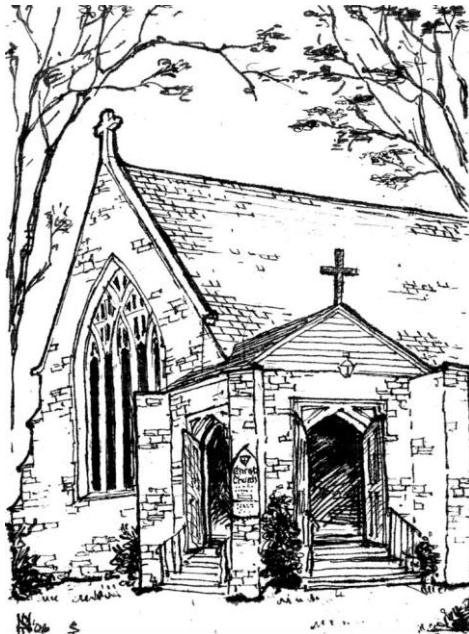


**CHRIST CHURCH PARISH
EPISCOPAL**

8:00 AM

**The Holy Eucharist, Rite I:
The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost**

October 18, 2026



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.

Hearing assistance devices are available in labeled baskets by the sanctuary entrances.

The Word of God

The service begins on page 323 of the Book of Common Prayer (BCP). All stand as the ministers enter.

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.**
 Amen.

The Celebrant prays the Collect for Purity.

All remain standing and pray the Gloria together:

THE GLORIA

BCP p. 324

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

*The Celebrant prays the Collect of the Day. The people respond: **Amen.***

FIRST READING

Exodus 33:12-23

*After each reading, the reader says "The Word of the Lord," and the people respond: **Thanks be to God.***

PSALM 99

BCP p. 728

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

GOSPEL

Matthew 22:15-22

All stand. Before the Gospel is proclaimed, the Deacon or Celebrant says:

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*The people respond: **Glory be to thee, O Lord.***

After the Gospel is proclaimed, the Deacon or Celebrant says:

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People: **Praise be to thee, O Christ.***

THE SERMON

The Rev. Melissa Howell

The people sit. Silence may follow.

THE CREED *All stand.* BCP p. 326

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE , FORM IV BCP p. 388

CONFESSION OF SIN BCP p. 331

THE PEACE BCP p. 332

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

If you wish to make a gift to support the ministries of Christ Church Parish, you may place your offering in the plate, or scan the QR code to the right to donate online. Thank you!



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER II BCP p. 340

THE LORD'S PRAYER BCP p. 336

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

A moment of silence is held.

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS BCP p. 337

INVITATION

Celebrant: Wherever you are on your journey, you are welcome at God's table. The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The people come forward to receive Holy Communion or a blessing.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER BCP p. 339

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

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

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Seeking Christ in Ourselves * Serving Christ in the World

JESUS CHRIST IS THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH

MINISTERS

All the people of Christ Church Parish

Staff

The Rev. Melissa Howell, Rector
The Rev. Deacons James & Natalie Thomas
David Tyler, Parish Administrator
Lea Tyler, Choir Director
Peter Litchfield, Accompanist
Sam Stevenson, Sexton

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