CHRIST CHURCH PARISH
EPISCOPAL

10:00 AM

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 6, 2024
Blessing of the Animals



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
Joyful, joyful, we adore thee **1982 Hymnal 376**

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.**

SONG OF PRAISE ***Jesus loves me!*** **Voices Found 163**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY
Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may, for love of you, delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lessons

FIRST READING: **Jeremiah 22:13-16**

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

Woe to him who builds his house by unrighteousness, and his upper rooms by injustice; who makes his neighbors work for nothing, and does not give them their wages; who says, "I will build myself a spacious house with large upper rooms," and who cuts out windows for it, paneling it with cedar, and painting it with vermilion. Are you a king because you compete in cedar? Did not your father eat and drink and do justice and righteousness? Then it was well with him. He judged the cause of the poor and needy; then it was well. Is not this to know me? says the LORD.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

Psalm 148:7-14

Remain seated.

7 Praise the LORD from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps,

8 fire and hail, snow and frost,
stormy wind fulfilling his command!

9 Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars!

10 Wild animals and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds!

11 Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!

12 Young men and women alike,
old and young together!

13 Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for his name alone is exalted;
his glory is above earth and heaven.

14 He has raised up a horn for his people,
praise for all his faithful,
for the people of Israel who are close to him.
Praise the LORD!

SECOND READING: **Galatians 6:14-18**

The people sit.

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Galatia.
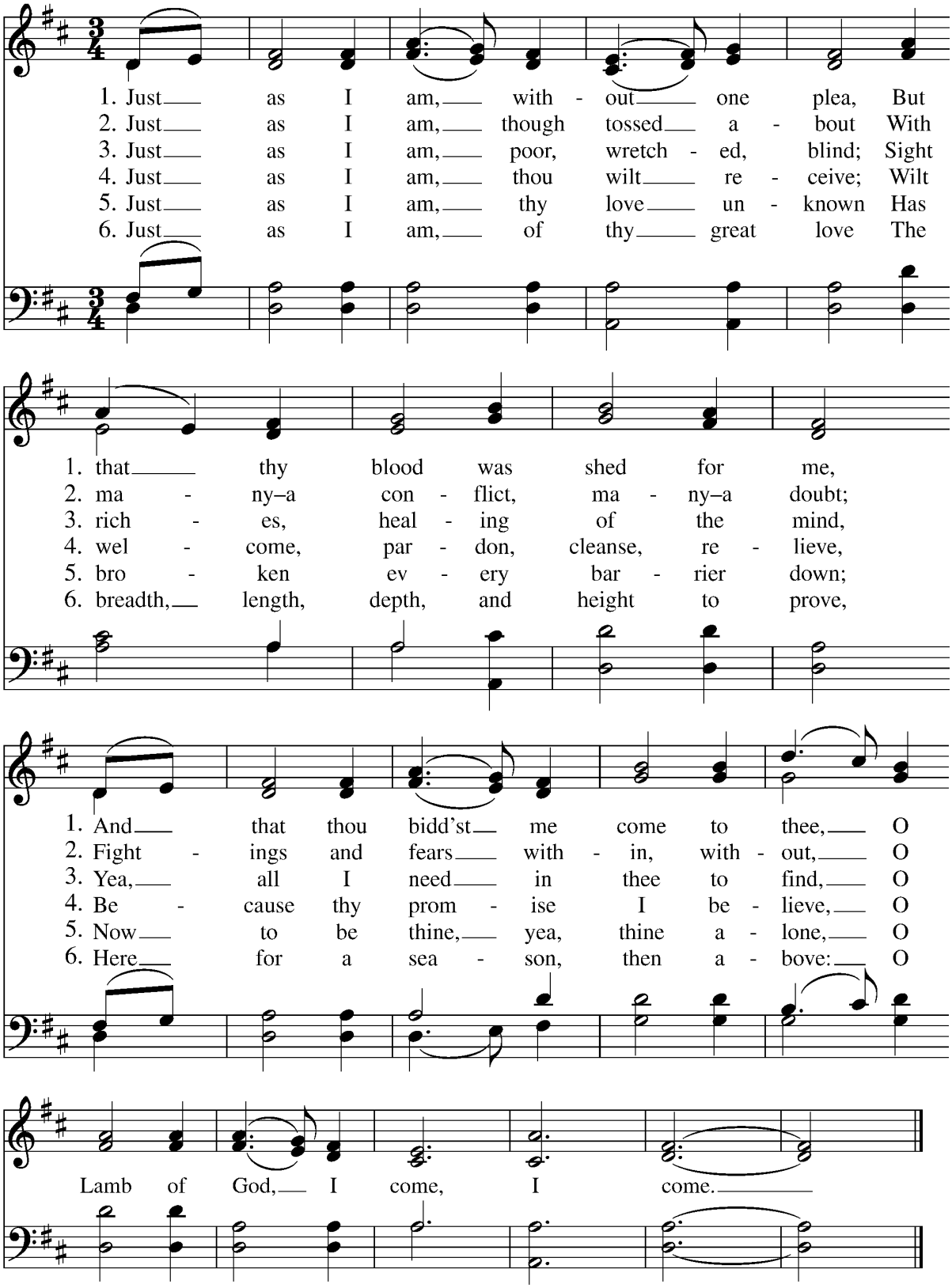
May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule — peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God. From now on, let no one make trouble for me; for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

SEQUENCE HYMN ***Just As I Am*** **LEVAS 137**

All stand.



