CHRIST CHURCH PARISH
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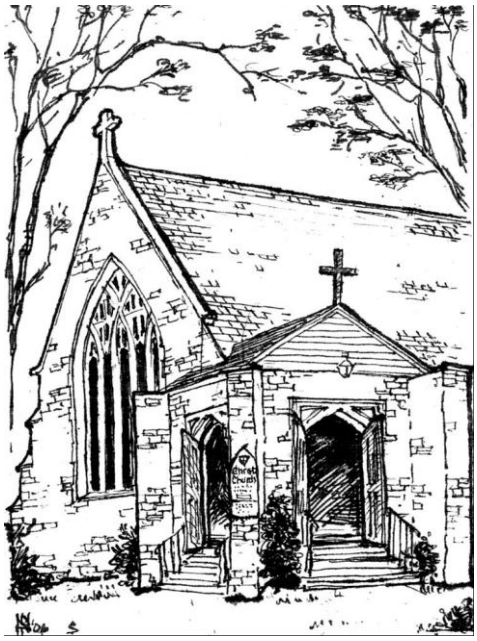
9:00 AM

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 21, 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.

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.

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

PRELUDE
Chorale: *Warum betrübst du dich (Why art thou sorrowful?) by J. S. Bach*

OPENING SENTENCE
The Officiant says

The hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him.

The Officiant welcomes the People and invites them into a time of silent prayer before worship.

