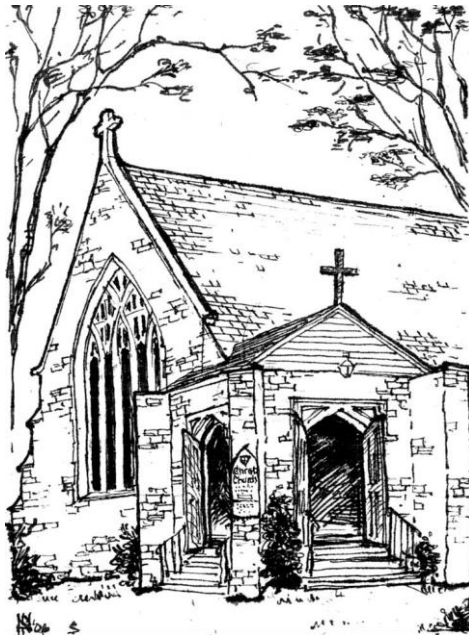


**CHRIST CHURCH PARISH
EPISCOPAL**

5:00 PM

The Second Saturday after Pentecost

June 21, 2025



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.

A Note to Parents and Caregivers with Children in Church

Thank you for bringing your children to church. We are so glad you are here!

We know it can be difficult at times to manage little ones during the service.

For that reason, we have provided some resources which we hope will make it easier for you and your family to enjoy worship together.

You will find books and coloring pages at the back of the Mary Chapel. Please feel free to utilize these at any point during the service.

We have installed a TV in the nursery! You are welcome to visit the nursery with your child during any portion of our service and join us via our livestream.

It is okay to take breaks. If you need to step out with your child, our parish grounds are a great place to get the wiggles out.

Above all, please remember: You and your family are very welcome here!

Though your children may be squirming, talking, or making noise, they are also observing, copying, and learning. Children are a gift and an important part of our community; we are grateful to have them worship with us.

The Word of God

ENTRANCE HYMN *Have Your Own Way, Lord* **Celebrate 118**

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, 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

A Song of Our True Nature

Julian of Norwich

The following is said, all standing

Christ revealed our frailty and our falling, our trespasses and our humiliations. Christ also revealed his blessed power, his blessed wisdom and love. He protects us as tenderly and as sweetly when we are in greatest need; he raises us in spirit and turns everything to glory and joy without ending. God is the ground and the substance, the very essence of nature; God is the true father and mother of natures. We are all bound to God by nature, and we are all bound to God by grace. And this grace is for all the world, because it is our precious mother, Christ. For this fair nature was prepared by Christ for the honor and nobility of all, and for the joy and bliss of salvation.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; 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:

Isaiah 65:1-9

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, "Here I am, here I am," to a nation that did not call on my name. I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and offering incense on bricks; who sit inside tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat swine's flesh, with broth of abominable things in their vessels; who say, "Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you." These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all day long. See, it is written before me: I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their laps their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together, says the LORD; because they offered incense on the mountains and reviled me on the hills, I will measure into their laps full payment for their actions. Thus says the LORD: As the wine is found in the cluster, and they say, "Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it," so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all. I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, and from Judah inheritors of my mountains; my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall settle there.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

Psalms 22:18-27

Remain seated.

¹⁸Be not far away, O LORD; *
you are my strength; hasten to help me.

¹⁹Save me from the sword, *
my life from the power of the dog.

²⁰Save me from the lion's mouth, *
my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.

²¹I will declare your Name to my brethren; *
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

²²Praise the LORD, you that fear him; *
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

²³For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither does he hide his face from them; *
but when they cry to him he hears them.

²⁴My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

²⁵The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: *
"May your heart live for ever!"

²⁶All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

²⁷For kingship belongs to the LORD; *
he rules over the nations.

SECOND READING:**Galatians 3:23-29***The people sit.*

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

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

GOSPEL:**Luke 8:26-39***All stand.*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

Jesus and his disciples arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me"—for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see

what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Daphne Burt

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 or Celebrant: God there are no places your love cannot penetrate; give us eyes to see you in darkness, ears to hear you in silence, and minds that rest in your stillness. Hear these prayers and the prayers of our deepest hearts as we say, God in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Leader: Grant to those who love you, and those who long to love you more, the deep desire to do your will and seek you in all times and circumstances.

Silence

God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the churches in our diocese, for Sean our Presiding Bishop, Julia our Bishop, Melissa our Priest, James and Natalie our Deacons, and each of us in our vocations and ministries.

Silence

God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Inspire our hearts to carry your message to all those who long for your good news and send us to be your hands at work in this world and in the world to come.

Silence

God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give to those who have authority over us the desire to serve your people with mercy and justice.

Silence

God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bless us with a great unease in the face of hunger, poverty, injustice, and persecution that we might find peace only in the way of Love as demonstrated by your son Jesus, our Lord.

Silence

God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Comfort the afflicted, the wounded, the sick and the dying with the certain promise of your constant love in this life and the next. We pray especially 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.

God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Welcome the dying and comfort the grieving; let their entrance into the land of light and life give us comfort and hope for our future. We pray for Helen M. Christian, Ruth E. Beal, Dennis H. Hassan Sr. and Dennis H. Hassan Jr. in whose honor and memory the Lamp of Presence has been given. We pray for those we name now, either silently or aloud.

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

God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Glory and honor to you O Lord, for you are the one who seeks us out, provides for our needs, and directs our path. Bless us and keep us this day and always through the grace of your Son and the power of your Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

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 Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of 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 Christ 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.

