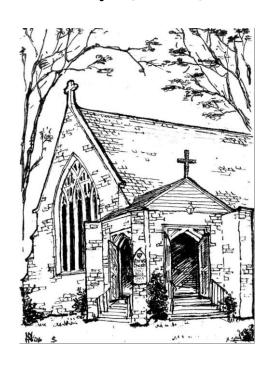
CHRIST CHURCH PARISH EPISCOPAL

9:00 AM

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

July 13, 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
I come with joy to meet my Lord

1982 Hymnal 304

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Celebrant says

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

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.

Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY AND GREAT COMMANDMENTS

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.







THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O Lord, we beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayers of thy people who call upon thee, and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfill the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Lessons

FIRST READING:

Deuteronomy 30:9-14

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

Moses said to the people of Israel, "The Lord your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the Lord will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, when you obey the Lord your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe."

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

Silence may follow.

Psalm 25:1-9

Remain seated.

¹To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; * let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

- ²Let none who look to you be put to shame; * let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- ³Show me your ways, O LORD, * and teach me your paths.
- ⁴Lead me in your truth and teach me, * for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.
- ⁵Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, * for they are from everlasting.
- ⁶Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; * remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
- ⁷Gracious and upright is the LORD; * therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- ⁸He guides the humble in doing right * and teaches his way to the lowly.
- ⁹All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness * to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

SECOND READING:

Colossians 1:1-14

The people sit.

A reading from the letter to the Colossians.

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father. In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit. For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, 4 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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

Silence may follow.

SEQUENCE HYMN

Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart All stand.

Celebrate 167

GOSPEL: Luke 10:25-37

All stand.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to

Luke.

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and

with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O 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: The creator of all that is has called us into relationship; let us now offer our prayers to the one whose love and compassion are the source of all life, saying, God in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Leader: Shower your blessings on your church throughout the world. Help us to be neighbors to all people; strangers and friends, those close by and those far away, of every land and language and culture.

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 leaders of our nation and of all nations to extend the hand of friendship, that we might work together for a more peaceful world. *Silence*

God in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Inspire and embolden us that we might show neighborly love to one another to build a better tomorrow.

Silence

God in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Let us glory in your abundant creation and commit ourselves to its care and sustenance.

Silence

God in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Remind us to make time for those who suffer or who are isolated, that we might magnify your love in our lives. We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list. We pray for the people of the Hill Country and Kerr County, Texas, for the campers, families, and staff of Camp Mystic, and for all who are grieving, searching, and recovering after the devastation of flooding and storms. We pray for 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.**

We hold fast to your promises, especially your care for those whose earthly journey has ended. Grant that we too may come to rest in your care and rise in your glory. We pray for our beloved dead and those we name now, either silently or aloud.

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Celebrant: Lord God, you formed us in love; you command us to live in your love. Hear the prayers we make in the name of the Son you sent to dwell among us, the neighbor who is attentive to all our needs, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against thee
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in thy will,
and walk in thy ways,
to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with thy spirit.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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
Seek ye first the kingdom of God

1982 Hymnal 711

DOXOLOGY

1982 Hymnal 380, v3

The Great Thanksgiving

The People remain standing.

CelebrantPeopleCelebrantThe Lord be with you.And with thy spirit.Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up unto the Lord.

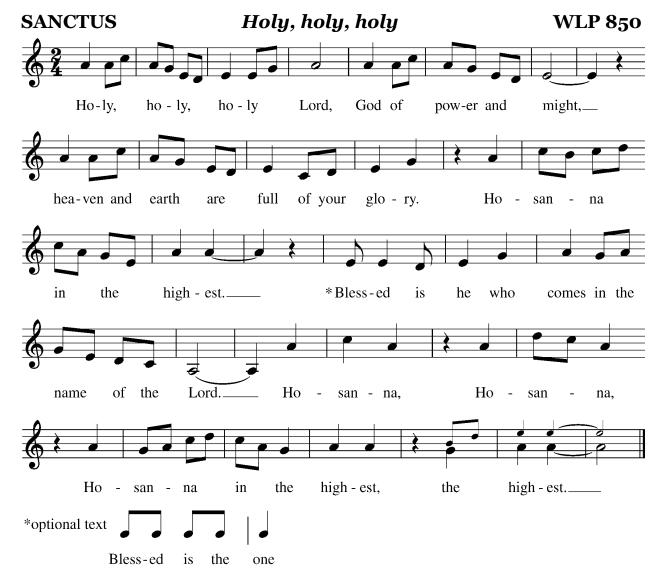
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is meet and right so to do. Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Creator of the light and source of life, who hast made us in thine image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,



The people kneel or stand.

