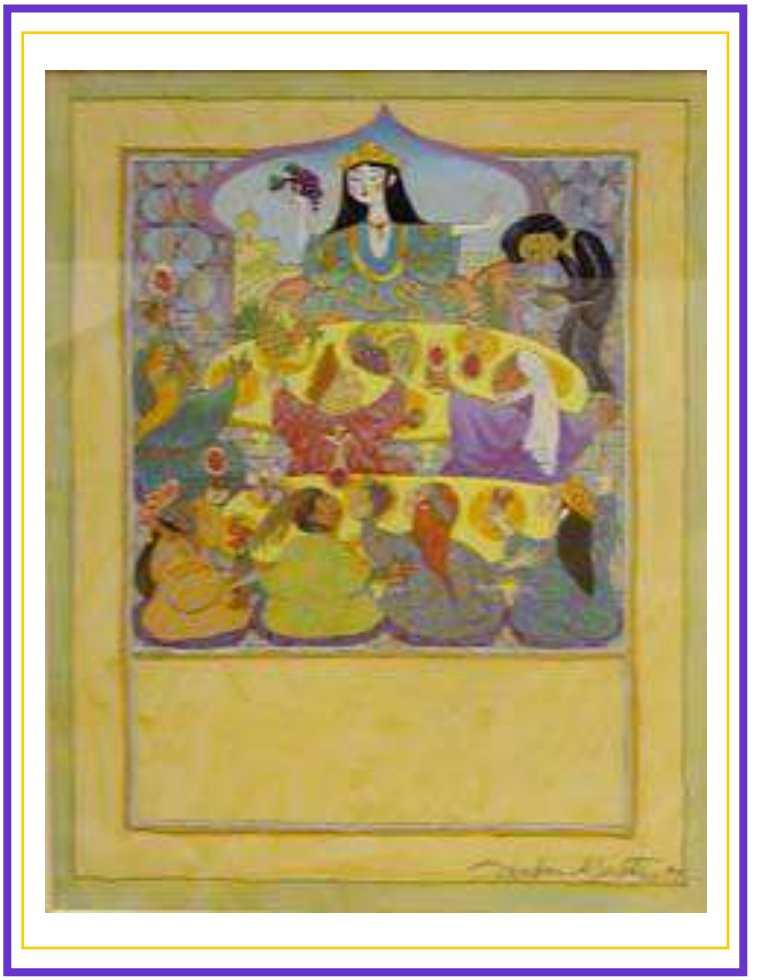
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CHRIST CHURCH IN THE CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK
A parish of the Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey
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WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH, an Episcopal parish of the worldwide Anglican Communion. We are glad you are here, and we invite you to enter fully into worship this morning, and to receive Holy Communion or a blessing at the communion rail. We invite you to ask questions, explore, and to make yourself known to those around you. Please pick up any other information about the parish located on the table in the back of the church. Tell us more about yourself by filling out one of the cards located in each pew. Help us to make this a place where God's grace is freely shared by all.

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME AT ALL SERVICES. Changing stations are available in both rest rooms at the Paterson Street entrance; you can get there through the side door of the church.

WE REJOICE that you have chosen to worship here this Pentecost season. If you would like to learn more about our Parish, please phone the Parish Office at 732.545.6262. Many of our upcoming events are listed on our web site, christchurchnewbrunswick.org; we hope that you decide to join us.

ABOUT THE LITURGY

Inclusive Language in Worship: Because language has the power to shape our thinking about God and one another, Christ Church makes every effort to bring the language of worship in line with biblical theology that affirms that the personhood of God embraces all that is truly female and male, and that men and women are equals. In our liturgy some historical texts that are widely known and loved are left unchanged.

YOU ARE INVITED to worship with us any Sunday.

Our regular service times are 8:00 and 10:30 AM.

FREE PARKING VOUCHERS

Are available for the Lower Church Street parking deck next to the church grounds. Please see an usher for a voucher and instructions.

