*October 13, 2024*
*The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost*



Byzantine manuscript illustration

The **8:00am** Service begins on **page 6**

The **10:30am** Service begins on **page 16**

**Parish Notes** begins on **page 28**

CHRIST CHURCH IN THE CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK
*A parish of the Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey*
5 Paterson Street, New Brunswick NJ 08901
732.545.6262 ▪ christchurchnewbrunswick.org



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—*** *Barb, Brianna, Dennis, Edith, Florence, Georgia, Hansford, Jeannine, Karl, Pat, Robert, Tisha, Vivian, Yvonne*

***Anglican Cycle*** *– The Episcopal Church of the Philippines*

***Diocesan Cycle*** *– Members and Ministry of the Committee on Validation of the Minutes*

***Christ Church Ministry*** *– Prayer Ministry*

***Birthdays this week*** *– Theodore Durling, Cheryl Lamptey, Audrey Orford*

***Memorial Flowers—*** *are given by Mrs. Leroy Oughton in memory Anna Layton and Mary Lauretta Blake, Charles N. Eckert in loving memory of V. June Eckert, Mrs. Miriam Irwin in loving memory of Maude Tindell, the DeVoe Family in loving memory of Fred DeVoe.*

## 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. Daphne Roberts -732.991.6733.

If you would like to schedule home communion, please contact Rev. Hollis 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.

## THE VESTRY:

*The Rev. Joanna P. Hollis, Rector*
*rector@christchurchnewbrunswick.org*

*Sheila Cooper, Rector's Warden*
*sheilajcooper@comcast.net*

*Mark McMahon, People's Warden*
*markroy53@me.com*

*John Ager, Treasurer*
*jager@optonline.net*

*Meegan Adames, Finance*
*meegzy79@yahoo.com*

*Wendy Benjamin, Outreach*
*wendyb918@gmail.com*

*Jonathan Clark, Discipleship*
*im4canoes@yahoo.com*

*Gordon Arsenoff, Music, Clerk*
*deep.friar@gmail.com*

*James Nichols, Property*
*jpnarch@gmail.com*

*TBD, Stewardship & Fundraising*

## PARISH STAFF:

The Rev. Joanna P. Hollis, *Rector*
*rector@christchurchnewbrunswick.org*

The Rev. Daphne Roberts, *Deacon*
*deacon@christchurchnewbrunswick.org*

Suzanne Davis McDonald, *Director of Music and Organist*
*music@christchurchnewbrunswick.org*

Brittney Girault, *Parish Administrator*
*admin@christchurchnewbrunswick.org*

Elaine Winkler, *Bookkeeper*
*bookkeeper@christchurchnewbrunswick.org*

Carlos Garcia, *Sexton*


Worshipping God Serving God's People
Christ Church New Brunswick

***October 13, 2024***
***The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost***
***8:00 AM***



## THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE I

*BCP, page 323*

*References marked "BCP" are from the black* Book of Common Prayer *in your pew.*

PRELUDE *Folk Tune* P. Whitlock

*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

*Presider* The Lord be with you.
***People*** **And with thy spirit.**
*Presider* Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**First Lesson:** Job 23:1-9, 16-17

Then Job answered: "Today also my complaint is bitter; his hand is heavy despite my groaning. Oh, that I knew where I might find him, that I might come even to his dwelling! I would lay my case before him, and fill my mouth with arguments. I would learn what he would answer me, and understand what he would say to me. Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power? No; but he would give heed to me. There an upright person could reason with him, and I should be acquitted forever by my judge.

"If I go forward, he is not there; or backward, I cannot perceive him;on the left he hides, and I cannot behold him; I turn to the right, but I cannot see him. God has made my heart faint; the Almighty has terrified me; If only I could vanish in darkness, and

thick darkness would cover my face!