Then the Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Celebrant then continues

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

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 Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

The following prayer may be said. The People may join in saying this prayer

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

INVITATION

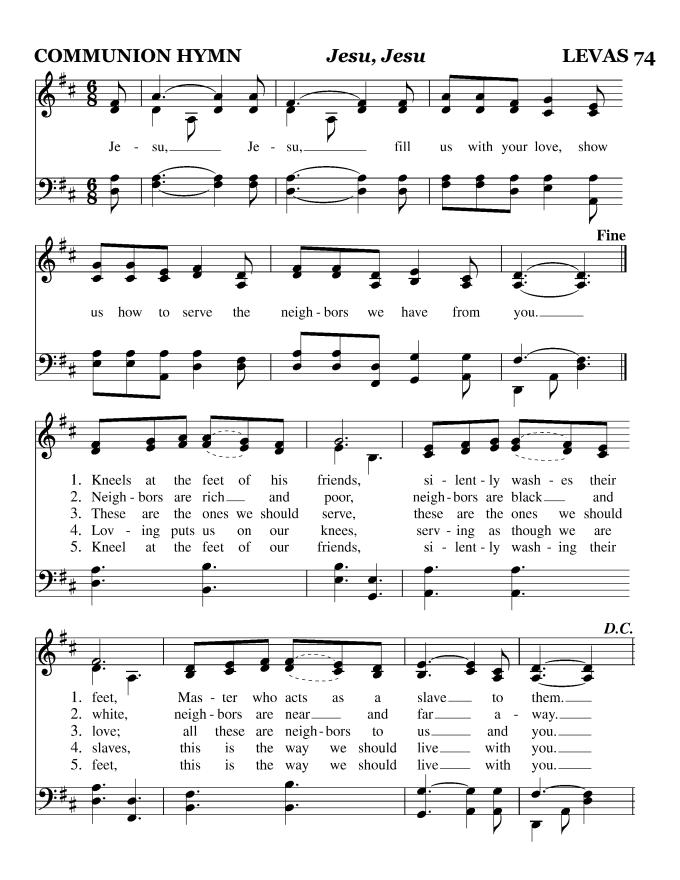
The Presider invites the people to Communion with these or similar words:

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 in two lines down the center aisle, to either the main altar or the chapel altar rail. Please fill in all the spaces along the rail. Standing or kneeling, 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 across your chest as the cup bearers come to you. If you would prefer a blessing, come forward to the rail, cross your arms across your chest, and the minister will bless you.

At the main altar, once you have received, stand and exit through the side door closest to you (either left past the organ or right through the choir room) to walk around and back into the sanctuary, using the side aisles to return to your seat.



POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The People may join in saying this prayer

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. 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

Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing

1982 Hymnal 344

DISMISSAL

The Deacon or Celebrant dismisses the people. The people respond: **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; **Bob Steele**; Don Bolt; Donna Eby; Ellen Nordquist; Greta Couter; Jack Willett; Jane Murphy; Jean Belle Bernhardt; Jim Kelly; Katharine LiBretto; Laurie Ghelfi Smith; Mark Poster; Norm Harbinson; Peter Trenouth; 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.

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 Wojtklewicz at 617-291-4634, or by email at barbara.wojtklewicz@gmail.com

An Invitation to the Ministry of the Altar Guild - During the month of July, each Saturday morning at 10am and each Sunday morning following the 9am service, I am available to meet with anyone interested in being part of the Altar Guild Ministry at Christ Church Parish ~ to answer any questions, whether experienced or new to this "behind the scenes", contemplative ministry of our parish. The meeting place will be the sacristy which is the sacred room for our priests, deacons and altar guild ministers. The summer weeks of July are a good opportunity for this ministry renewal since we have one less service. Also our brass collection plates and many candles have been put aside for now. It is a simpler and lighter time. Always with grateful appreciation for our current ministers of the Altar Guild. If there are any questions I can be reached by email or phone ~ Robin Nielsen, Altar Guild Ministry leader ~

774-454-2776 robinmarianielsen@gmail.com

Christ Church Thrift Shoppe - For fans of cut glass, this is your week! The pieces on the shoppe's shelves are priced at half-off. And the clothing sale continues, with single items at \$3, and two items for \$5. Boutique clothing is priced at half-off, so if you are looking for summer items, come by.

Next week is going to be Senior Week (shoppers 60 and older), so be sure to stop in then to find out what the sale offers!

Shoppe Hours: Thursday and Friday 10-4 Saturday 10-1 This Saturday, July 12th, the Thrift Shoppe will be closed due to a funeral.

Week At - A - Glance * July 13, 2025 - July 20, 2025

SUNDAY Holy Eucharist - The Fifth Sunday after 9:00 AM

Pentecost

Lemonade on the Lawn 10:30 AM

Morning Prayer - Facebook Live MONDAY 9:00 AM

> 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Fore & Aft

Fore & Aft **TUESDAY** 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

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

FRIDAY 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM Office Closed

9:00 AM

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Thrift Shoppe SATURDAY 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

> **Holy Eucharist Rite II – The Sixth Saturday** 5:00 PM

> > after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist – The Sixth Sunday after SUNDAY 9:00 AM

Pentecost with Baptism

10:30 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

MINISTERS

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

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Office Hours

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