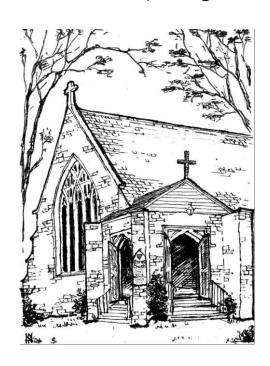
CHRIST CHURCH PARISH EPISCOPAL

9:00 AM

The Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 22, 2025



WELCOME

Christ Church is an Episcopal Parish in the Diocese of Massachusetts. We welcome and honor the God-given gifts that make us unique as individuals and strong as community. You and your family are welcome regardless of age, ethnicity, sexual orientation, marital status or prior religious affiliation.

A Note to Parents and Caregivers with Children in Church

Thank you for bringing your children to church. We are so glad you are here!

We know it can be difficult at times to manage little ones during the service.

For that reason, we have provided some resources which we hope will make it easier for you and your family to enjoy worship together.

You will find books and coloring pages at the back of the Mary Chapel. Please feel free to utilize these at any point during the service.

We have installed a TV in the nursery! You are welcome to visit the nursery with your child during any portion of our service and join us via our livestream.

It is okay to take breaks. If you need to step out with your child, our parish grounds are a great place to get the wiggles out.

Above all, please remember: You and your family are very welcome here!

Though your children may be squirming, talking, or making noise, they are also observing, copying, and learning. Children are a gift and an important part of our community; we are grateful to have them worship with us.

Morning Prayer

PRELUDE

OPENING PRAYERS

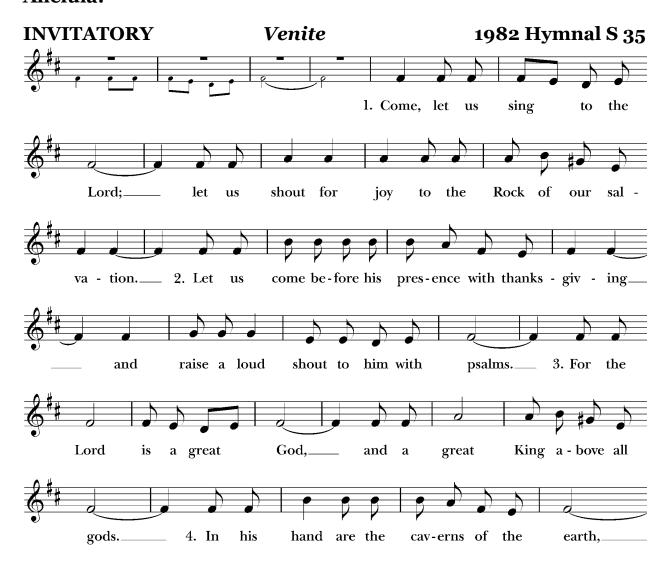
All stand.

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia!





PSALM *The people sit.*

Psalm 22:18-27

- ¹⁸Be not far away, O LORD; * you are my strength; hasten to help me.
- ¹⁹Save me from the sword, * my life from the power of the dog.
- ²⁰Save me from the lion's mouth, * my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.

- ²¹I will declare your Name to my brethren; * in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.
- ²²Praise the LORD, you that fear him; * stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory.
- ²³For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither does he hide his face from them; *
 but when they cry to him he hears them.
- ²⁴My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
 I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- ²⁵The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: * "May your heart live for ever!"
- ²⁶All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, * and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- ²⁷For kingship belongs to the LORD; * he rules over the nations.