INTERCESSIONS

AT EVERY CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST prayer is offered with intercession for the Universal Church, the nation, the welfare of the world, the concerns of this community, those who suffer and those in any trouble, and the departed. Please feel free to add your own petitions during the prayers, either silently or aloud. If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, you may also fill out the form in the Prayers of the People book in the back of the Church.

WEEKLY INTERCESSIONS

We remember in today's prayers:

The Sick and Others in Need— *Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Andre, Arnold, Barb, Barbara, Bettye, Christine, Danielle, Dennis, Doreen, Dorothy, Edith, Eleanor, Isobel, Jacqueline, Jeannine, Jim, Jim, Jonathan, Joy, Joyce, Karl, Lenora, Linda, Mark F., Mary, Matthew, Matthew S., Sarah, Shawn, Sheila, Tabby, Timothy, Tisha, and Vivian.*

Anglican Cycle *– The Church of Pakistan (United)*

Diocesan Cycle *– St. Michael's Church in Trenton, St. Raphael the Archangel Church in Brick, Church of St. Michael the Archangel in Wall, Church of St. Uriel the Archangel in Sea Girt.*

Christ Church Ministry *– Music Committee*

Birthdays this week *– John Carbone, Briannagh Dennehy, Danielle Forbes, Jim Pullaro, Jean Zimmerman.*

Memorial Flowers—*are given by the Wisheart Family in memory Catherine V. Wisheart*

PASTORAL CARE

If you are in crisis, having surgery, are in the hospital and are in need of pastoral counseling from a clergy person, please do not hesitate to contact the Rev. Joanna Hollis—732.354.1450 or the Rev. Roberts -732.991.6733.

If you would like to schedule home communion, please contact Rev. Joanna and she will arrange for either herself, or a Lay Eucharistic Visitor to bring communion to you. Please do not hesitate to contact either Rev. Hollis or Rev. Roberts if you know of someone who is in need of care or counseling.

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE I

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PRELUDE *Air* D. Holman

The Presider welcomes the congregation, and then says

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

COLLECT OF PURITY

The Presider 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.***

The Presider continues

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.

GLORIA

Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee,
we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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People **And with thy spirit.**
Presider Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; *
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

8 Our help is in the Name of the LORD, *
the maker of heaven and earth.

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Reader The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

SERMON Rev. Daphne Roberts

THE NICENE CREED

ALL **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; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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 and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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

Leader Responding, "Hear our Prayer," let us pray for our own needs and the needs of others.

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THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Presider Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept.

ALL **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.**

Presider 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

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

Red LEVAS *Hymnal II # 178*

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic Prayer II, BCP, page 340*

Presider The Lord be with you.
ALL **And with thy spirit.**
Presider Lift up your hearts.
ALL **We lift them up unto the Lord.**
Presider Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
ALL **It is meet and right so to do.**

Presider 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.

The Presider continues with the Proper Preface of the Day and then continues.
Presider Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS
ALL **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:**
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The people may stand or kneel as able

Presider 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.

ALL **Amen**

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

ALL **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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Presider breaks the bread.

Presider Alleluia! Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

ALL **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

INVITATION

Presider The gifts of God for the People of God.

The congregation may kneel or sit following the Invitation. All are most welcome to receive Communion. If you do not wish to receive communion this morning, you are cordially invited to come forward with your arms crossed to receive a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available; please speak to the member of the clergy who is serving the bread.

The Bread and Cup are given to the Communicants with these words

Minister The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven.

Recipient **Amen.**

Minister The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.

Recipient **Amen.**

AFTER COMMUNION

Presider Let us pray.

