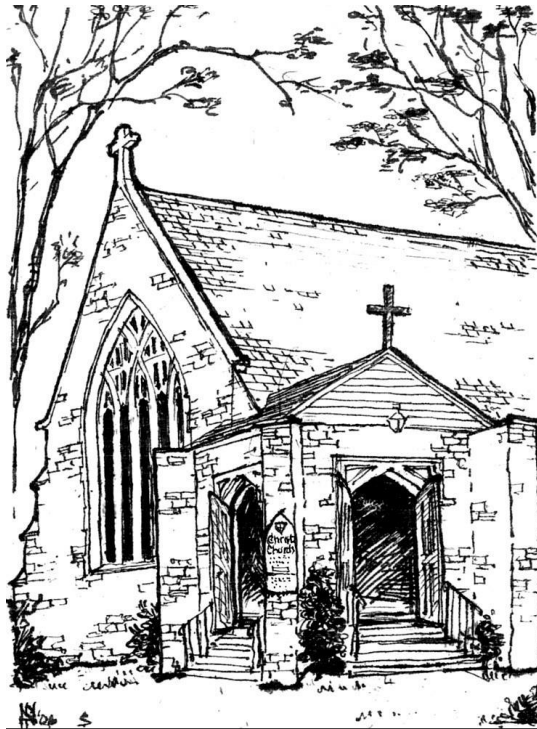


**CHRIST CHURCH PARISH
EPISCOPAL**

8:00 AM

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 16, 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 Invitatory and Psalter

VERSICLE

All stand

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips.

People **And our mouth shall show forth thy 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.

ANTIPHON

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: O come, let us adore him.

INVITATORY

O come, let us sing unto the Lord; *

let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, *

and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are all the corners of the earth, *

and the strength of the hills is his also.

The sea is his and he made it, *

and his hands prepared the dry land.

O come, let us worship and fall down *

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is the Lord our God, *

and we are the people of his pasture

and the sheep of his hand.

**O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.**

**For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth, *
and with righteousness to judge the world
and the peoples with his truth.**

Psalm 20

¹May the LORD answer you in the day of trouble, *
the Name of the God of Jacob defend you;

²Send you help from his holy place *
and strengthen you out of Zion;

³Remember all your offerings *
and accept your burnt sacrifice;

⁴Grant you your heart's desire *
and prosper all your plans.

⁵We will shout for joy at your victory
and triumph in the Name of our God; *
may the LORD grant all your requests.

⁶Now I know that the LORD gives victory to his anointed; *
he will answer him out of his holy heaven,
with the victorious strength of his right hand.

⁷Some put their trust in chariots and some in horses, *
but we will call upon the Name of the LORD our God.

⁸They collapse and fall down, *
but we will arise and stand upright.

⁹O LORD, give victory to the king *
and answer us when we call.

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.

The Lessons

FIRST READING:

1 Samuel 15:34--16:13

The people sit.

A Reading from the First book of Samuel.

Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the LORD was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel. The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is now before the LORD." But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

<i>Reader</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE

Canticle 7: We Praise Thee

Te Deum laudamus

**We praise thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.
All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.
To thee all Angels cry aloud,
the Heavens and all the Powers therein.
To thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry:
 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;
 Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory.
The glorious company of the apostles praise thee.
The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise thee.
The noble army of martyrs praise thee.
The holy Church throughout all the world
 doth acknowledge thee,
 the Father, of an infinite majesty,
 thine adorable, true, and only Son,
 also the Holy Ghost the Comforter.
Thou art the King of glory, O Christ.
Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man,
thou didst humble thyself to be born of a Virgin.
When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,
thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.
We believe that thou shalt come to be our judge.
 We therefore pray thee, help thy servants,
 whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.
 Make them to be numbered with thy saints,
 in glory everlasting.**

The Prayers

SALUTATION

The people stand or kneel

<i>Officiant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And with thy spirit.
<i>Officiant</i>	Let us pray.

SUFFRAGES

V. O Lord, save thy people, and bless thine heritage;

R. Govern them and lift them up for ever.

V. Day by day we magnify thee;

R. And we worship thy Name ever, world without end.

V. Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin;

R. O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.

V. O Lord, let thy mercy be upon us;

R. As our trust is in thee.

V. O Lord, in thee have I trusted;

R. Let me never be confounded.

COLLECT FOR SUNDAYS

O God, who makest us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of thy Son our Lord: Grant us this day such blessing through our worship of thee, that the days to come may be spent in thy favor; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR GRACE

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that we, being ordered by thy governance, may do always what is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PEACE

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: Defend us, thy humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

LITANY

To be said, kneeling or standing.

O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,
Have mercy upon us.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
Have mercy upon us.

O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful,
Have mercy upon us.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God,
Have mercy upon us.

Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers;
neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people,
whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy
preserve us, for ever.
Spare us, good Lord.

From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the
devil; and from everlasting damnation,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy,
hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world,
the flesh, and the devil,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and
contempt of thy Word and commandment,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague,
pestilence, and famine,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle, and
murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared,
Good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and submission to
the Law; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,
Good Lord, deliver us.

By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the Coming of the Holy Ghost,
Good Lord, deliver us.