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.**

LESSON Isaiah 65:1-9

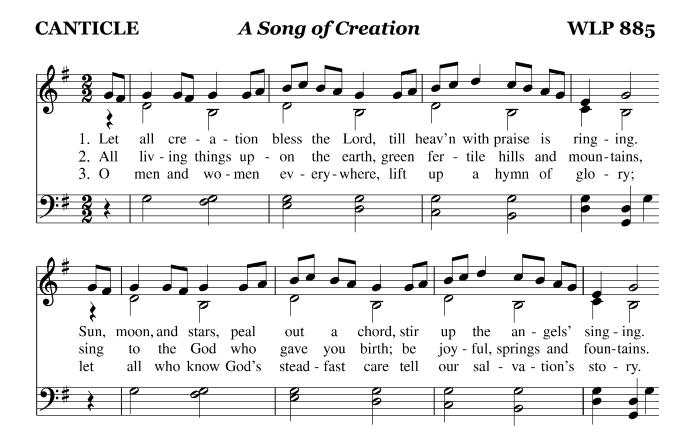
A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

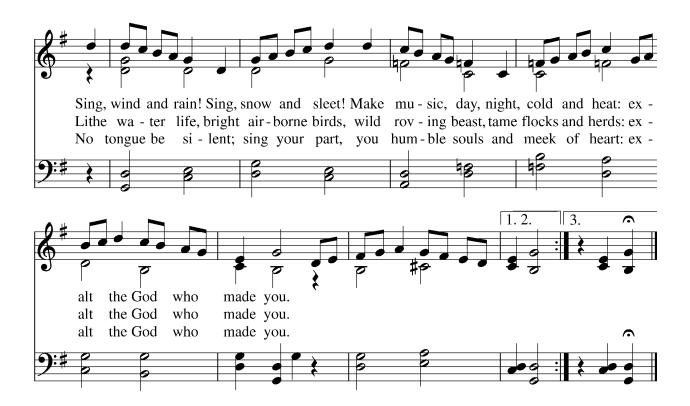
I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, "Here I am, here I am," to a nation that did not call on my name. I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and offering incense on bricks; who sit inside tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat swine's flesh, with broth of abominable things in their vessels; who say, "Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you." These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all day long.

See, it is written before me: I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their laps their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together, says the LORD; because they offered incense on the mountains and reviled me on the hills, I will measure into their laps full payment for their actions. Thus says the LORD: As the wine is found in the cluster, and they say, "Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it," so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all. I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, and from Judah inheritors of my mountains; my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall settle there.

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

Silence may follow.





THE PRAYERS

The People stand or kneel

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your Name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen.

- V. Help us, O God our Savior;
- R. Deliver us and forgive us our sins.
- V. Look upon your congregation;
- R. Give to your people the blessing of peace.
- V. Declare your glory among the nations;
- R. And your wonders among all peoples.
- V. Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;
- R. Never forget the lives of your poor.
- V. Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;
- R. And your favor to those who are true of heart.
- V. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;
- R. So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Great Litany

Holy God, Creator of heaven and earth, **Have mercy on us.**

Holy and Mighty, Redeemer of the world, **Have mercy on us.**

Holy Immortal One, Sanctifier of the faithful, **Have mercy on us.**

Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, One God, **Have mercy on us**.

From all evil and mischief; from pride, vanity and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred and malice; and from all evil intent,

Savior deliver us.

From sloth, worldliness and love of money; from hardness of heart and contempt for your word and your laws,

Savior deliver us.

From sins of body and mind; from deceits of the world, flesh and the devil, **Savior deliver us.**

From famine and disaster; from violence, murder, and dying unprepared, **Savior deliver us.**

In all times of sorrow; in all times of joy; in the hour of our death and at the day of judgment,

Savior deliver us.

By the mystery of your holy incarnation; by your birth, childhood and obedience; by your baptism, fasting and temptation,

Savior deliver us.

By your ministry in word and work; by your mighty acts of power; by the preaching of your reign,

Savior deliver us.

By your agony and trial; by your cross and passion; by your precious death and burial,

Savior deliver us.

By your mighty resurrection; by your glorious ascension; and by your sending of the Holy Spirit,

Savior deliver us.

Hear our prayers, O Christ our God.

Hear us, O Christ.

Strengthen those who stand; comfort and help the fainthearted; raise up the fallen; and finally beat down Satan under our feet.

