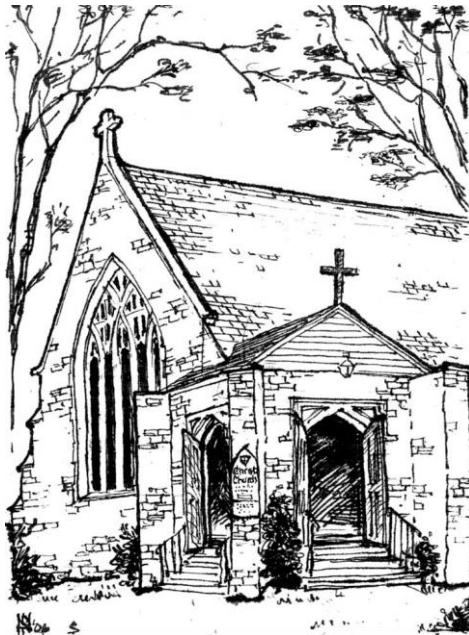


**CHRIST CHURCH PARISH
EPISCOPAL**

5:00 PM

The Eighth Saturday after Pentecost

August 2, 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

PRELUDE

ENTRANCE HYMN

How wondrous and great thy works

1982 Hymnal 533

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's 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

The Song of Mary

Magnificat

Luke 1:46-55

The following is said, all standing

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.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; 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:

Hosea 11:1-11

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of the prophet Hosea.

When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. The more I called them, the more they went from me; they kept sacrificing to the Baals, and offering incense to idols. Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk, I took them up in my arms; but they did not know that I healed them. I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love. I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks. I bent down to them and fed them. They shall return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria shall be their king, because they have refused to return to me. The sword rages in their cities, it consumes their oracle-priests, and devours because of their schemes. My people are bent on turning away from me. To the Most High they call, but he does not raise them up at all. How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim? My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender. I will not execute my fierce anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim; for I am God and no mortal, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath. They shall go after the LORD, who roars like a lion; when he roars, his children shall come trembling from the west. They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt, and like doves from the land of Assyria; and I will return them to their homes, says the LORD.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

Psalm 107:1-9, 43

Remain seated.

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, *
and his mercy endures for ever.

²Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed proclaim *
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.

³He gathered them out of the lands; *
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.

⁴Some wandered in desert wastes; *
they found no way to a city where they might dwell.

⁵They were hungry and thirsty; *
their spirits languished within them.

⁶Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, *
and he delivered them from their distress.

⁷He put their feet on a straight path *
to go to a city where they might dwell.

⁸Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy *
and the wonders he does for his children.

⁹For he satisfies the thirsty *
and fills the hungry with good things.

⁴³Whoever is wise will ponder these things, *
and consider well the mercies of the LORD.

SECOND READING:

The people sit.

Colossians 3:1-11

A reading from the letter to the Colossians.

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are

above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

GOSPEL:

Luke 12:13-21

All stand.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

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 or Celebrant: Merciful God, align the desires of our hearts with your will for us and answer our prayers as may be best for us as we say, God in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Leader: Keep your holy Church on the narrow path that leads to salvation, and let it be a beacon of hope throughout the world.

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.**

Guide the people and leaders of our nation and of all nations to see and affirm the dignity of all people, and to work together to bring justice and peace to all places.

Silence

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

Grant that this community of faith might be a place where your presence is known, and where each of us can fully bring and share the gifts you have given us as your beloved children.

Silence

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

Remind us of the glory of your creation and spur us into action, so that the wonder of the natural world might be preserved and sustained, not only for ourselves, but for all future generations.

Silence

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

Come swiftly to the aid of all who suffer or are oppressed, for all who are ill, injured, or facing grief and loss. Give them your peace and your presence. 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.**

Give strength to those who stand at the threshold of mortal death and those who love and care for them. Grant them a share in your peace and receive them into the light of your eternal kingdom. We pray for all our beloved dead, remembering especially Allan L. Christian 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.

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

Celebrant: O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AUGUST BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

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!*



OFFERTORY HYMN

Clap Your Hands

Celebrate 56

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

Bread of life

Voices Found 80

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.**

If Lay Eucharistic Visitors are being sent out to bring the Sacrament to those who cannot be with us in-person, the following is said as the Visitors are handed the bread and wine:

Celebrant: In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's body and blood.

People: **We who are many are one body, for we all share one bread and one cup.**

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

Amazing Grace

1982 Hymnal 671

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.**

Anita Chase; Barbara Hulme; **Brad Bradley**; Don Bolt; Donna Eby; Ellen Nordquist; **Forrest Berardi**; Greta Couter; Jack Willett; Jane Murphy; Jim Kelly; Katharine LiBretto; **Kenny Blackwell**; Laurie Ghelfi Smith; Mark Poster; Norm Harbinson; Peter Trenouth; **Raymond Reid**; 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 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.

Church Office Closed – August 11 – 15 while David is away on vacation.

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 12:00-1:15, 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



Come Join Us!



As we introduce the exciting
new ministry of:

Invite · Welcome · Connect

Saturday, August 9th - 6-7:30pm - Parish Hall
OR Sunday, August 10th - 10-11:30am - Parish Hall

Christ Church Parish Plymouth

Is excited to continue our mission of

Seeking Christ in Ourselves,

Serving Christ in the World

with a renewed and intentional focus on
Evangelism, Hospitality, and Belonging!

**All are welcomed to an introductory session to
learn more about this ministry and explore how it
might take root in our church.**

There is no obligation to take on a big role, just come, learn,
and be part of the conversation.

To sign-up for the Introductory Session
please scan the QR Code or contact Makenzie
mknzface@gmail.com - 774.283.2734



Evening Women - will be held Wednesday, August 6 at Donna Lawrence's home at 21 Pine Ridge Way, Carver at 5:00 PM. Please RSVP 508-243-2293.

Christ Church Thrift Shoppe - It's clearance time at the Thrift Shoppe! Anticipating the approaching change of seasons, we need to make room for fall and winter clothing. So, all men's and women's clothing is now priced at \$1, and boutique items at \$3. There's just two weeks left for this big summer sale, and there's no limit, while supplies last.

Shoppe Hours:
Thursday and Friday 10-4
Saturday 10-1

Week At - A - Glance * August 3, 2025 – August 10, 2025

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| SUNDAY | 9:00 AM | Holy Eucharist – The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost |
| | 10:30 AM | Lemonade on the Lawn |
| MONDAY | 9:00 AM | Morning Prayer – Facebook Live |
| | 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM | Fore & Aft |
| | 6:00 PM | Resource Committee |
| TUESDAY | 10:00 AM | Companions Group |
| | 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM | Fore & Aft |
| | 12:00 PM – 1:15 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 |
| | 5:00 PM | Evening Women’s Group |
| FRIDAY | 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM | Office Closed |
| | 9:00 AM | Morning Prayer – Facebook Live |
| | 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM | Thrift Shoppe |
| | 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM | Fore & Aft |
| SATURDAY | 10:00 AM – 11:15 AM | Food Pantry |
| | 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM | Thrift Shoppe |
| | 12:30 PM – 4:00 PM | Parish Hall Rental |
| | 5:00 PM | Holy Eucharist Rite II – The Eighth Saturday after Pentecost |
| | 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM | Invite Welcome Connect |
| SUNDAY | 9:00 AM | Holy Eucharist – The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost |
| | 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM | Invite Welcome Connect |
| | 10:30 AM | Lemonade on the Lawn |

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

Officers and Vestry Representatives

Robb Pflock, Senior Warden
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Office Hours

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