GOSPEL: **Matthew 11:25-30**

All stand.

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

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

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON **The Rev. Melissa Howell**

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

Deacon: Blessed God, whose love calls the whole creation into covenant with you, and who puts in our hands responsibility for the care of the earth and its creatures: we pray for all to whom you have given life and being, saying, "Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace."

Leader: For the well-being of the earth; for its resources of water, air, light, and soil, that they may be tended for the good of all creatures, we pray:
Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For the waters of the earth; for their careful use and conservation, that we may have the will and the ability to restore them, we pray:
Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For the mineral and energy resources of the planet, that we may learn sustainable consumption and sound care of the environment from which they come, we pray:
Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For the animals of the earth, wild and domestic, large and very small, that they may know the harmony of relationship that sustains all life, we pray:
Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For the creatures of the earth who do us harm and those whose place in your creation we do not understand or welcome, that we may see them as beloved creatures of God, we pray:
Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For all who shape public policies affecting the planet and its creatures, that they may consider wisely the well-being of all who come after us, we pray:
Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For all those engaged in conservation, in agriculture and ranching, in aquaculture and fishing, in mining and industry, and in forestry and timber-harvesting, that the health, fruitfulness, and beauty of the natural world may be sustained alongside human activity, we pray:
Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For the creatures and the human beings of your world who are ill, or in danger, pain, or special need, remembering especially those on our parish prayer list, all those affected by Hurricane Helene, and all who suffer from the unjust, violent, or wasteful use of the earth's resources or their devastation, that all may one day live in communities of justice and peace, we pray:
Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For the gifts of science and technology and for those who practice these skills, that they may be wise, visionary, and compassionate in their work, we pray:
Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For the creatures and the people of the earth whose lives and deaths have contributed to the fruitful abundance of this planet, remembering especially Dr. William C. Gould and his wife, Rachel E. Gould in whose honor and memory the high altar flowers have been given, we pray:
Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

The Celebrant prays a concluding collect: Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled, as to

console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN
The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and God's creation.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

Holy and merciful God,
we confess that we have failed to honor you
by rightly claiming our kinship with all your creatures.
We have walked heavily on your earth,
overused and wasted its resources,
taken for granted its beauty and abundance,
and treated its inhabitants unjustly,
holding future generations hostage to our greed.
Have mercy on us and forgive us our sin.
Renew in us the resolve to keep and conserve your earth as you desire and intend,
with grateful and compassionate hearts,
through your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. 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.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

The Lamp of Presence has been given in honor and celebration of the birthdays of Maria MacAllister and Cynthia Sykes.

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 ANTHEM ***Look at the World*** **Rutter**

DOXOLOGY **1982 Hymnal 380, v3**

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.**

God of all power, Source and Sustainer of the Universe,
you are worthy of glory and praise.
Glory to you for ever and ever.
At your command all things came to be: shining light and enfolding dark;
the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns,
and this fragile earth, our island home.
By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race,
and blessed us with the capacity for memory, reason, and skill.

You made us the stewards of your creation.
But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust;
and we turned against one another.
Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.
Again and again, you called us to return.
Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law.
And in the fullness of time you sent your eternal Word,
born of your servant Mary,
to fulfill your Law, opening for us the way of freedom and peace.
By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.
And therefore we praise you,
joining with the heavenly chorus,
with prophets, apostles, and martyrs,
and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope,
to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

SANCTUS ***Holy, holy, holy*** **1982 Hymnal S 124**

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
We celebrate Christ's death and resurrection as we await the day of his coming.

Therefore, O God, we who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Sanctify us also, and let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.
Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

God of our ancestors; Redeemer and Mother of Israel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only and not for strength; for pardon only and not for renewal.

Accept these prayers and praises, Almighty God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **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 *Christ our Passover* 1982 Hymnal S 154

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.

COMMUNION HYMN ***Make Me a Channel of Your Peace***

Make me a channel of your peace:
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love;
where there is injury, your healing power,
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace:
where there's despair in life let me bring hope;
Where there is darkness, only light,
and where there's sadness, ever joy.

O, Spirit, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace:
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving to all that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER
After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**Create in us a new heart and a new vision, O God,
that the gifts of your Spirit may work
in us and renew the face of the earth.
May we be one with you
so that our work is yours
and your work is ours.
Lead us to transform our lives
to reflect your glory in Creation;
through Jesus Christ our Savior
who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God now and for ever. 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

CLOSING HYMN ***Now thank we all our God*** **1982 Hymnal 397**

DISMISSAL
The Deacon or Celebrant dismisses the people.
The people respond: **Thanks be to God.**

Healing prayers will be offered in the Mary chapel after the service.