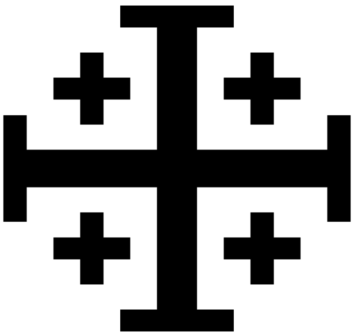
ALL **Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and also are 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.**

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

The Presider will give the blessing.
People **Amen.**

The Deacon will give the dismissal.
People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Voluntary Number Nine* J. Stanley



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THE HOLY EUCHARIST: ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP *PEW LEAFLET*

PRELUDE *Air* D. Holman

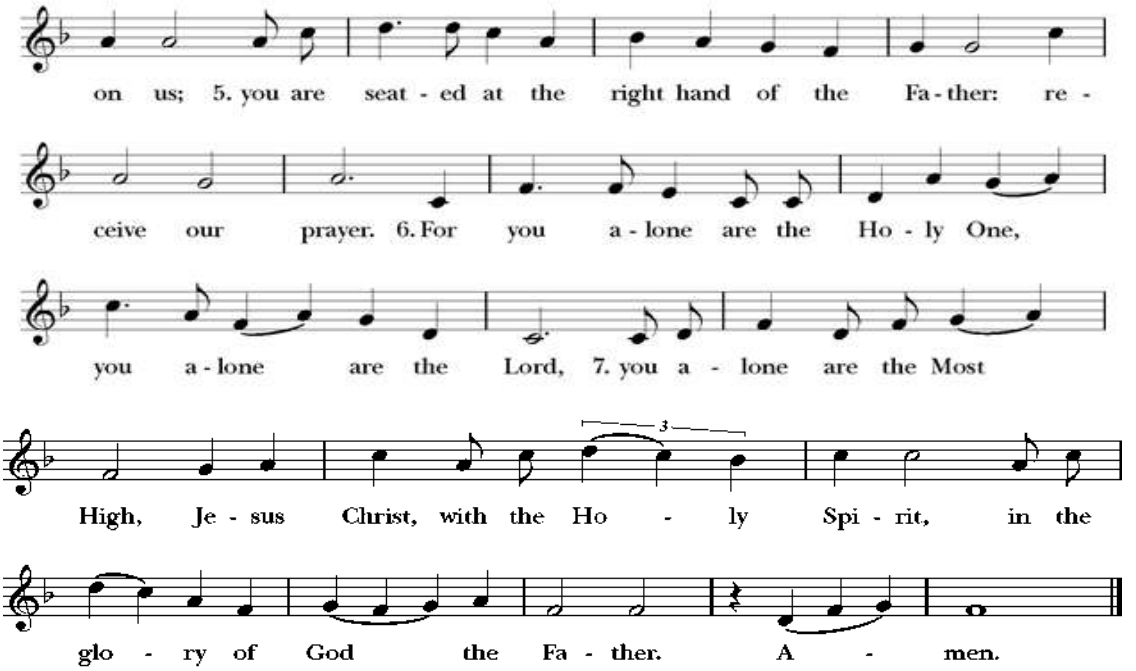
ENTRANCE HYMN "Let Us With a Gladsome Mind" **The Blue *Hymnal 1982 # 389***

The Presider welcomes the congregation, and then says

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

GLORIA *Robert Powell*





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GRADUAL HYMN "O Food to the Pilgrims Given" **The Blue *Hymnal 1982*, # 309**

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CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION EOW

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All who are able please kneel or stand. Silence is kept for a space.

ALL **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All who are able please stand and sing the following hymn

