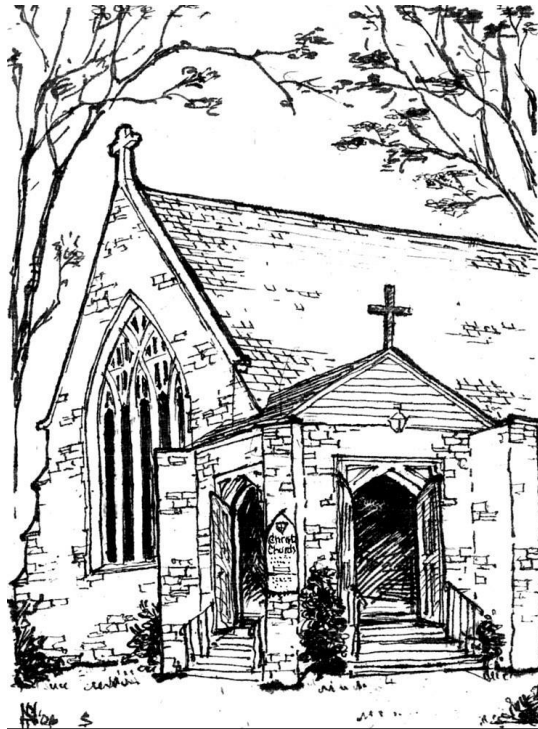


**CHRIST CHURCH PARISH
EPISCOPAL**

5:00 PM

The Fourth Saturday after Pentecost

June 15, 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

Blessed Be the Name

Don & Debbie Hill

Blessed be the name, blessed be the name,
Blessed be the name of The Lord,
Blessed be the name, blessed be the name,
Blessed be the name of The Lord.

Worthy to be praised, worthy to be praised,
Worthy to be praised is The Lord,
Worthy to be praised, worthy to be praised,
Worthy to be praised is The Lord.

Jesus is the name, Jesus is the name,
Jesus is the name of The Lord,
Jesus is the name, Jesus is the name,
Jesus is the name of The Lord.

OPENING SONG

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Celebrate 66

OPENING SENTENCE

The Officiant says

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Officiant says to the people

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together, all kneeling

**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 Officiant remains kneeling and says

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Invitatory and Psalter

VERSICLE

All stand

Officiant O God, be not far from us.

People **Come quickly to help us, O God.**

Officiant and People

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

INVITATORY

**Light of the world, in grace and beauty,
Mirror of God's eternal face,**

**Transparent flame of love's free duty,
You bring salvation to our race.**

**Now, as we see the lights of evening,
We raise our voice in hymns of praise;**

**Worthy are you of endless blessing,
Sun of our night, lamp of our days.**

Psalm 20

¹May the LORD answer you in the day of trouble, *
the Name of the God of Jacob defend you;

²Send you help from his holy place *
and strengthen you out of Zion;

³Remember all your offerings *
and accept your burnt sacrifice;

⁴Grant you your heart's desire *
and prosper all your plans.

⁵We will shout for joy at your victory
and triumph in the Name of our God; *
may the LORD grant all your requests.

⁶Now I know that the LORD gives victory to his anointed; *
he will answer him out of his holy heaven,
with the victorious strength of his right hand.

⁷Some put their trust in chariots and some in horses, *
but we will call upon the Name of the LORD our God.

⁸They collapse and fall down, *
but we will arise and stand upright.

⁹O LORD, give victory to the king *
and answer us when we call.

At the end of the Psalm is sung or said

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Lessons

FIRST READING:

1 Samuel 15:34--16:13

The people sit.

A Reading from the First book of Samuel.

Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul.
Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved
over Saul. And the LORD was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel.

The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is now before the LORD." But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

FIRST CANTICLE

Canticle 15: The Song of Mary

Magnificat

Luke 1:46-55

**My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.**

**From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.**

**He has mercy on those who fear him *
in every generation.**

**He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.**

**He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.**

**He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty.**

**He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,**

**The promise he made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

SECOND READING:

2 Corinthians 5:6-17

The people sit.

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

We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and

not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

SECOND CANTICLE

Canticle 17: The Song of Simeon

Nunc dimittis

Luke 2:29-32

Lord, you now have set your servant free *
to go in peace as you have promised;

For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, *
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:

A Light to enlighten the nations, *
and the glory of your people Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

THIRD READING:

Mark 4:26-34

The people sit.

A Reading from Mark.

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come." He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the

ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.” With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Deacon James Thomas

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

Officiant and People together, all standing.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers

SALUTATION

The people stand or kneel

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Officiant and People

**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.**

SUFFRAGES

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. And grant us your salvation.
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. Let your people sing with joy.
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. For only in you can we live in safety.
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. Your saving health among all nations.
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love. **Amen.**

PRAYER FOR MISSION

O God and Father of all, whom the whole heavens adore: Let the whole earth also worship you, all nations obey you, all tongues confess and bless you, and men and women everywhere love you and serve you in peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

All stand.

Officiant 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 high altar flowers are given in celebration of the 14th anniversary of the wedding of Leonard and Holly Williams, and in Leonard's memory.