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,
Good Lord, deliver us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
Grant us thy peace.

O Christ, hear us.
O Christ, hear us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

SALUTATION

The people stand

<i>Officiant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And with thy spirit.
<i>Officiant</i>	Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Keep, O Lord, we beseech thee, thy household the Church in thy steadfast faith and love, that by the help of thy grace we may proclaim thy truth with boldness, and minister thy justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

SECOND READING:**2 Corinthians 5:6-17***The people sit.*

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

We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

THIRD READING:**Mark 4:26-34***The people sit.*

A Reading from Mark.

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come." He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the

ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.” With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

SERMON

The Rev. Deacon James Thomas

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.**

INTERCESSIONS

All remain standing.

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

After each paragraph of this prayer, the People may make an appropriate response, as directed.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers especially Michael our presiding bishop, Alan and Carol our bishops, Julia our bishop-elect, Melissa our priest, James our deacon, and all of our lay ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor those on our parish prayer list and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

The high altar flowers are given in celebration of the 14th anniversary of the wedding of Leonard and Holly Williams, and in Leonard's memory.

Additional petitions and thanksgivings may be included here.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

All stand.

<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 LORD'S PRAYER

Officiant and People

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

THE GRACE

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

Announcements

Please keep the following people in your prayers during the coming week.

Any names added this week are in bold.

Family of Clara Clements; Caleb Eaton and family; Carol Owen; Cindy Boyer; Dianne Powers; Don Bolt; Doug Perry; Elaine Christian; Jack; Jamarr and Tracey Norman; John Davidson; Karen Romero; Lauren Parnass; Laurie Ghelfi Smith; Linda Garrone; Louise Woodruff; Margie Kaupp; Maryanne Kerrigan; Michelle and Michael Almeida; Mike; Nicole Smith; **Norman Harbinson**; Norm Zinger; Owen Smith; Richard Larraga; Ruth Ann Cederholm; Sam Barry; Sharon Steadman; Steven Mills-Price; 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.

Coffee Hour - We have found a contractor to strip and wax the Parish Hall floors. Due to their schedule and our urgent need to get the work done, they are coming this Saturday, June 15th. The wax takes time to dry and cure so instead of Coffee Hour on Sunday, June 16th, we will have Lemonade on the Lawn a week early. Thank you for your flexibility and we look forward to seeing you there!

Thrift Shoppe - This week, Vestry approved the Thrift Shoppe designation of \$2500 from proceeds to the Plymouth Salvation Army. This outreach will be specifically earmarked for the Salvation Army's Summer Camp Wonderland scholarships. Camp Wonderland, instituted in 1924, is an overnight camp located in Sharon, housed on 110 acres of woodlands on Lake Massapoag. It provides memorable camping experiences that encompass physical, social, and spiritual guidance for hundreds of Massachusetts children. The Salvation Army is committed to ensuring every child the opportunity to attend camp. The scholarship money provided will specifically support children of need from Plymouth, Kingston, and Carver. We are grateful to the many volunteers, donors, and shoppers who make community outreach possible.

Shoppe Hours - Thursday and Friday 10-4 and Saturday 10-2

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

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!

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.

Worship Schedule for 6/15-6/16 and 6/22-6/23

While Rev. Melissa is away, our worship will be as follows:

Saturday 6/15 5pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 6/16 at 8am: Morning Prayer

Sunday 6/16 at 10am: Morning Prayer/Ante-Communion,
all officiated by The Rev. Deacon James Thomas

Saturday 6/22 5p Evening Prayer, officiated by Connie Melahoures

Sunday 6/23 9am Holy Eucharist, celebrated by The Rev. Elisabeth Tunney

Week At - A - Glance * June 16, 2024 – June 23, 2024

SUNDAY	8:00 AM	Morning Prayer – The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
	10:00 AM	Morning Prayer/Ante-Communion – The Third Sunday after Pentecost
MONDAY	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer – Facebook Live Fore & Aft
	10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	
TUESDAY	10:00 AM	Companions Group Fore & Aft Food Pantry
	10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	
	4:00 PM – 5:15 PM	
WEDNESDAY	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer – Facebook Live Office Closed Fore & Aft
	9:30 AM – 3:00 PM	
	10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	
THURSDAY	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Thrift Shoppe Fore & Aft Food Pantry Food Pantry
	10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	
	12:00 PM – 1:15 PM	
	4:00 PM – 5:15 PM	
FRIDAY	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer – Facebook Live Thrift Shoppe Fore & Aft
	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM	
	10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	
SATURDAY	10:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Thrift Shoppe Food Pantry Evening Prayer – The Fifth Saturday after Pentecost
	10:00 AM – 11:15 AM	
	5:00 PM	
SUNDAY	9:00 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite II – The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost Lemonade on the Lawn
	10:15 AM	

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

JESUS CHRIST IS THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH

MINISTERS

All the people of Christ Church Parish

Staff

The Rev. Melissa Howell, Rector
The Rev. Deacon James Thomas
Connie Melahoures, Verger
David Tyler, Parish Administrator
Lea Tyler, Choir Director
Donna Eby, Interim Sunday School Coordinator
Jae Johnson, Sexton

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Bill Ferguson, Senior Warden
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Office Hours

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