OPENING HYMN
Christ for the world we sing **1982 Hymnal 537**

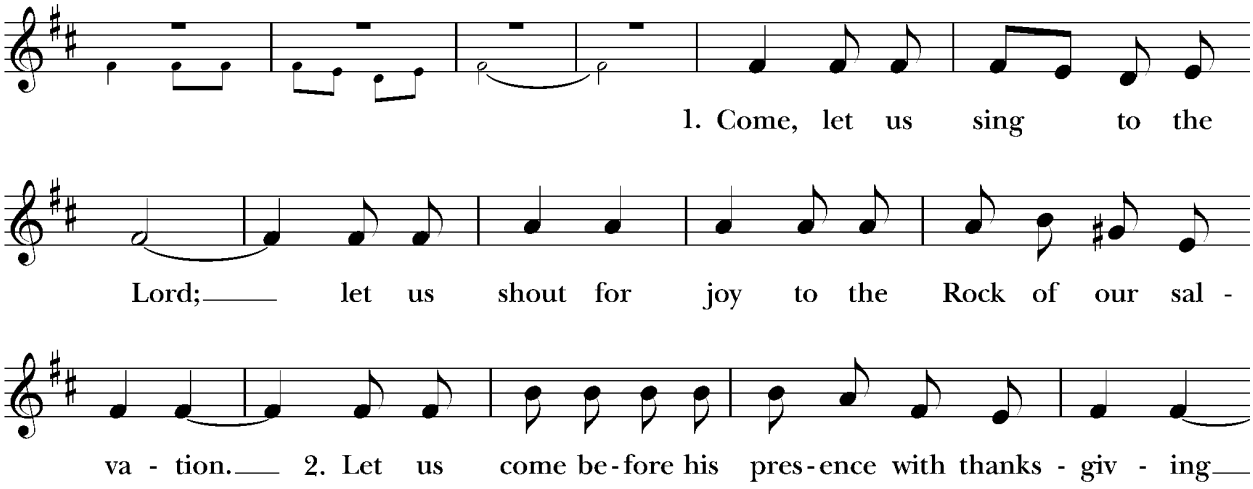
OPENING PRAYERS
All stand

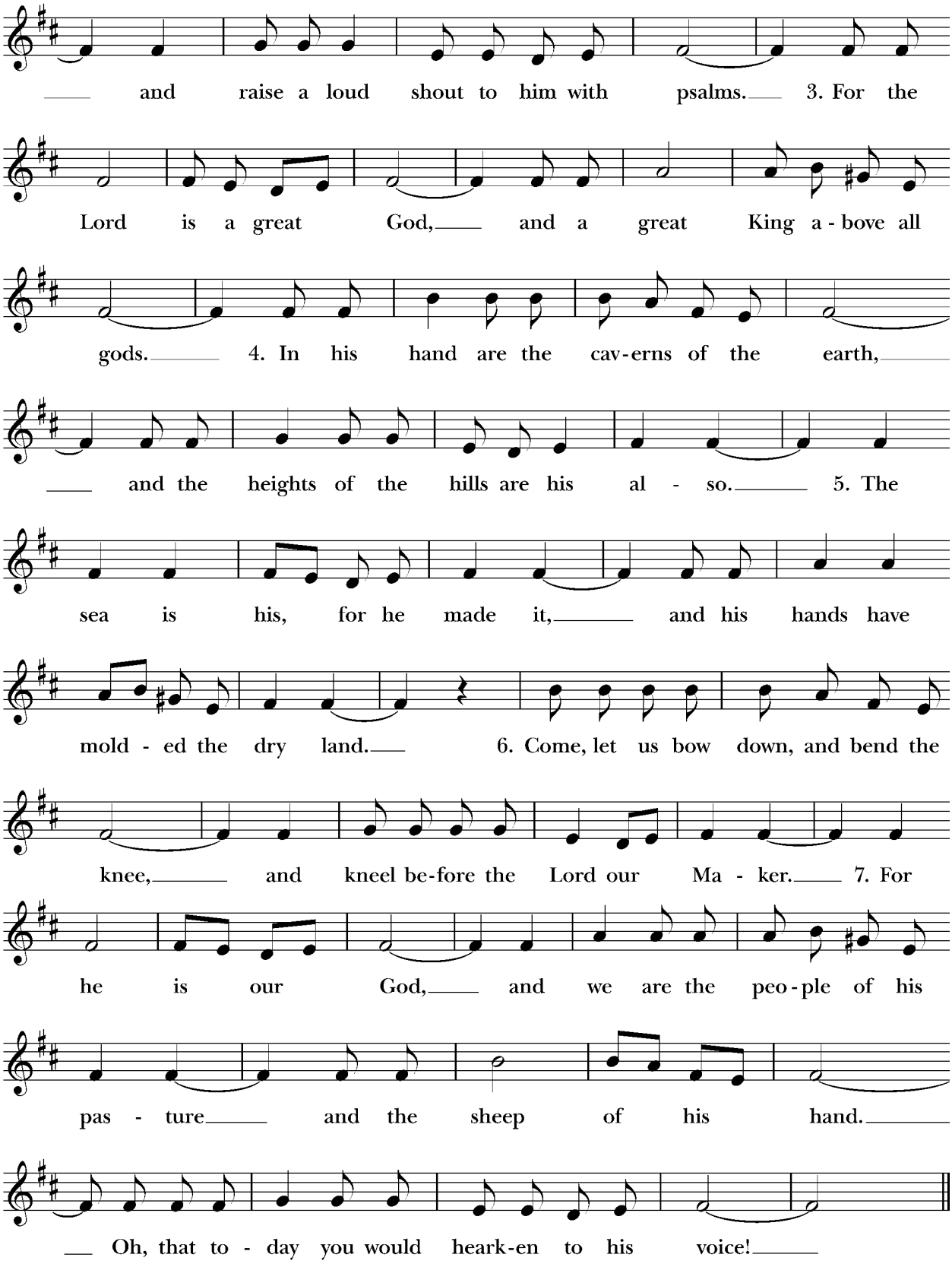
Officiant **Lord, open our lips.**
People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant and People

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. Alleluia.

INVITATORY ***Venite*** **1982 Hymnal S 35**




and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. 3. For the
Lord is a great God, and a great King a - bove all
gods. 4. In his hand are the cav - erns of the earth,
and the heights of the hills are his al - so. 5. The
sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have
mold - ed the dry land. 6. Come, let us bow down, and bend the
knee, and kneel be - fore the Lord our Ma - ker. 7. For
he is our God, and we are the peo - ple of his
pas - ture and the sheep of his hand.
Oh, that to - day you would heark - en to his voice!

PSALTER: **Psalm 69:8-11, 18-20**

8 I have become a stranger to my kindred,
an alien to my mother's children.

9 It is zeal for your house that has consumed me;
the insults of those who insult you have fallen on me.

10 When I humbled my soul with fasting,
they insulted me for doing so.

11 When I made sackcloth my clothing,
I became a byword to them.

18 Draw near to me, redeem me,
set me free because of my enemies.

19 You know the insults I receive,
and my shame and dishonor;
my foes are all known to you.

20 Insults have broken my heart,
so that I am in despair.
I looked for pity, but there was none;
and for comforters, but I found none.

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.

