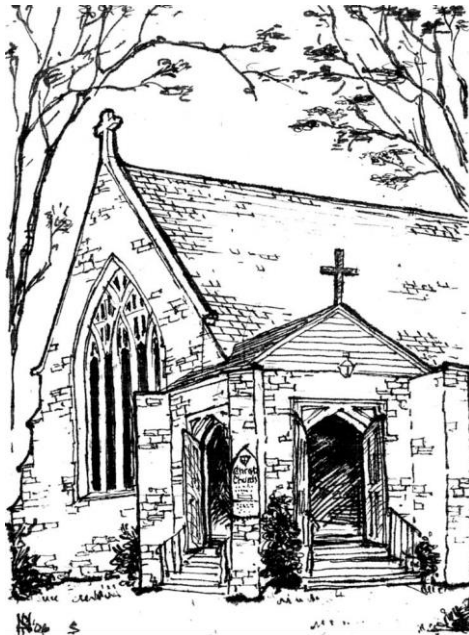


**CHRIST CHURCH PARISH
EPISCOPAL**

9:00 AM

Sunday of the Diaconate

June 15, 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.

Morning Prayer

for Ephrem of Edessa, Syria, Deacon

PRELUDE

OPENING

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.

INVITATORY

Venite

1982 Hymnal S 35



1. Come, let us sing to the



Lord; — let us shout for joy to the Rock of our sal -



va - tion. — 2. Let us come be - fore his pres - ence with thanks - giv - ing —



— 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!_____

PSALM

Psalm 33:1-5,20-21

¹Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous.
Praise befits the upright.

²Praise the LORD with the lyre;
make melody to him with the harp of ten strings.

³Sing to him a new song;
play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

⁴For the word of the LORD is upright,
and all his work is done in faithfulness.

⁵He loves righteousness and justice;
the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.

²⁰Our soul waits for the LORD;
he is our help and shield.

²¹Our heart is glad in him,
because we trust in his holy name.

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.**

READING

A reading from *Hymns on the Nativity* by Ephrem of Edessa, Syria, Deacon

A wonder is Your mother: The Lord entered her
and became a servant; He entered able to speak
and He became silent in her; He entered her thundering
and His voice grew silent; He entered Shepherd of all;
a lamb he became in her; He emerged bleating.

The womb of Your mother overthrew the orders:
The Establisher of all entered a Rich One;
He emerged poor. He entered her a Lofty One;
He emerged humble. He entered her a Radiant One,
and He put on a despised hue and emerged.

He entered, a mighty warrior, and put on fear
inside her womb. He entered, Nourisher of all,
and He acquired hunger. He entered, the One who gives drink to all,
and He acquired thirst. Stripped and laid bare,
He emerged from her womb, the One who clothes all.

Reader Here ends the Reading.

HYMN *From God Christ's deity came forth* 1982 Hymnal 443

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dcn. James Thomas

Silence may follow.

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.**

Pour out on us, O Lord, that same spirit by which your deacon Ephrem rejoiced to proclaim in sacred song the mysteries of faith; and so gladden our hearts that we, like him, may be devoted to you alone; through Jesus

Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **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.

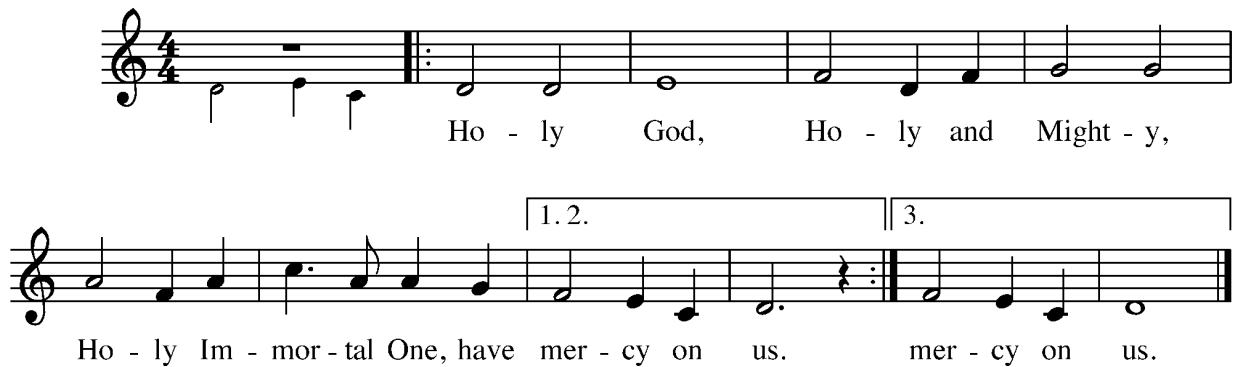
Guard and protect all children who are in danger.
Hear us, O Christ.

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 *for Trinity Sunday*

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

EPISTLE:**Romans 5:1-5***The people sit.*

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

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

SEQUENCE HYMN***Come and seek the ways of Wisdom*****Voices Found 60****GOSPEL:****John 16:12-15***All stand.*

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
John

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord

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

Silence may follow.

THE CREED

**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

In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Sean our Presiding Bishop, Julia our Diocesan Bishop; 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 God. Pray that they may find and be found by God.

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 says

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to 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

<i>Officiant</i>	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lamp of Presence is offered today in loving memory of Helen M. Christian, Ruth E. Beal, Dennis H. Hassan Sr. and Dennis H. Hassan Jr.

OFFERTORY

The Officiant says:

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

The People sit as the musicians offer an Anthem. As the offering plates are brought forward, the People stand and join in singing a 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.**

HYMN

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty

1982 Hymnal 362

CONCLUSION

The Officiant says:

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God 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

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; the repose of the soul of Lena Bolduc; Linda Garrone; Mark Poster; Norm Harbinson; Norm Zinger; the repose of the soul of Roberta Mills-Price; 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 - Bargains at the Thrift Shoppe are heating up with the start of summer! This week's specials: Men's and Women's Shorts and Tops — \$3 each, or 2 for \$5, unless individually marked.

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

Week At - A - Glance * June 15, 2025 – June 22, 2025

SUNDAY	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer/Matins – Sunday of the Diaconate
	10:30 AM	Lemonade on the Lawn
MONDAY	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer – Facebook Live
	10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Fore & Aft
TUESDAY	10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Fore & Aft
	4:00 PM – 5:15 PM	Food Pantry
WEDNESDAY	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer – Facebook Live
	10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Fore & Aft
	5:00 PM	Parish Ministry Network
THURSDAY	9:30 AM – 3:00 PM	Office Closed
	10:00 AM	Bible Study
	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Thrift Shoppe
	10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Fore & Aft
	12:00 PM – 1:15 PM	Food Pantry
	1:00 PM	Book Study
	4:00 PM – 5:15 PM	Food Pantry
FRIDAY	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
	5:00 PM	Holy Eucharist Rite II – The Second Saturday after Pentecost – Music with The Hills
SUNDAY	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer/Matins – The Second Sunday after Pentecost
	10:30 AM	Lemonade on the Lawn
	10:30 AM	Thrift Shoppe Volunteer Meeting

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All the people of Christ Church Parish

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Peter Litchfield, Accompanist
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Monday - Friday 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM