

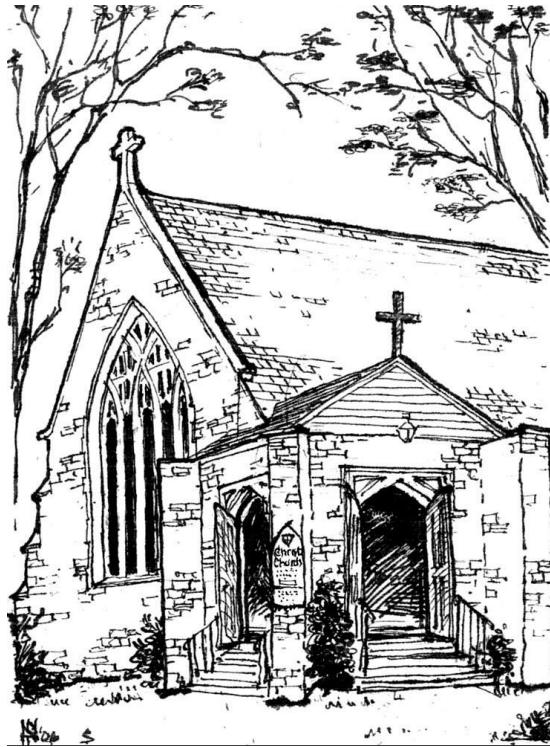
CHRIST CHURCH PARISH

EPISCOPAL

5:00 PM

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 13, 2024



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.

The Word of God

ENTRANCE HYMN

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

Celebrate 90

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Celebrant says

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

People **And blessed be God's reign, 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.**

OPENING ANTHEM

The following is said, all standing

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**
**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**
**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;**
**you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**
**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Lessons

FIRST READING:

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19

The people sit.

A Reading from the Second book of Samuel.

David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the Lord of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. They carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart with the ark of God; and Ahio went in front of the ark. David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the Lord with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals. So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing; and when those who bore the ark of the Lord had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. David danced before the Lord with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod. So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the Lord with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet. As the ark of the Lord came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the Lord; and she despised him in her heart. They brought in the ark of the Lord, and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt offerings and offerings of well-being before the Lord. When David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the Lord of hosts, and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of

bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

Psalm 85:8-13

Remain seated.

⁸I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, *
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.

⁹Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *
that his glory may dwell in our land.

¹⁰Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

¹¹Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

¹²The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.

¹³Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

SECOND READING:

The people sit.

A Reading from the letter to the Ephesians.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With

Ephesians 1:3-14

all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

GOSPEL:

All stand.

Mark 6:14-29

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

King Herod heard of Jesus and his disciples, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer."

Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, “I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.” The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John’s head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

Deacon 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: Our God is a God of compassion and mercy, promising to hear and receive our prayers. Let us then join in prayer for ourselves, for the church, and for the world.

Leader: Hear our prayers, O God, offered in humility and faith;

People: **That we may have grace and power to perform the deeds of righteousness.**

Leader: Strengthen the church in these times of challenge and indifference;

People: **Keep us faithful to our calling as prophets and truth-tellers.**

Leader: For Michael our presiding bishop, Sean our presiding bishop-elect, Alan and Carol our bishops, Julia our bishop-elect, Melissa our priest, James our deacon; and for all lay and ordained leaders in our churches;

People: **That we may model before the world both integrity and faithfulness.**

Leader: For peace among nations and understanding among peoples;

People: **That our lives may reflect the vocations of peacemaker and bridge-builder.**

Leader: For those who have lost hope and who feel defeated by the events of life;

People: **May we minister to them with grace and wisdom.**

Leader: For those who are ill or with special needs in this congregation, asking that God's healing love would be made known in their lives;

People: **We offer them our prayers in both word and action.**

Leader: We offer thanksgiving for the abundant life we have in Jesus Christ;

People: **For the family of faith who feed and nurture us.**

Leader: For those who have died, especially John McGinn Jr., that they may rest in God's eternal love and care;

People: **For our inheritance with all God's saints, living and dead.**

Celebrant: O God, you call from every land and nation a people who are faithful and responsive to your purposes. Strengthen our witness and our resolve to proclaim the Good News today and every day. We ask this in Christ's name. **Amen.**

CONFESSiON OF SIN

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord 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 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

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

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

Commune with Me

Celebrate 208

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of Christ,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.**

**And now, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN *We are marching in the light of God* WLP 787

We are marching in the light of God, we are
 Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',
 Mar - cha - re - mos en la luz de Dios, Mar - cha -

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 re - mos en la luz de Dios. Mar - cha - re - mos en la

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We are march - ing
Si - ya - ham - ba
Mar - cha - re - mos

Music score for the first section of the hymn. The top staff is in treble clef, G major, with a tempo of 120 BPM. The lyrics are: "light of God. nyen' kwen - khos'. luz de Dios." The bottom staff is in bass clef, C major, with a tempo of 100 BPM.

Music score for the second section of the hymn. The top staff continues in treble clef, G major, with a tempo of 120 BPM. The lyrics are: "Oo we are march - ing in the light of God. si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos' - mar - cha - re - mos en la luz de Dios." The bottom staff continues in bass clef, C major, with a tempo of 100 BPM.

We are march - ing
Si - ya - ham - ba
Mar - cha - re - mos

light of God.
nyen' kwen - khos'.
luz de Dios.

We are march - ing,
Si - ya - ham - ba,
Mar - cha - re - mos

march - ing, we are
ham - ba, si - ya -
re - mos mar - cha -

Oo
Oo
Oo

march-ing, march-ing, we are march - ing in the light of God.
ham - ba, si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
re - mos mar - cha - re - mos en la luz do Dios.

BLESSING

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.

Arnie Kaupp; Family of Clara Clements; Caleb Eaton and family; Carol Owen; Cindy Boyer; Dianne Powers; Don Bolt; Doug Perry; Elaine Christian; Jamarr and Tracey Norman; John Davidson; for the repose of the soul of John McGinn, Jr.; **Karen Guerra;** Karen Romero; Kate Taylor; **Kim Fillian;** Lauren Parnass; Laurie Ghelfi Smith; Linda Garrone; Louise Woodruff; Margie Kaupp; Maryanne Kerrigan; Mary LeSueur; Michelle and Michael Almeida; Nicole Smith; Norm Zinger; Owen Smith; Ruth Ann Cederholm; Sam Barry; Sharon Steadman; Steven Mills-Price; Suzanne and Dave Salois; Suzanne Williamson-Vico; Tim N.; Tina MacAllister; Tyler Christian; Valerie B. Pflock; William Underhill

We ask your prayers for those serving in the military and their families:
Andrew Barton, Austin Vico, Harry Morini, Josh Zabin, Tory Boudreau

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.

Keeping Connected – Christ Church's weekly eNewsletter can now be found on our website christchurchplymouth.org. Visit our website to view the newsletter or scroll to the bottom of the page and enter your name and email to have it sent directly to your inbox.

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.

Summer Sunday Worship Schedule Changes - Starting June 23, 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 Thrift Shoppe Outreach Report - As reported last week, Q2 proceeds of \$21,850 have been transferred to CCP. Total proceeds of \$35,227 have been transferred this year. Last month, Q2 Outreach of \$2500 was provided to the **Salvation Army of Plymouth** to support their Camp Wonderland camp scholarships for children of need from Plymouth, Carver, and Kingston.

As a result of exceptional Q2 sales, we are pleased to report Vestry's approval this week of 3 additional recipients of financial outreach from Thrift Shoppe proceeds.

- \$3500 to **First Parish Church in Kingston** to support their Campaign for Vandalism and Damage after the violent and sustained attack on July 4th that resulted in tens of thousands of dollars in damage to church property.
- \$2500 to **Plymouth Pride**. Our support as a CCP sponsor will assist in the promotion of equality and inclusivity through events that foster education, awareness, respect, and visibility for everyone in our LGBTQ+ community.
- \$1400 to **Plymouth Recovery Center, Inc.**, a non-profit group that supports the recovery of substance abuse for individuals and families. Similar to the Monday lunch program offered at CCP food pantry, the Plymouth Recovery Center provides lunches to individuals on Wednesdays. Our financial support will ensure this center has adequate funds through the summer months.

The leadership team is so very grateful and we extend heartfelt thanks to all who help make the Thrift Shoppe's mission of outreach possible. With continued support from our generous donors, faithful shoppers, dedicated volunteers, and the Vestry, we can continue to do the important work of spreading God's love in serving of our parish, our neighbors and our community. To join this ministry, please speak with our leaders or contact us at office.christchurchplymouth@gmail.com to discuss volunteer opportunities.

Christ Church Food Pantry – This week we are low on: chicken noodle soup, cereal/breakfast bars, kidney beans, pork and beans, and small bottles of dish soap

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.

Leave a message if you wish to donate non-perishable food and household items, or you may leave your donations under the mailboxes outside the office or in the front entrance to the sanctuary. Squirrels like to get into any bags left on the porch of the food pantry!

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

Week At - A - Glance * July 14, 2024 – July 21, 2024

SUNDAY	9:00 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite I – The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
	10:15 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
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
FRIDAY	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer – Facebook Live
	9:30 AM – 3:00 PM	Office Closed
	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Thrift Shoppe
	10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Fore & Aft
SATURDAY	10:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Thrift Shoppe
	10:00 AM – 11:15 AM	Food Pantry
	5:00 PM	Holy Eucharist Rite II – The Ninth Saturday after Pentecost
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	10:15 AM	Lemonade on the Lawn

Christ Church Parish
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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Connie Melahoures, Verger
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