FIRST READING: **Jeremiah 20:7-13**

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

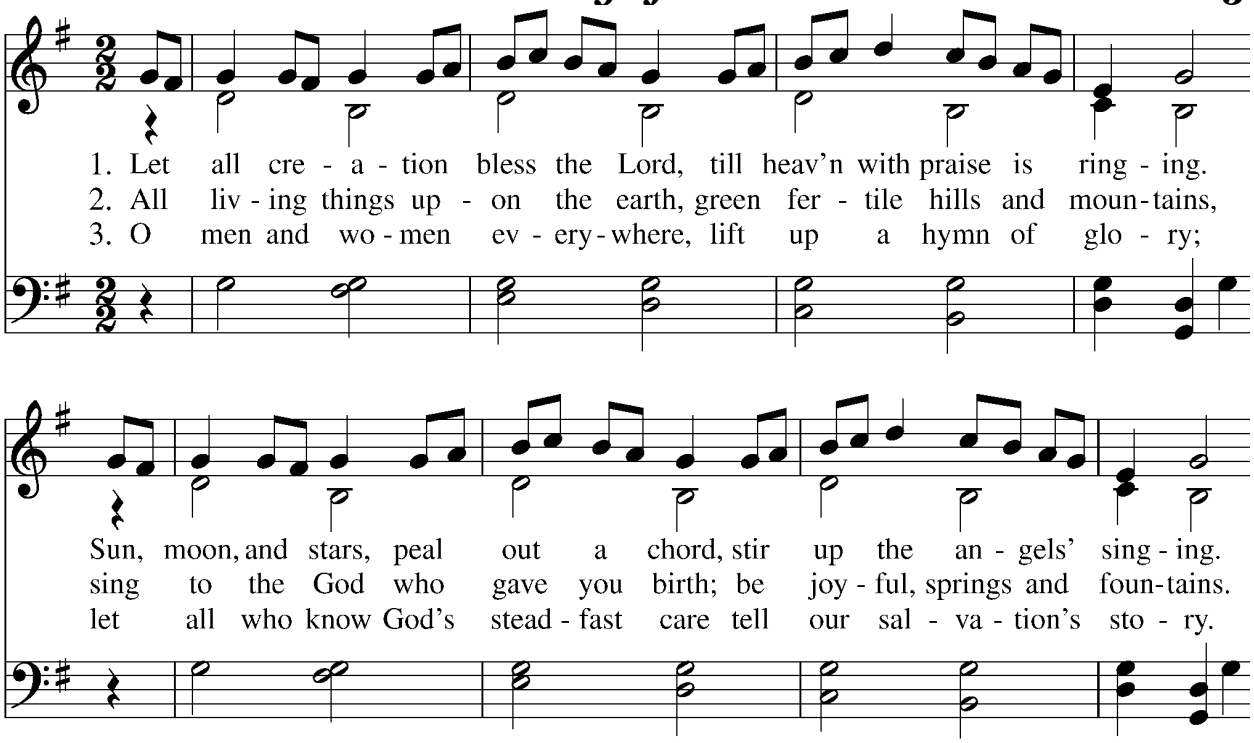
LORD, you enticed me, and I was taken in. You were too strong for me, and you prevailed. Now I'm laughed at all the time; everyone mocks me. Every time I open my mouth, I cry out and say, "Violence and destruction!" The LORD's word has brought me nothing but insult and injury, constantly. I thought, I'll forget him; I'll no longer speak in his name. But there's an intense fire in my heart, trapped in my bones. I'm drained trying to contain it; I'm unable to do it. I hear many whispering—"Panic Lurks