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

**PSALM** 22:1-15

1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? *
**and are so far from my cry**
**and from the words of my distress?**

2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; *
**by night as well, but I find no rest.**

3 Yet you are the Holy One, *
**enthroned upon the praises of Israel.**

4 Our forefathers put their trust in you; *
**they trusted, and you delivered them.**

5 They cried out to you and were delivered; *
**they trusted in you and were not put to shame.**

6 But as for me, I am a worm and no man, *
**scorned by all and despised by the people.**

7 All who see me laugh me to scorn; *
**they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,**

8 "He trusted in the LORD; let him deliver him; *
**let him rescue him, if he delights in him."**

9 Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, *
**and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.**

10 I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; *
**you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.**

11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near, *
**and there is none to help.**

12 Many young bulls encircle me; *
**strong bulls of Bashan surround me.**

13 They open wide their jaws at me, *
**like a ravening and a roaring lion.**

14 I am poured out like water;
all my bones are out of joint; *
**my heart within my breast is melting wax.**
15 My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd;
my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; *
**and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.**

**THE EPISTLE:** Hebrews 4:12-16

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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

**THE GOSPEL:** Mark 10:17-31

*Reader* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
***People*** **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus

said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible." Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

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

SERMON Rev. Joanna Hollis

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.

*The Leader requests the prayers of the People of God for the world, the mission of the Church, and for those individuals who have asked for or need our prayers. If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, please fill out the form in the Prayers of the People book in the back of the Church.*

*After the last petition, the Presider adds a concluding Collect.*

## 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 "O for a Closer Walk With God" **The Blue *Hymnal* 1982, # 684**

Scan this code to support Christ Church's ministries and outreach to the community.

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.

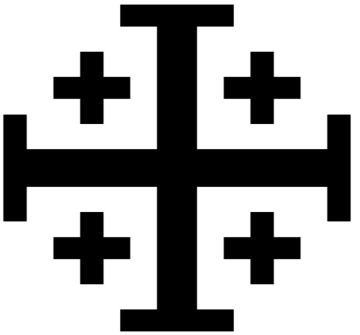
***ALL*** **Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very 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 *Prelude in A Major* J.S. Bach



***October 13, 2024***
***The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost***
***10:30 AM***

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST: ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP *PEW LEAFLET*
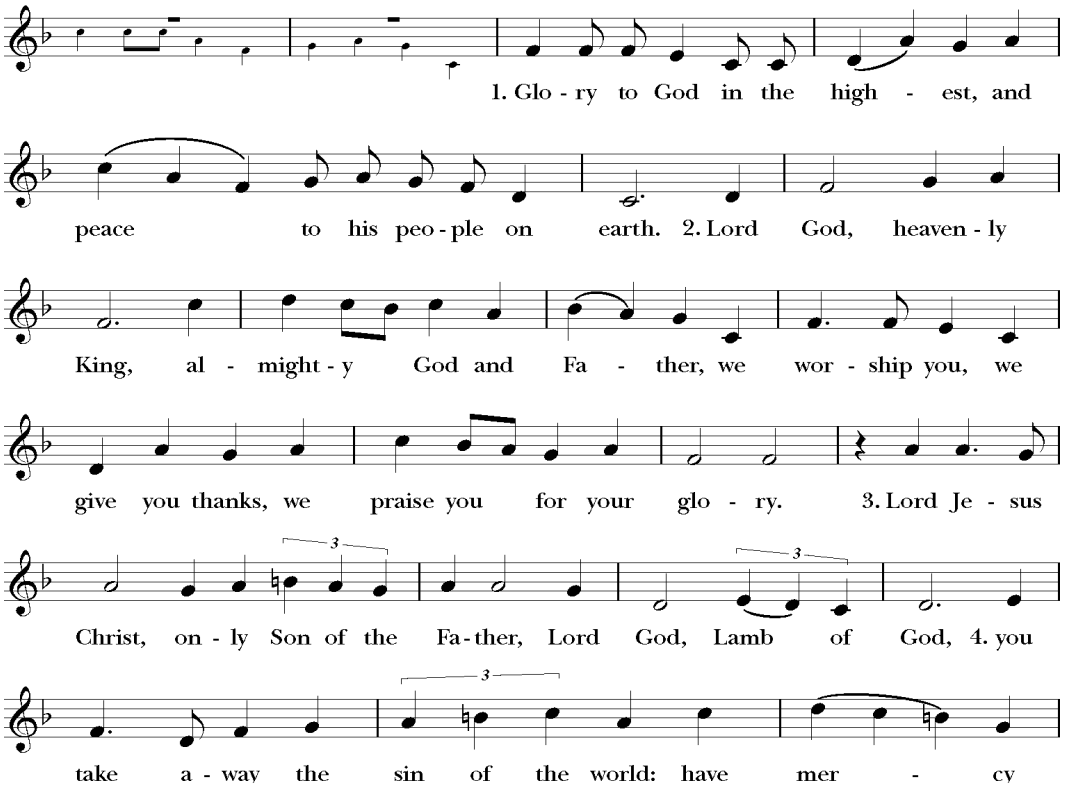
PRELUDE *Folk Tune* P. Whitlock