Hear us, O Christ.

Comfort and liberate the lonely, the bereaved and the oppressed.

Hear us, O Christ.

Keep in safety those who travel and all who are in peril.

Hear us, O Christ.

Heal the sick in body, mind or spirit and provide for the homeless, the hungry and the destitute.

Hear us, O Christ.

Guard and protect all children who are in danger.

Hear us, O Christ.

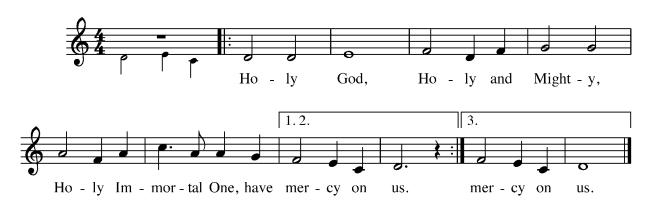
Shower your compassion on prisoners, hostages and refugees, and all who are in trouble.

Hear us, O Christ.

Forgive our enemies, persecutors and slanderers, and turn their hearts. **Hear us, O Christ.**

Give us true repentance; forgive us our sins of negligence and ignorance and our deliberate sins; and grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your word.

All stand



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Ante-Communion

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

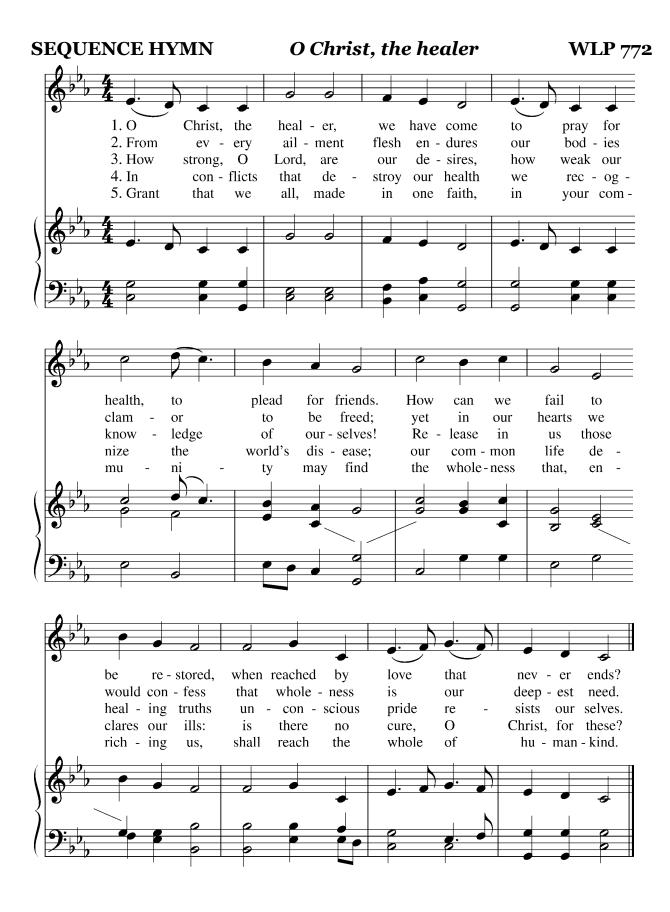
EPISTLE: Galatians 3:23-29

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

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

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

Silence may follow.



GOSPEL: Luke 8:26-39

All stand.

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to

Luke

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus and his disciples arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me"—for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Silence may follow.

SERMON

Silence may follow.

CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father,

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

INTERCESSIONS

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

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Sean our Presiding Bishop, Julia our Diocesan Bishop; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God. Pray that they may find and be found by God.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

The Officiant says

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

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

OFFERTORY

The Officiant says:

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

The People sit as the musicians offer an Anthem. As the offering plates are brought forward, the People stand and join in singing a Doxology (1982 Hymnal 380, v3).