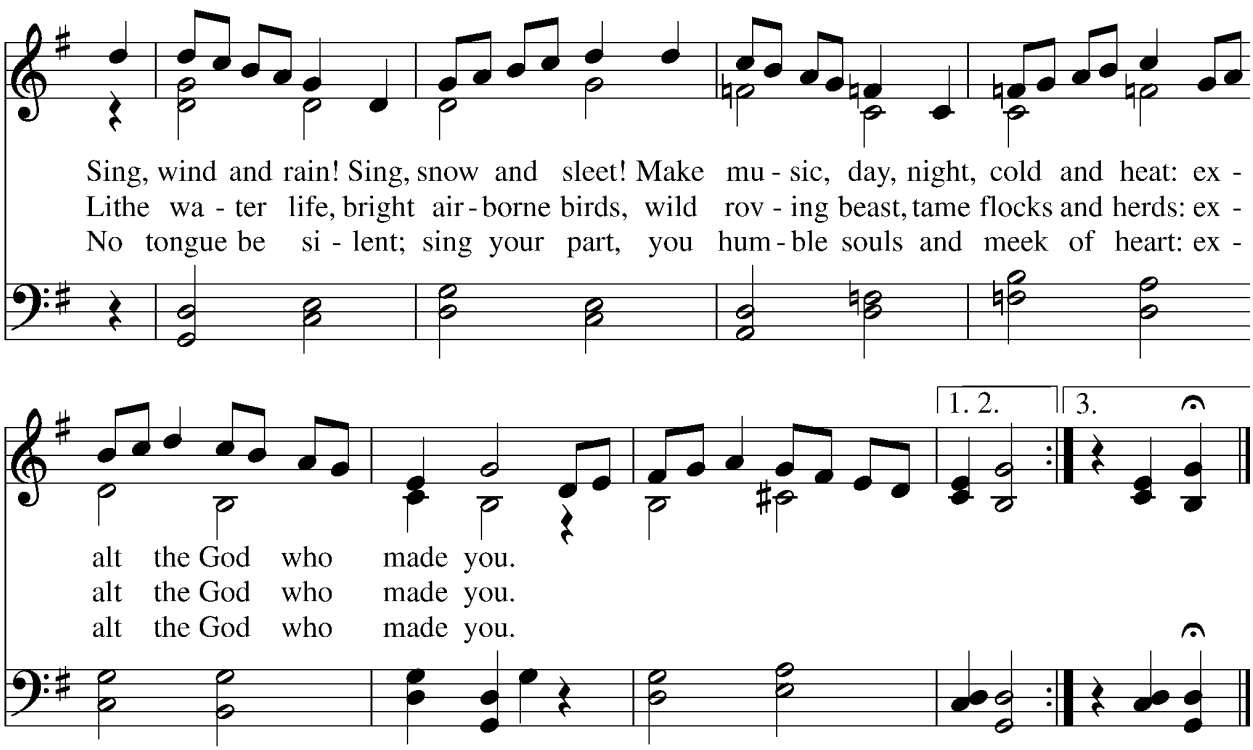
Everywhere!— proclaim, yes, let's proclaim it ourselves!" All my friends are waiting for me to stumble: "Perhaps he can be enticed. Then we'll prevail against him and get our revenge on him!" But the LORD is with me like a strong defender. Therefore, my oppressors will stumble and not prevail. They will be disgraced by their own failures. Their dishonor will never be forgotten. The LORD of heavenly forces tests the righteous and discerns the heart and the mind. Let me see your retribution upon them, for I have committed my case to you. Sing to the LORD, praise the LORD, for he has rescued the needy from the clutches of evildoers.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

CANTICLE ***A Song of Creation*** ***WLP* 885**





THE PRAYERS

The people stand or kneel

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Officiant Let us pray.

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.

V. Help us, O God our Savior;
R. Deliver us and forgive us our sins.
V. Look upon your congregation;
R. Give to your people the blessing of peace.
V. Declare your glory among the nations;
R. And your wonders among all peoples.
V. Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;
R. Never forget the lives of your poor.
V. Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;
R. And your favor to those who are true of heart.
V. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;
R. So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Great Litany

Holy God, Creator of heaven and earth,
Have mercy on us.

Holy and Mighty, Redeemer of the world,
Have mercy on us.

Holy Immortal One, Sanctifier of the faithful,
Have mercy on us.

Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, One God,
Have mercy on us.

From all evil and mischief; from pride, vanity and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred and malice; and from all evil intent,
Savior deliver us.

From sloth, worldliness and love of money; from hardness of heart and contempt for your word and your laws,
Savior deliver us.

From sins of body and mind; from deceits of the world, flesh and the devil,
Savior deliver us.

From famine and disaster; from violence, murder, and dying unprepared,
Savior deliver us.

In all times of sorrow; in all times of joy; in the hour of our death and at the day of judgment,
Savior deliver us.

By the mystery of your holy incarnation; by your birth, childhood and obedience; by your baptism, fasting and temptation,
Savior deliver us.

By your ministry in word and work; by your mighty acts of power; by the preaching of your reign,
Savior deliver us.

By your agony and trial; by your cross and passion; by your precious death and burial,
Savior deliver us.