Announcements

Please keep the following people in your prayers during the coming week. Any names added this week are in bold.

Arnie Kaupp; Caleb Eaton and family; Carol Owen; Cindy Boyer; Darlene Parnass; Dianne Powers; Don Bolt; Doug Perry; Elaine Christian; **Greta Couter; Harvey LeSueur;** John Davidson; Karen Guerra; Karen Romero; Kate Taylor; **the family of Kent Kopke;** Kim Fillian**;** Jack Bersani; Lauren Parnass; Laurie Ghelfi Smith; Linda Garrone; Louise Woodruff; Lynne Neeley; Margie Kaupp; Maryanne Kerrigan; Michael Petringa; Michelle and Michael Almeida; Nicole Smith; Norm Zinger; Owen Smith; Paula Darsch; Ray Rogers; **Sandy Burgess;** 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

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.

Church School News - There is no Church School on Sunday October 6 so that students can enjoy bringing their pets to Blessing of the Animals. Our next Youth Group meeting is Sunday October 20 at 11:30 in the Hospitality Suite. All students in grades 6 and up are invited to attend. Church School registration is ongoing. If you have a student but have not yet registered, please use the link in Keeping Connected or fill out a registration form in class on Sunday morning.

Many thanks to those who have signed up to help in our Church School classes! We still have spots to fill in our classrooms throughout the year. Volunteers assist the lead teacher with class activities and ensure that we adhere to minimum adult supervision requirements for Safe Church guidelines. If you would like to help, please use the link in Keeping Connected or contact Su D'Ambrosio at assunta999@gmail.com.

Cookbook Update – The long-awaited roll out of the cookbook is here. You can go online to: typensave.com
username: CCParish
password: garlic547

You can then enter your favorite recipes right to our cookbook. If you do not have access to a computer, please feel free to give your recipes to Robin Nielsen or Anne McManus. If you have any other questions, please let us know.

Veterans Day at Christ Church November 10, 2024 - In 1918, On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, was declared between the Allied nations and Germany in World War I, then known as "the Great War." Commemorated in many countries as Armistice Day the following year, the U. S. honors veterans always on November 11 and is known as Veterans Day.

Christ Church Parish invites our veterans to share their stories and photos in preparation for a special presentation on Sunday, November 10th. If you are interested in this project, please contact Lynne Neeley at lneeley123@gmail.com or 973-760-3063.

Christ Church Food Pantry – Thank you for the many donations to the Food Pantry over these past weeks!

We are beginning preparations for the annual Thanksgiving project for 100 families. We will be including a gift card instead of a turkey, so people can purchase what they prefer for the protein. We welcome your donations of cranberry sauce, instant mashed potatoes, gravy, or crackers as part of the items that we include in the Thanksgiving meal bags.

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

Prayer Chain – Our prayer chain consists of devoted parishioners who, in confidence, pray daily for the needs of our parish family. Our mission is to lift up to God the prayers of people in need, in joy, or in thanksgiving.

All prayer requests are said for a period of 2 weeks, and all requests are kept in strict confidence. If you would like a prayer said for yourself, a member of your family or friends, please reach out to Robyn Lench Whittles 781-291-9459 or email to betty02364@gmail.com

 **Christ Church Thrift Shoppe**  **-** Has the change of seasons motivated you to join a new ministry? Would you like to meet and volunteer alongside others from the community who are interested in outreach, sustainability, stewardship, and meaningful connections? If you answered yes, we would love to speak with you.

As we approach the holidays we are looking for volunteers for Wednesday mornings to help organize, price, and stage the shop, as well as on Saturdays from 10-1 to serve as merchandisers. If you would prefer to work from home, we have received many fine jewelry donations and are looking for a parishioner with jewelry knowledge to inspect and sort items.

The Thrift Shoppe ministry welcomes all regardless of age, gender, or Christ Church affiliation. If you are interested in more information, please leave a message at Office.christchurchplymouth@gmail.com

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

Week At - A - Glance * October 6, 2024 – October 13, 2024

SUNDAY	**8:00 AM**	**Holy Eucharist Rite I – The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**
	9:00 AM	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 AM	**Holy Eucharist Rite II – The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost – Blessing of the Animals**
	11:15 AM	Coffee Hour
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
	5:30 PM	Finance Committee
WEDNESDAY	**9:00 AM**	**Morning Prayer –** Facebook Live
	10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Fore & Aft
	6:30 PM	Vestry Meeting
THURSDAY	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
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
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 – 1:00 PM	Thrift Shoppe
	10:00 AM – 11:15 AM	Food Pantry
	5:00 PM	**Holy Eucharist Rite II – The Twenty-first Saturday after Pentecost**
SUNDAY	**8:00 AM**	**Holy Eucharist Rite I – The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost**
	9:00 AM	Church School (Adults and Grades Pre-K – 5)
	9:00 AM	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 AM	**Holy Eucharist Rite II – The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost**
	11:15 AM	Brunch

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