TABLE PRAYERS

Assist us mercifully, O God, in these our supplications and prayers, and direct the way of your servants toward the attainment of everlasting salvation; that, among all the changes and chances of this mortal life, they may ever be defended by your gracious and ready help; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Grant, we ask you, O God, that the words which we have heard this day with our outward ears, may, through your grace, be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living to the honor and praise of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

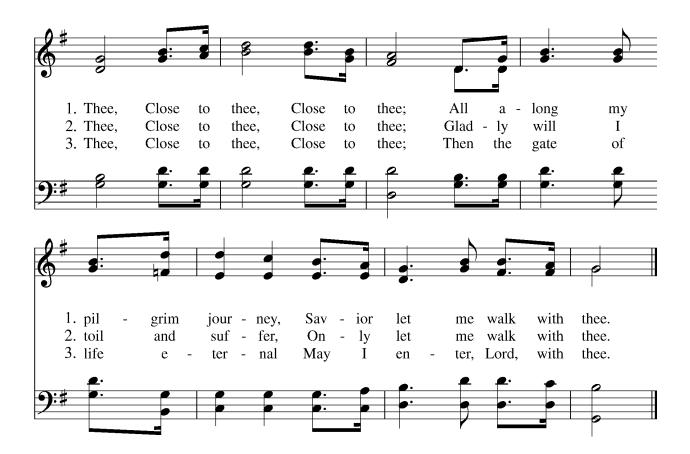
Go before us, O God, in all our doings with your most gracious favor, and assist us with your very present help, that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy Name, and finally, by your mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking; have compassion on our infirmities, and those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O God, you have promised to hear the petitions of those who ask in your Son's Name: Mercifully incline your ear to us who have now made our prayers and supplications to you; and grant that those things which we have faithfully asked according to your will may be effectively obtained, to

the relief of our necessity and to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**





CONCLUDING PRAYERS

The Officiant says:

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Officiant Let us bless the Lord. People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Announcements

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

Barbara Hulme; Don Bolt; Donna Eby; Ellen Nordquist; Greta Couter; Jack Willett; Jane Murphy; Jean Belle Bernhardt; Jim Kelly; Katharine LiBretto; Laurie Ghelfi Smith; Linda Garrone; Mark Poster; Norm Harbinson; **the repose of the soul of Norm Zinger;** Sandy Underhill; Sharon Steadman; Skip Nielsen; Suzanne and Dave Salois; Valerie B. Pflock; William Underhill

We ask your prayers for those serving in the military and their families: Aidan McKinney, Andrew Barton, Austin Vico, Harry Morini, Joel Carveiro, Josh Zabin

From the Office

In order to have your announcements included in the weekly bulletin and *Keeping Connected*, please send them to the office by 12 Noon on Wednesday. They should include date, time, place, description of event and contact information and should be written exactly the way you want them to appear.

Summer Sunday Worship Schedule Changes - Starting June 15, Christ Church will transition to our summer worship schedule. We warmly invite you to join us for our Saturday service of Holy Eucharist at 5pm or Sunday service of Holy Eucharist at 9am.

Following the Sunday 9am service, we will be gathering for a delightful tradition: Lemonade on the Lawn. This is more than just refreshments; it's an opportunity to mingle, connect, and bask in the sunshine together. We'd love to see you there!

Christ Church Food Pantry – All are welcome to the Christ Church Food Pantry! We are open by appointment: Tuesday 4:00-5:15, Thursday 12:00-1:15 and 4:00-5:15, and Saturday 10:00-11:15. Call the pantry message line: 508-746-4959, ext 6, BY 1 PM THE DAY BEFORE YOU WISH TO PICK UP YOUR ORDER. Our volunteers check messages and return your call from their homes to ask you what you need.

If you wish to volunteer, contact Eileen Paris at eileenpca@aol.com
For more information, please contact Barbara Wojtklewicz at 617-291-4634, or by email at barbara.wojtklewicz@gmail.com



TAKE OUR SHORT SURVEY!