OFFERTORY HYMN "Sweet Hour of Prayer" **Red *LEVAS* II Hymnal # *178***

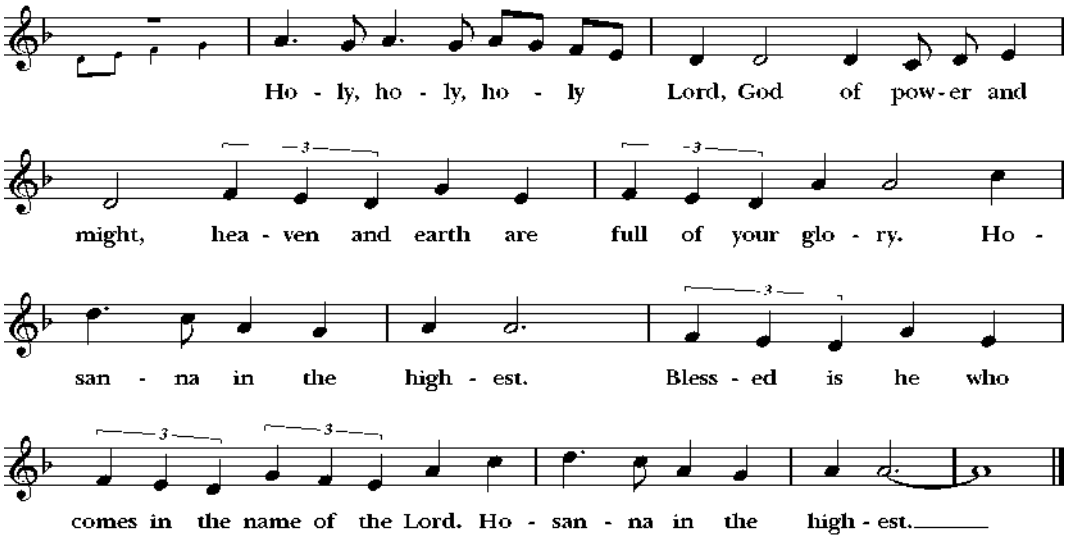
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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING EOW, *Eucharistic Prayer 1*



Presider It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

SANCTUS *Robert Powell*



Presider Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

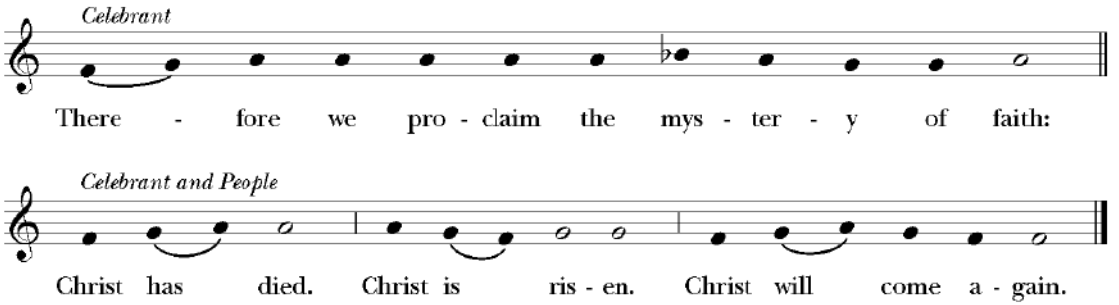
Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely

to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, 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."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

