Let us know your presence in our homes and with our loved ones, and guide us in our choices and in our friendships.

Silence

O Good Shepherd, lead us

In paths of justice and peace.

We pray for all who have lost direction or who have lost faith in themselves, in the world, and in their God. Knowing that the Good Shepherd seeks us out and finds us, we pray for those with special needs and those who have commended themselves to our prayers. 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.
O Good Shepherd, lead us
In paths of justice and peace.

We rejoice that you lead us through the valley of the shadow of death into life eternal. We remember those who grieve and those who have died, especially Ida & Elmer Wahlstedt in whose honor and memory the high altar flowers have been given, and Linda Bencks and Priscilla Palombo in whose honor and memory the Lamp of Presence has been given, and those we name now, either silently or aloud.

Silence is held for a time as people share their intercessions.
O Good Shepherd, lead us
In paths of justice and peace.

Celebrant: O God, your people are safe in the love and protection of the Good Shepherd. Give us the courage and insight to become shepherds for those who have lost their way, and help us lead the world into a place that more nearly reflects your love and perfect will for your people. Through Jesus Christ we pray. **Amen.**

CONFSSION 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

The King of love my shepherd is

1982 Hymnal 645

1 The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness
2 Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed
* 3 Per - verse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in
* 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear
5 Thou spread'st a table in my sight; thy unc - tion
6 And so through all the length of days thy good - ness

1 fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
2 soul he lead - eth, and where the ver - dant
3 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
4 Lord, be side me; thy rod and staff my
5 grace be stow - eth; and oh, what trans - port
6 fail - eth nev - er: Good Shep - herd, may I

1 I am his, and he is mine for ev - er.
 2 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 3 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 4 com - fort still, thy cross be - fore to guide me.
 5 of de - light from thy pure chal - ice flow - eth!
 6 sing thy praise with - in thy house for ev - er.

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.**

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, 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.

COMMUNION HYMN *You are my shepherd***MHSO 104**

Refrain

You are my shepherd, you are my friend. I want to fol - low you
al - ways, just to fol - low my friend.

1, 2, 3, 4. *To verses* | *Final ending*

1 I have all I need. You are my shep-herd, your hand is with me.
2 When path-ways are dark, you are there guid - ing me, keep-ing me safe.
3 You give me to eat. You make me wel-come, you fill me with joy.
4 Your good-ness I know. Your love will be with me all of my life.

D.C.

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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

Amazing Grace

LEVAS 181

1. A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, That
 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And
 3. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His
 4. Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
 5. When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright

1. saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 2. grace my fears re - lieved; How pre - cious did that
 3. word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and
 4. have al - ready come; 'Tis grace that brought me
 5. shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to

1. now am found, Was blind, but now I see.
 2. grace ap - pear The hour I first be - lieved!
 3. por - tion be As long as life en - dures.
 4. safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.
 5. sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

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; Family of Clara Clements; Caleb Eaton and family; Carol Owen; Cindy Boyer; Dianne Powers; Don Bolt; Doug Perry; Elaine Christian; Jamarr and Tracey Norman; John Davidson; Karen Guerra; Karen Romero; Kate Taylor; Kim Fillian; Lauren Parnass; Laurie Ghelfi Smith; Linda Garrone; Louise Woodruff; Margie Kaupp; Maryanne Kerrigan; Mary LeSueur; Michelle and Michael Almeida; Nicole Smith; Norm Zinger; Owen Smith; 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, Tory Boudreau

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.

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!

Christ Church Thrift Shoppe Outreach Report - As reported last week, Q2 proceeds of \$21,850 have been transferred to CCP. Total proceeds of \$35,227 have been transferred this year. Last month, Q2 Outreach of \$2500 was provided to the **Salvation Army of Plymouth** to support their Camp Wonderland camp scholarships for children of need from Plymouth, Carver, and Kingston.

As a result of exceptional Q2 sales, we are pleased to report Vestry's approval this week of 3 additional recipients of financial outreach from Thrift Shoppe proceeds.

- \$3500 to **First Parish Church in Kingston** to support their Campaign for Vandalism and Damage after the violent and sustained attack on July 4th that resulted in tens of thousands of dollars in damage to church property.
- \$2500 to **Plymouth Pride**. Our support as a CCP sponsor will assist in the promotion of equality and inclusivity through events that foster education, awareness, respect, and visibility for everyone in our LGBTQ+ community.
- \$1400 to **Plymouth Recovery Center, Inc.**, a non-profit group that supports the recovery of substance abuse for individuals and families. Similar to the Monday lunch program offered at CCP food pantry, the Plymouth Recovery Center provides lunches to individuals on Wednesdays. Our financial support will ensure this center has adequate funds through the summer months.

The leadership team is so very grateful and we extend heartfelt thanks to all who help make the Thrift Shoppe's mission of outreach possible. With continued support from our generous donors, faithful shoppers, dedicated volunteers, and the Vestry, we can continue to do the important work of spreading God's love in serving of our parish, our neighbors and our community. To join this ministry, please speak with our leaders or contact us at office.christchurchplymouth@gmail.com to discuss volunteer opportunities.

Christ Church Food Pantry – This week we are low on: chicken noodle soup, cereal/breakfast bars, kidney beans, pork and beans, 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 * July 21, 2024 – July 28, 2024

SUNDAY	9:00 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite II – The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
	10:15 AM	Lemonade on the Lawn
MONDAY	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer – Facebook Live
	10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Fore & Aft
TUESDAY	10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Fore & Aft
	4:00 PM – 5:15 PM	Food Pantry
WEDNESDAY	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer – Facebook Live
	10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Fore & Aft
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
FRIDAY	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer – Facebook Live
	9:30 AM – 3:00 PM	Office Closed
	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Thrift Shoppe
	10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Fore & Aft
SATURDAY	10:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Thrift Shoppe
	10:00 AM – 11:15 AM	Food Pantry
	5:00 PM	Holy Eucharist Rite II – The Tenth Saturday after Pentecost – music with The Hills
SUNDAY	9:00 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite II – The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
	10:15 AM	Lemonade on the Lawn

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Seeking Christ in Ourselves * Serving Christ in the World

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All the people of Christ Church Parish

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