WE ARE EXPANDING
THE WAYS CCP SUPPORTS YOUNG FAMILIES!
IF YOU ARE A PARENT, GRANDPARENT OR CAREGIVER.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!



SURVEY IS ANONYMOUS

NOT ALL QUESTIONS ARE MANDATORY

SKIP QUESTIONS THAT DON'T APPLY

WRITE IN CUSTOM RESPONSES

Scan the QR code, or check **Keeping Connected** for a direct link to our google survey.

If these options don't work for you, please email, Deacon Natalie at **nefinstad@gmail.com**

Evening Women's Group - The Evening Women's Group will be meeting at Connie's cottage on Plymouth Long Beach on Thursday, July 10th. Please note the day change.

Plan on meeting at the end of the public parking lot at 4:45 PM for the carpool ride out. Let Connie know if you have a 4wd or awd vehicle.

All women of the parish are invited to attend. We have no membership requirements other than to contribute up to \$10 for outreach projects.

Please RSVP to Connie conmel@aol.com

Plymouth Pride – Mark your calendars! Volunteers are needed! The Thrift Shoppe made a generous outreach donation to Plymouth Pride this year making Christ Church parish a Rainbow sponsor at the Plymouth Pride Festival! The date is June 29th at Nelson Park. We'll have a booth from 11am - 5p with face painting and materials to give out about our lovely home. We'll need volunteers to sit at the booth, talk to people about Christ Church and who we are, our ministries and our worship services.

There's a pink sign-up sheet located on the bulletin board, more than one person can sign up for a time slot and questions can be directed to Kat LiBretto 201-286-5591 or Drew Lench 781-291-9205

Christ Church Thrift Shoppe - Call it Midsummer Madness, but the crazy sales at the Thrift Shoppe continue! What to check out now, and throughout the summer months:

- On the porch, a large rack with clothing priced at \$1
- All other clothing (unless white-tagged) priced at \$3 per item, or 2 items for \$5
- Special new reductions on the Boutique Rack

The Thrift Shoppe extends a special shout-out to all those who have so generously donated housewares and home decor, and our gratitude, in advance, to those who haven't yet boxed items up to donate. We are looking forward to putting them on our shelves for others to discover. Many thanks to all!

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

Week At - A - Glance * June 22, 2025 - June 29, 2025

SUNDAY	9:00 AM 10:30 AM	Morning Prayer/Matins – The Second Sunday after Pentecost Lemonade on the Lawn Thrift Shoppe Volunteer Meeting
	10:30 AM	Thrift Shoppe Volunteer Meeting
MONDAY	9:00 AM 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Morning Prayer – Facebook Live Fore & Aft
TUESDAY	10:30 AM - 11:30 AM 4:00 PM - 5:15 PM	Fore & Aft Food Pantry
WEDNESDAY	Y 9:00 AM 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Morning Prayer – Facebook Live Fore & Aft
THURSDAY	10:00 AM - 4:00 PM 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM 12:00 PM - 1:15 PM 2:00 PM 4:00 PM - 5:15 PM	Thrift Shoppe Fore & Aft Food Pantry Parish Nurses Food Pantry
FRIDAY	9:00 AM 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM 7:00 PM	Morning Prayer – Facebook Live Thrift Shoppe Fore & Aft Wedding Rehearsal
SATURDAY	10:00 AM - 11:15 AM 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM 12:00 PM 5:00 PM	Food Pantry Thrift Shoppe Wedding Holy Eucharist Rite II – The Third Saturday after Pentecost
SUNDAY	9:00 AM	Holy Eucharist – The Third Sunday after
	10:30 AM 10:30 AM 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Pentecost Lemonade on the Lawn Thrift Shoppe Volunteer Meeting Plymouth Pride Festival – Nelson Park

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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David Tyler, Parish Administrator
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Peter Litchfield, Accompanist
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Sam Stevenson, Sexton

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