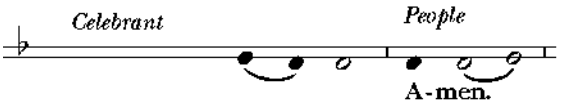
Ambrosian chant; adapt. Mason Martens



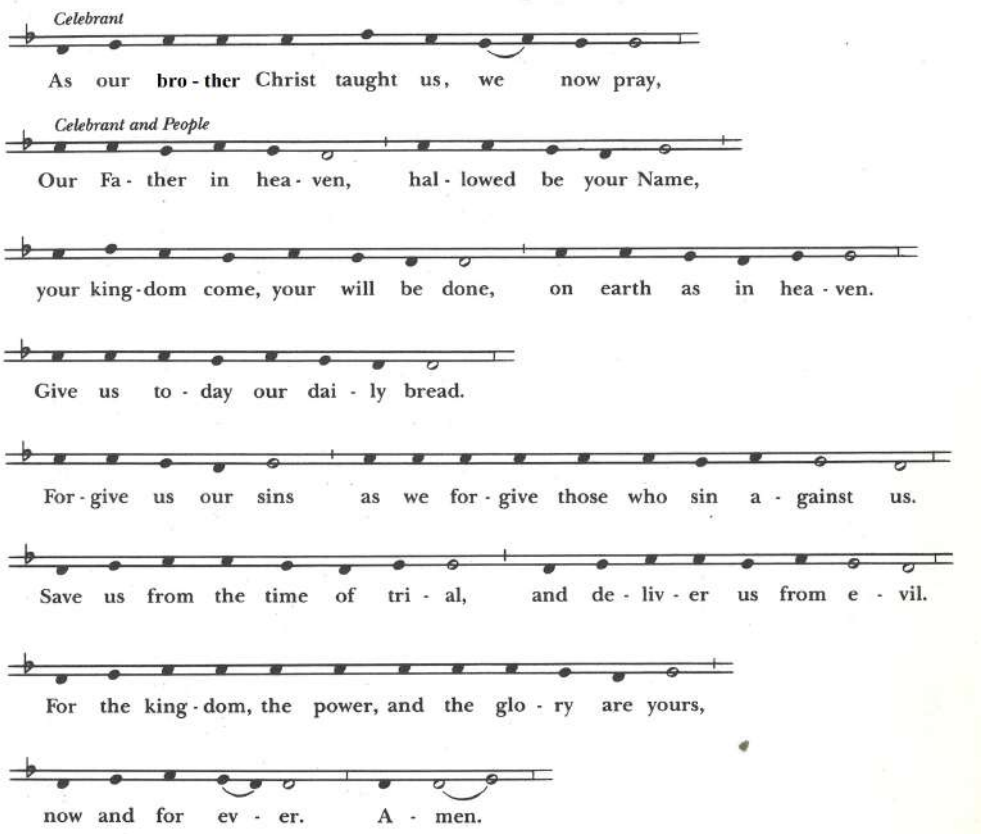
Presider Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us to the everlasting heritage of your children, that with Blessed Mary and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise forever and ever.

ALL



ALL *Ambrosian chant; adapt. Mason Martens*



BREAKING THE BREAD

The Presider breaks the bread. Then All sing

Gerald R. Near

ALL



INVITATION

Presider The gifts of God for the People of God.

The congregation may kneel or sit following the Invitation.

All are most welcome to receive Communion. If you do not wish to receive communion this morning, you are cordially invited to come forward with your arms crossed to receive a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available; please speak to the member of the clergy who is serving the bread.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

Minister The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven.
Recipient **Amen.**
Minister The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.
Recipient **Amen.**

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER FOR THOSE JOINING US ONLINE:

Gracious God, our sustainer and source of all good things in the universe. As we gather in community this day, we are mindful of those who through circumstance or conscience are unable to partake of the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation at this time. You are the source of the food and water which nourishes and sustains us. As we are the product of all we have partaken, we know that we are infused with your life-giving food and drink and that are never separated from you. Though we are many, we are joined in Christ. We are one Body, one Cup in the name of the One God. Amen.

COMMUNION ANTHEM "O Lamb of God" Christ Church Choir R. Shephard

O Lamb of God who gave thyself for me;
Now in my heart, now in my heart, I give myself to thee.

Forgive us Lord, and grant with prayer and praise,
That we may come to love you all our days, love you all our days.

Teach us to know and keep your ways, O Lord; That we would hold thy wondrous Name, thy wondrous Name adored.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION EOW

All who are able please stand

Presider Let us pray.

ALL **God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

FINAL HYMN "God of the Prophets, Bless the Prophet's Heirs "

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BLESSING & DISMISSAL

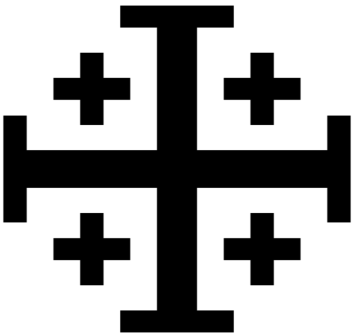
The Presider will give the blessing.