By your mighty resurrection; by your glorious ascension; and by your sending of the Holy Spirit,
Savior deliver us.

Hear our prayers, O Christ our God.
Hear us, O Christ.

Strengthen those who stand; comfort and help the fainthearted; raise up the fallen; and finally beat down Satan under our feet.
Hear us, O Christ.

Comfort and liberate the lonely, the bereaved and the oppressed.
Hear us, O Christ.

Keep in safety those who travel and all who are in peril.
Hear us, O Christ.

Heal the sick in body, mind or spirit and provide for the homeless, the hungry and the destitute.
Hear us, O Christ.

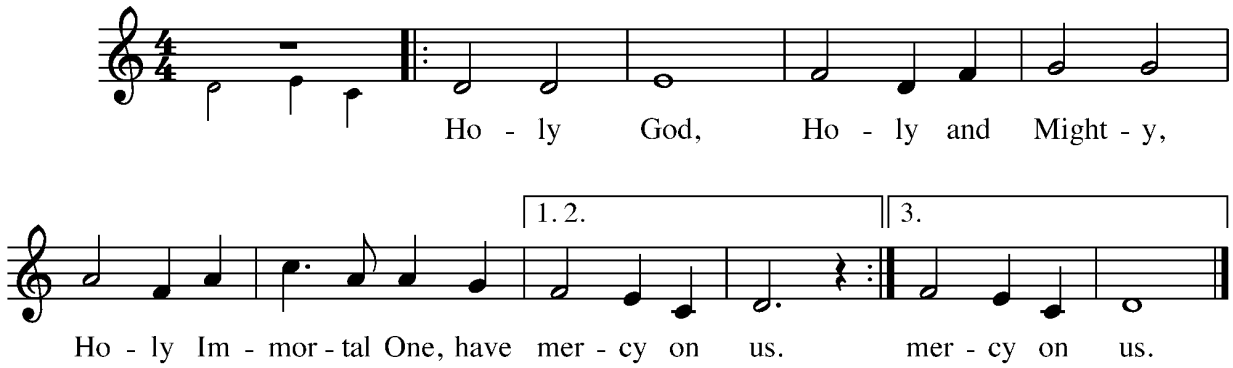
Guard and protect all children who are in danger.
Hear us, O Christ.

Shower your compassion on prisoners, hostages and refugees, and all who are in trouble.
Hear us, O Christ.

Forgive our enemies, persecutors and slanderers, and turn their hearts.
Hear us, O Christ.

Give us true repentance; forgive us our sins of negligence and ignorance and our deliberate sins; and grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your word.

All stand



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Ante-Communion

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Officiant 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.

SECOND READING: Romans 6:1b-11

The people sit.

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

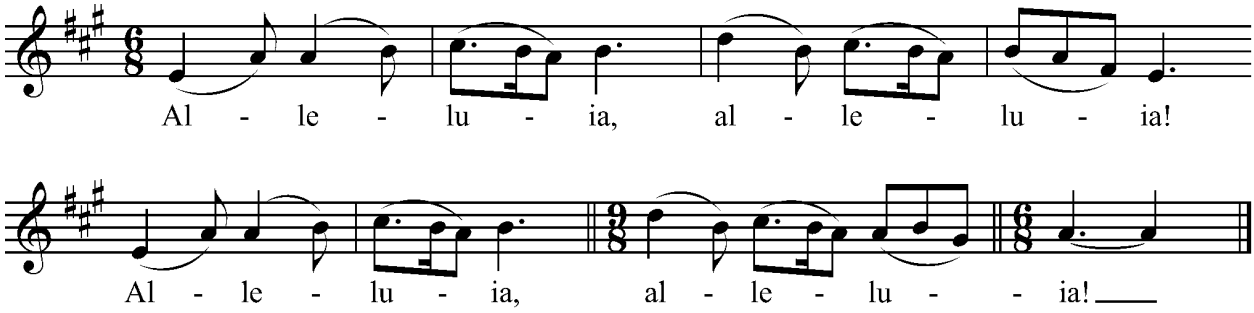
So what are we going to say? Should we continue sinning so grace will multiply? Absolutely not! All of us died to sin. How can we still live in it? Or don't you know that all who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore, we were buried together with him through baptism into his death, so that just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too can walk in newness of life. If we were united together in a death like his, we will also be united together in a resurrection like his. This is what we know: the person that we used to be was crucified with him in order to get rid of the corpse that had been controlled by sin. That way we wouldn't be slaves to sin anymore, because a person who has died has been freed from sin's power. But if we died with Christ, we have faith that we will also live with him. We know that Christ has been raised from the dead and he will never die again. Death no longer has power over him. He died to sin once and for all with his death, but he lives for God with his life. In the same way, you also should consider yourselves dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Celtic Alleluia **MHSO 20**



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GOSPEL: **Matthew 10:24-39**

The people sit.