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY HYMN

How Great Are You Lord

Don & Debbie Hill

**1) How great are You Lord, how great is Your mercy,
How great are the things that You have done for me
How great are You Lord, Your loving kindness
is filling my heart as I sing how great are You Lord**

****How great is Your love, it reaches to the heavens
How great is the heart that sought and rescued me
(Repeat 1)**

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

Be Exalted, O God

Celebrate 5

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**God of abundance,
you have fed us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us
with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth
in the power of your Spirit,**

**that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

BLESSING

The Priest blesses the people, saying

Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us on the way. So make haste to love. Be quick to be kind. And the blessing of the One, Holy, and Triune God be upon you, and all those you love, this day and always. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN *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.**

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.**

Barbara Hulme; Don Bolt; Donna Eby; Ellen Nordquist; Greta Couter; Jack Willett; Jane Murphy; Jean Belle Bernhardt; Jim Kelly; Katharine LiBretto; Laurie Ghelfi Smith; Linda Garrone; Mark Poster; Norm Harbinson; **the repose of the soul of Norm Zinger**; Sandy Underhill; Sharon Steadman; Skip Nielsen; Suzanne and Dave Salois; Valerie B. Pflock; William Underhill

We ask your prayers for those serving in the military and their families:
Aidan McKinney, Andrew Barton, Austin Vico, Harry Morini, Joel Carveiro, 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.

Summer Sunday Worship Schedule Changes - Starting June 15, 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 Food Pantry – 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.

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



TAKE OUR SHORT SURVEY!

WE ARE EXPANDING
THE WAYS CCP SUPPORTS YOUNG FAMILIES!
IF YOU ARE A PARENT, GRANDPARENT OR CAREGIVER,
WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!



SURVEY IS ANONYMOUS
NOT ALL QUESTIONS ARE MANDATORY
SKIP QUESTIONS THAT DON'T APPLY
WRITE IN CUSTOM RESPONSES

Scan the QR code, or check **Keeping Connected** for a direct link to our google survey.
If these options don't work for you, please email, Deacon Natalie at nefinstad@gmail.com

Evening Women's Group - The Evening Women's Group will be meeting at Connie's cottage on Plymouth Long Beach on Thursday, July 10th. Please note the day change.

Plan on meeting at the end of the public parking lot at 4:45 PM for the carpool ride out. Let Connie know if you have a 4wd or awd vehicle.

All women of the parish are invited to attend. We have no membership requirements other than to contribute up to \$10 for outreach projects.

Please RSVP to Connie conmel@aol.com

Plymouth Pride – Mark your calendars! Volunteers are needed! The Thrift Shoppe made a generous outreach donation to Plymouth Pride this year making Christ Church parish a Rainbow sponsor at the Plymouth Pride Festival! The date is June 29th at Nelson Park. We'll have a booth from 11am - 5p with face painting and materials to give out about our lovely home. We'll need volunteers to sit at the booth, talk to people about Christ Church and who we are, our ministries and our worship services.

There's a pink sign-up sheet located on the bulletin board, more than one person can sign up for a time slot and questions can be directed to Kat LiBretto 201-286-5591 or Drew Lench 781-291-9205

Christ Church Thrift Shoppe - Call it Midsummer Madness, but the crazy sales at the Thrift Shoppe continue! What to check out now, and throughout the summer months:

- On the porch, a large rack with clothing priced at \$1
- All other clothing (unless white-tagged) priced at \$3 per item, or 2 items for \$5
- Special new reductions on the Boutique Rack

The Thrift Shoppe extends a special shout-out to all those who have so generously donated housewares and home decor, and our gratitude, in advance, to those who haven't yet boxed items up to donate. We are looking forward to putting them on our shelves for others to discover. Many thanks to all!

Shophe Hours:

Thursday and Friday 10-4

Saturday 10-1

Week At - A - Glance * June 22, 2025 – June 29, 2025

SUNDAY	9:00 AM 10:30 AM 10:30 AM	Morning Prayer/Matins – The Second Sunday after Pentecost Lemonade on the Lawn Thrift Shoppe Volunteer Meeting
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	Fore & Aft Food Pantry
WEDNESDAY	9:00 AM 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Morning Prayer – Facebook Live Fore & Aft
THURSDAY	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM 12:00 PM – 1:15 PM 2:00 PM 4:00 PM – 5:15 PM	Thrift Shoppe Fore & Aft Food Pantry Parish Nurses Food Pantry
FRIDAY	9:00 AM 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM 7:00 PM	Morning Prayer – Facebook Live Thrift Shoppe Fore & Aft Wedding Rehearsal
SATURDAY	10:00 AM – 11:15 AM 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM 12:00 PM 5:00 PM	Food Pantry Thrift Shoppe Wedding Holy Eucharist Rite II – The Third Saturday after Pentecost
SUNDAY	9:00 AM 10:30 AM 10:30 AM 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Holy Eucharist – The Third Sunday after Pentecost Lemonade on the Lawn Thrift Shoppe Volunteer Meeting Plymouth Pride Festival – Nelson Park

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Seeking Christ in Ourselves * Serving Christ in the World

JESUS CHRIST IS THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH

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All the people of Christ Church Parish

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The Rev. Deacons James & Natalie Thomas
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Peter Litchfield, Accompanist
Su D'Ambrosio, Sunday School Coordinator
Sam Stevenson, Sexton

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