People **Amen.**

The Deacon will give the dismissal.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Voluntary Number Nine* J. Stanley



Parish Notes for September 29, 2024

Schedule for September 29 – October 5, 2024

Parish Office Hours This Week:
Tuesday and Wednesday – 9:00am to 2:30pm
Friday – 9:00am to 12:30pm

Sunday	**8:00 a.m.**	**Holy Eucharist, Sanctuary**
	9:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
	10:30 a.m.	**Holy Eucharist, Sanctuary**
Tuesday	**7:00p.m.**	**Tuesdayers, Zoom**
Wednesday	**12:00p.m.**	**Noonday Prayer, Zoom**
	7:30 p.m.	WomenSpirit, Zoom
Thursday	4:00p.m.	Children's Pre- Choir Rehearsal, Games and Homework Time
	5:00p.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal
	7:00p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
	7:00p.m.	St. Alban's Bible Study, Zoom

* Join us after the 10:30 am service for coffee hour in the Nicholas room

Lay Ministry Training is TODAY!

Please contact Rev. Joanna if you are planning to attend.



LAY MINISTRY TRAINING

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH
2 PM - 4 PM
HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
SOUTH RIVER, NJ



Let's team up to clean up our Weekly Intercessions:
The Sick and Others in Need List!

To keep a name on the Sick and Others in Need list email the church office at admin@christchurchnewbrunswick.org. Any names not received by October 1st will be removed.



On **Saturday, October 5**, from 10:30am – 3pm we will again be hosting a group of students for Rutgers' Scarlet Day of Service.

Please consider joining us in the work of maintaining the property.



Paul Ambos, will be placing a new card order on the morning of **Monday, October 7**. Please place your orders accordingly. If you plan to mail him an order with a check, please (a) mail it by **Wednesday, October 2**, or, better, (b) advise him by email when you mail it of what your order is so he can place it on time despite possible Post Office delays. Or, if you place your own order directly on the RaiseRight website or app, Paul will be able to see it there when he orders the monthly batch.

Bring your creatures, great and small, to the

Blessing of the Animals



Blessing of the Animals St. Francis of Assisi Day

Bring your pet for a special blessing for the year!
We will also be blessing shelter animals.



Saturday, October 12
1:00 p.m.
Rain Date: October 26, 2024

Franklin Animal Shelter
475 DeMott Lane
Somerset NJ

(On the grassy area between the old school house and the shelter building)

Cat or dog food donations are greatly appreciated.

Second Chance For Animals since 1998

The Franklin Township Animal Shelter was established more than 30 years ago to handle the animal control and sheltering needs of the municipality. Second Chance for Animals, a volunteer organization dedicated to improving the lives of animals in shelters, provides volunteers and support to the shelter. Puppies, dogs, kittens, and cats are available for adoption. More information on Second Chance for Animals can be found at http://secondchanceforanimals.org/.