All stand.

Officiant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

"Disciples aren't greater than their teacher, and slaves aren't greater than their master. It's enough for disciples to be like their teacher and slaves like their master. If they have called the head of the house Beelzebul, it's certain that they will call the members of his household by even worse names. "Therefore, don't be afraid of those people because nothing is hidden that won't be revealed, and nothing secret that won't be brought out into the open. What I say to you in the darkness, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, announce from the rooftops. Don't be afraid of those who kill the body but can't kill the soul. Instead, be afraid of the one who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Aren't two sparrows sold for a small coin? But not one of them will fall to the ground without your Father knowing about it already. Even the hairs of your head are all counted. Don't be afraid. You are worth more than many sparrows. "Therefore, everyone who acknowledges me before people, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven. But everyone who denies me before people, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven. "Don't think that I've come to bring peace to the earth. I haven't come to bring peace but a sword. I've come to turn a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. People's enemies are members of their own households. "Those who love father or mother more than me aren't worthy of me. Those who love son or daughter more than me aren't

worthy of me. Those who don't pick up their crosses and follow me aren't worthy of me. Those who find their lives will lose them, and those who lose their lives because of me will find them.

Officiant The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

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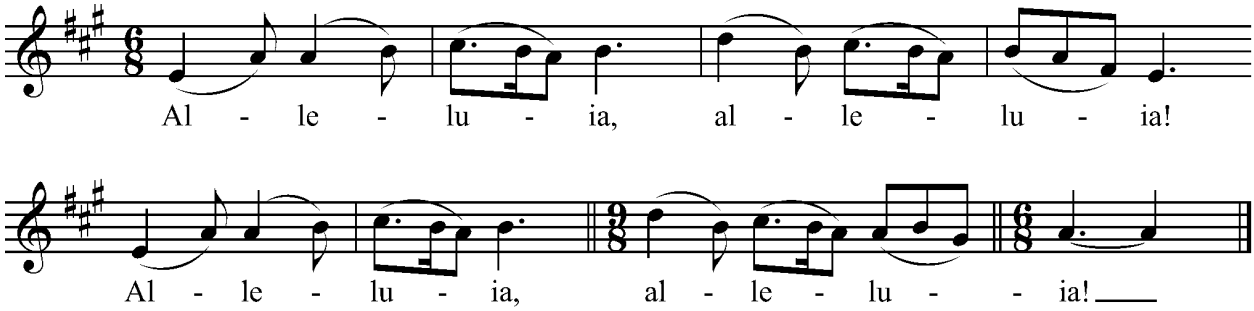


SERMON **The Rev. Deacon James Thomas**
Silence may follow.

THE CREED
Officiant and People together, all standing.

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.

INTERCESSIONS
All remain standing.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Sean our Presiding Bishop, Julia, Ian and Mary our Bishops; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.
Pray for the Church.
Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.
Pray for justice and peace.
Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.
Pray for those in any need or trouble.
Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.
Pray that they may find and be found by him.
Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed.
Pray for those who have died.
Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.
Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.
Silence

The Officiant adds a concluding Collect.

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

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

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

The Officiant says:
Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

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!

OFFERTORY ANTHEM
Seek ye first the kingdom of God **1982 Hymnal 711**

DOXOLOGY **1982 Hymnal 380, v3**

TABLE PRAYERS

Assist us mercifully, O God, in these our supplications and prayers, and direct the way of your servants toward the attainment of everlasting salvation; that, among all the changes and chances of this mortal life, they may ever be defended by your gracious and ready help; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