MEDITATION

Don & Debbie Hill

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Officiant and People

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Officiant

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

CONCLUDING VERSICLE

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CLOSING SONG

For You Are My God

Don & Debbie Hill

Refrain

For you are my God.
You alone are my joy;
defend me, O Lord

You give marvelous comrades to me: the faithful who dwell in your land;
those who choose alien gods have chosen and alien band.

You are my portion and cup; it is you that I claim for my prize. Your
heritage is my delight the lot you have given to me.

Glad are my heart and my soul; securely my body shall rest. For
you will not leave me for dead: nor lead your beloved astray.

You show me the path for my life; in your presence the fullness of joy. To
be at your right hand forever for me would be happiness always.

CONCLUDING SENTENCE

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship
of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

Announcements

**Please keep the following people in your prayers during the coming week.
Any names added this week are in bold.**

Family of Clara Clements; Caleb Eaton and family; Carol Owen; Cindy Boyer; Dianne Powers; Don Bolt; Doug Perry; Elaine Christian; Jack; Jamarr and Tracey Norman; John Davidson; Karen Romero; Lauren Parnass; Laurie Ghelfi Smith; Linda Garrone; Louise Woodruff; Margie Kaupp; Maryanne Kerrigan; Michelle and Michael Almeida; Mike; Nicole Smith; **Norman Harbinson**; Norm Zinger; Owen Smith; Richard Larraga; Ruth Ann Cederholm; Sam Barry; Sharon Steadman; Steven Mills-Price; 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.

Coffee Hour - We have found a contractor to strip and wax the Parish Hall floors. Due to their schedule and our urgent need to get the work done, they are coming this Saturday, June 15th. The wax takes time to dry and cure so instead of Coffee Hour on Sunday, June 16th, we will have Lemonade on the Lawn a week early. Thank you for your flexibility and we look forward to seeing you there!

Thrift Shoppe - This week, Vestry approved the Thrift Shoppe designation of \$2500 from proceeds to the Plymouth Salvation Army. This outreach will be specifically earmarked for the Salvation Army's Summer Camp Wonderland scholarships. Camp Wonderland, instituted in 1924, is an overnight camp located in Sharon, housed on 110 acres of woodlands on Lake Massapoag. It provides memorable camping experiences that encompass physical, social, and spiritual guidance for hundreds of Massachusetts children. The Salvation Army is committed to ensuring every child the opportunity to attend camp. The scholarship money provided will specifically support children of need from Plymouth, Kingston, and Carver. We are grateful to the many volunteers, donors, and shoppers who make community outreach possible.

Shoppe Hours - Thursday and Friday 10-4 and Saturday 10-2

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

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!

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.

Worship Schedule for 6/15-6/16 and 6/22-6/23

While Rev. Melissa is away, our worship will be as follows:

Saturday 6/15 5pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 6/16 at 8am: Morning Prayer

Sunday 6/16 at 10am: Morning Prayer/Ante-Communion,
all officiated by The Rev. Deacon James Thomas

Saturday 6/22 5p Evening Prayer, officiated by Connie Melahoures

Sunday 6/23 9am Holy Eucharist, celebrated by The Rev. Elisabeth Tunney

Week At - A - Glance * June 16, 2024 – June 23, 2024

SUNDAY	8:00 AM	Morning Prayer – The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
	10:00 AM	Morning Prayer/Ante-Communion – The Third Sunday after Pentecost
MONDAY	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer – Facebook Live Fore & Aft
	10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	
TUESDAY	10:00 AM	Companions Group Fore & Aft Food Pantry
	10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	
	4:00 PM – 5:15 PM	
WEDNESDAY	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer – Facebook Live Office Closed Fore & Aft
	9:30 AM – 3:00 PM	
	10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	
THURSDAY	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Thrift Shoppe Fore & Aft Food Pantry Food Pantry
	10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	
	12:00 PM – 1:15 PM	
	4:00 PM – 5:15 PM	
FRIDAY	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer – Facebook Live Thrift Shoppe Fore & Aft
	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM	
	10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	
SATURDAY	10:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Thrift Shoppe Food Pantry Evening Prayer – The Fifth Saturday after Pentecost
	10:00 AM – 11:15 AM	
	5:00 PM	
SUNDAY	9:00 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite II – The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost Lemonade on the Lawn
	10:15 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. Deacon James Thomas
Connie Melahoures, Verger
David Tyler, Parish Administrator
Lea Tyler, Choir Director
Donna Eby, Interim Sunday School Coordinator
Jae Johnson, Sexton

Officers and Vestry Representatives

Bill Ferguson, Senior Warden
John Steele, Junior Warden
Ray Rogers, Treasurer
Brenna Buckley, Clerk
Wil Bernard, Barb Hurney, Kat LiBretto, Judy Lutz, Makenzie Manchester,
Becky Metzger, Amanda Peterson, and Jack Willett

149 Court Street, Plymouth, MA 02360
Phone: 508-746-4959
E-mail: office.christchurchplymouth@gmail.com

Scan here to visit our website:

<https://www.christchurchplymouth.org/>



Office Hours

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