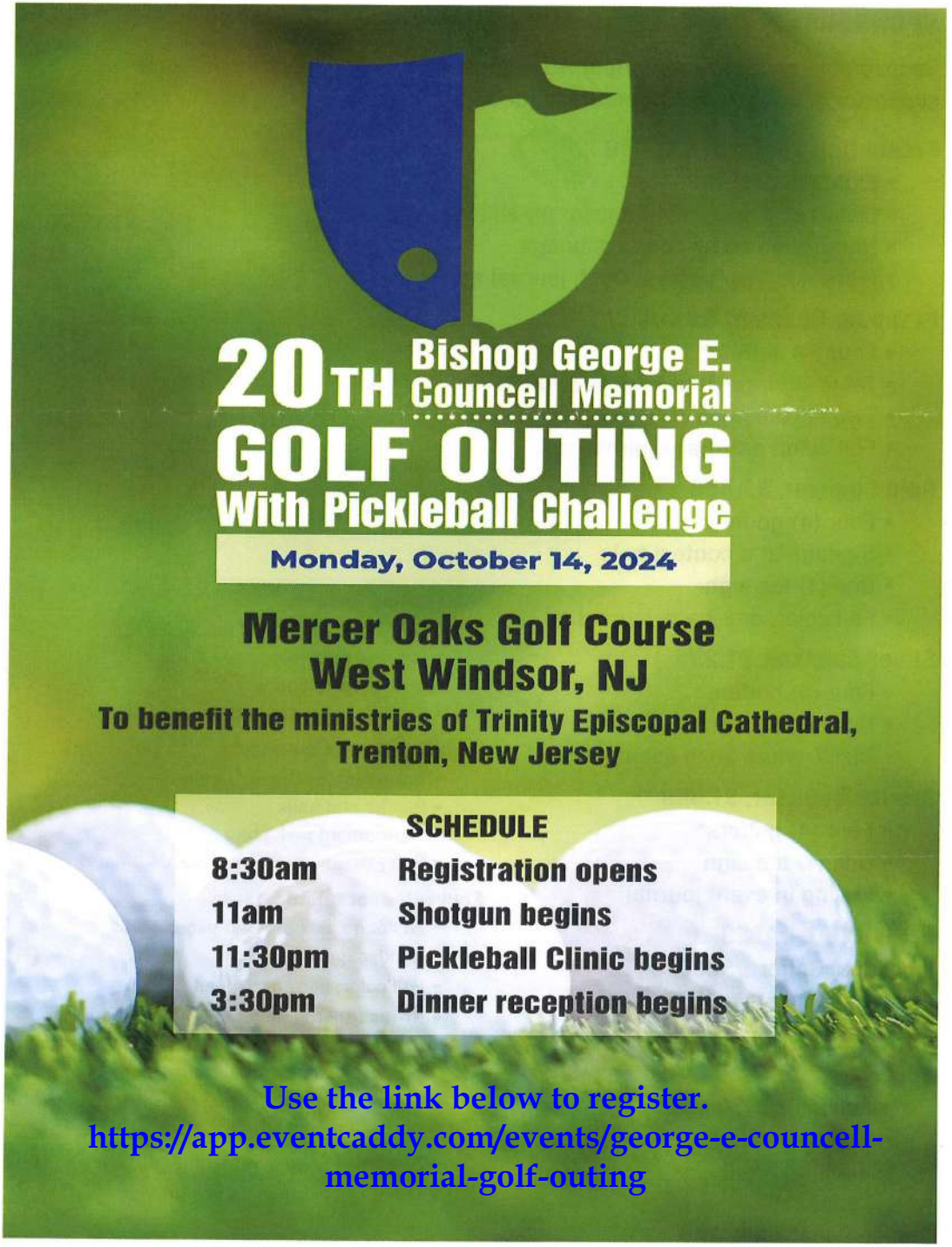
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20TH Bishop George E. Councell Memorial
GOLF OUTING
With Pickleball Challenge
Monday, October 14, 2024
Mercer Oaks Golf Course
West Windsor, NJ
To benefit the ministries of Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Trenton, New Jersey
SCHEDULE
8:30am Registration opens
11am Shotgun begins
11:30pm Pickleball Clinic begins
3:30pm Dinner reception begins
Use the link below to register.
https://app.eventcaddy.com/events/george-e-councell-memorial-golf-outing

CHRIST CHURCH
GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

This six-session series is for adults grieving the death of a loved one. The group includes education about grief and loss and provides participants an opportunity to share their experience.

Connecting with others hand-in-hand who are also grieving a loss can help you through this difficult journey. You will be provided with a safe, supportive environment for healing.

Using discussion and storytelling, can help you understand the grieving process and your emotions, as well as give you strategies for coping with guilt, anger and loneliness on special days and holidays.

It is recommended that participants wait at least two months after a death before attending a group.

There is no cost for attending this open group.



Allow us to connect ***hand-in-hand*** with you!

6pm-7pm: October 15 & 22; November 19; December 17; January 7 & 21.

Zoom link:
https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88251220962?pwd=JZe07lfHvdr441lMlLKSxrqR3CzFQL.1

Meeting ID: 882 5122 0962
Passcode: 782916

Sessions will **not** be recorded.