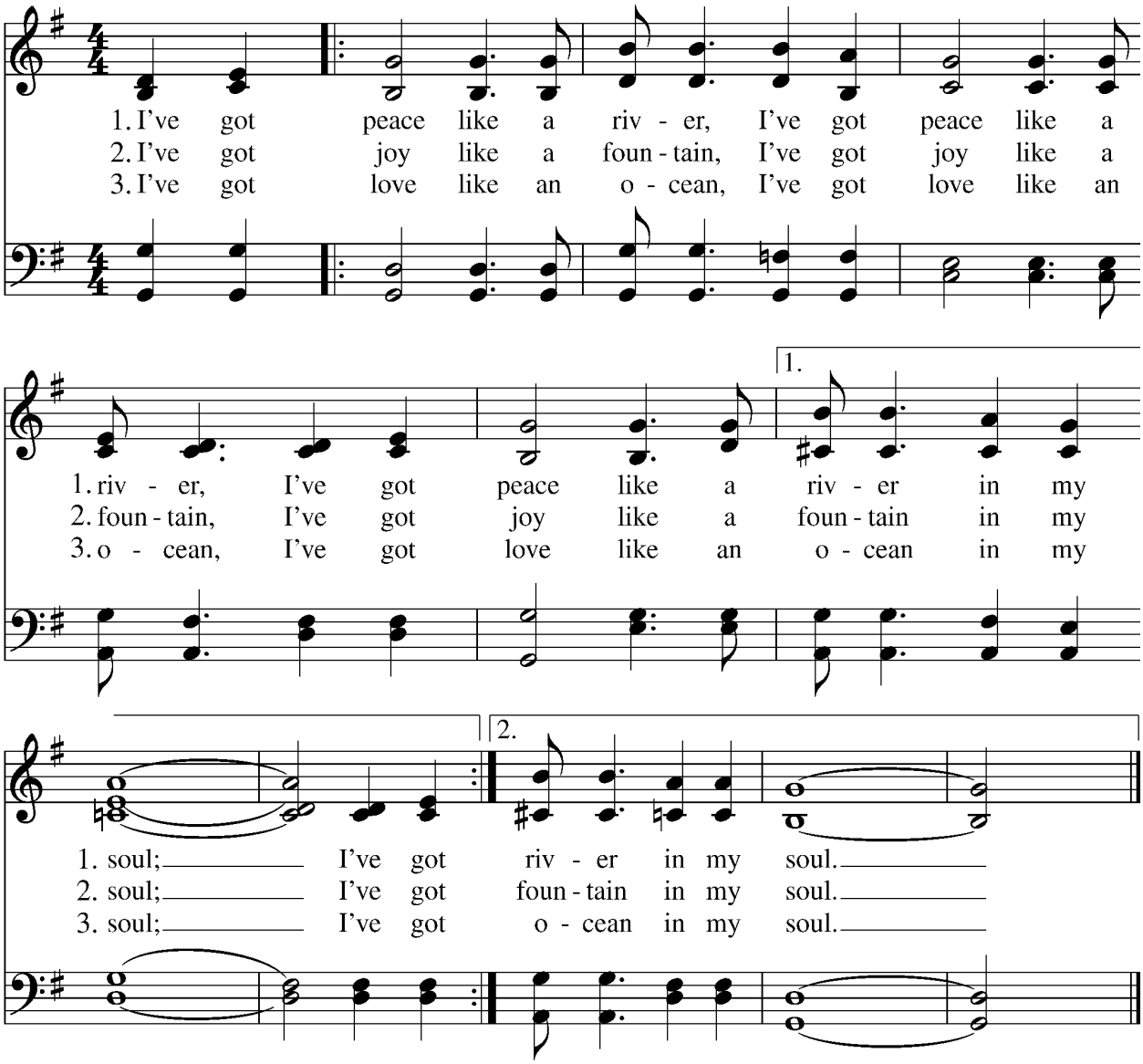
Grant, we ask you, O God, that the words which we have heard this day with our outward ears, may, through your grace, be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living to the honor and praise of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Go before us, O God, in all our doings with your most gracious favor, and assist us with your very present help, that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy Name, and finally, by your mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking; have compassion on our infirmities, and those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O God, you have promised to hear the petitions of those who ask in your Son's Name: Mercifully incline your ear to us who have now made our prayers and supplications to you; and grant that those things which we have faithfully asked according to your will may be effectively obtained, to the relief of our necessity and to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN *I've Got Peace Like a River* (LEVAS 201)



CONCLUDING PRAYERS

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Wave by Antônio Carlos Jobim

Christ Church Parish
Seeking Christ in Ourselves * Serving Christ in the World

JESUS CHRIST IS THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH

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