SEPTEMBER 29, 2024
NINETEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

taking faith home

Jesus wants us to be at peace with one another.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	**Mark 9:38-50**	**Avoiding sin**
Monday	**Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29**	**Moses and the elders**
Tuesday	**James 5:13-20**	**The power of prayer**
Wednesday	**Matthew 5:9**	**Blessed are the peacemakers**
Thursday	**Psalm 4**	**An evening prayer**
Friday	**2 Thessalonians 3:16-17**	**Final greetings**
Saturday	**Psalm 19:7-14**	**The wonders of God**
Sunday	**Mark 10:2-16**	**Jesus blesses the children**

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

But Jesus said, "do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us." **Mark 9:39-40 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:
God of peace, we thank you for all those who do acts of kindness and mercy in your name through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:
Dear God, for the food that we eat and your love that we receive through this meal, we give you our thanks and praise. In Jesus' name, amen.

A Blessing to Give:
May the love of God give you peace in Jesus' name.

MILESTONES MINISTRY

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SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

taking faith home

HYMN OF THE WEEK

I've Got Peace Like a River

WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- Think or talk about a time when someone unexpectedly did something kind for you.
- How can assistance from someone you didn't expect help from be seen as the work of God and give you peace?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Mark 9:38-50.

What Jesus says in this reading is difficult to understand and seems very harsh. Jesus knows his life will not be easy and that following him will not be easy either. *A Caring Conversation* question once asked, "When have you felt judged for your faith?" One person's answer was, "from fellow Christians!" That responder noted that it was also easy for him to look down on other Christians who are not like himself. We tend to want other believers to fall into our own patterns and ways of being a Christian. Jesus clearly rejects this attitude for his disciples. If others are doing good deeds in Jesus' name but are not a member of your congregation or denomination, leave them alone! Otherwise, we may be causing someone to unnecessarily trip and fall, and they can be seriously hurt in the process. In the strongest terms possible, Jesus cautions us not to be the cause of others to stumble and fall. That is not the way of a follower of Jesus. Jesus wants us to *"be at peace with one another"* (v. 50).

Discuss: In what ways can you communicate a message of peace with others?

Pray: **God of steadfast love, help us to support the faith and efforts of Christians who do acts of love and mercy that may be different from our own, for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, identify and thank people who offer valuable care to others.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Psalm 19 says that God's commands and teachings are more precious than gold and sweeter than honey (v. 10). We are called to carry these commands and teachings with us like jewelry and to take them in like a favorite food. One way we can carry God's commands and teachings with us in our daily lives is through the memorization of Bible verses. Write this verse from Psalm 19:14 on a piece of paper, *"Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer."* Read this verse repeatedly until it is memorized.

MILESTONES MINISTRY

In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: **www.milestonesministry.org**

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

	September 29	**October 6**
Presider	Rev. Joanna Hollis	Rev. Joanna Hollis
Preacher	Rev. Daphne Roberts	Rev. Joanna Hollis
Deacon	Rev. Daphne Roberts	Rev. Daphne Roberts
Organist	Suzanne McDonald	Suzanne McDonald
8:00 a.m.	**8 AM**	**8 AM**
Lector & Intercessor	Sheila Cooper/ Debra Lowe	Jonathan Clark
LEM *LEM will read the Epistle*		Elizabeth Clark
Vestry Announcements	Mark McMahon	Jonathan Clark
Ushers		
Altar Guild	Mervis Johnson, Margaret Brown Stansbury	Nancy Walworth / Sheila Cooper/ Margaret Brown- Stansbury
10:30 a.m.	**10:30 A.M.**	**10:30 A.M.**
Lector & Intercessor	Mel Garber/ Chris Garber	Jonathan Gloster
LEM *LEM will read the Epistle*	Gordon Arsenoff	Artie Phills
Acolyte / Server		
Vestry Announcements		Wendy Benjamin
Usher	Peggy Smith	
Production Minister	Steve Caruso/ Jason Kaelber	Steve Caruso/ Jason Kaelber
Altar Guild	Mervis Johnson, Margaret Brown Stansbury	Nancy Walworth / Sheila Cooper/ Margaret Brown- Stansbury
Coffee Hour		
Counters		

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