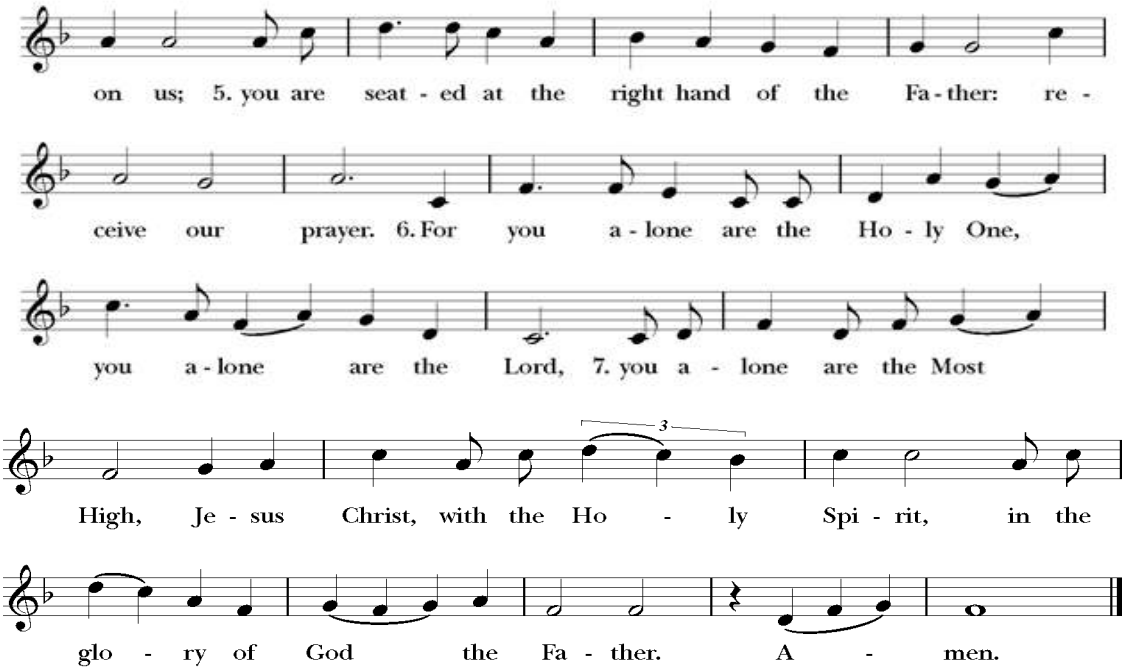
ENTRANCE HYMN "O God Our Help in Ages Past" **The Blue *Hymnal 1982 # 680***

*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*






THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Presider* God be with you.
***People*** **And also with you.**
*Presider* Let us pray…

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

**First Lesson:** Job 23:1-9, 16-17

Then Job answered: "Today also my complaint is bitter; his hand is heavy despite my groaning. Oh, that I knew where I might find him, that I might come even to his dwelling! I would lay my case before him, and fill my mouth with arguments. I would learn what he would answer me, and understand what he would say to me. Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power? No; but he would give heed to me. There an upright person could reason with him, and I should be acquitted forever by my judge.

"If I go forward, he is not there; or backward, I cannot perceive him;on the left he hides, and I cannot behold him; I turn to the right, but I cannot see him. God has made my heart faint; the Almighty has terrified me; If only I could vanish in darkness, and thick darkness would cover my face!

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

PSALM 22:1-15

1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? *
**and are so far from my cry**
**and from the words of my distress?**

2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; *
**by night as well, but I find no rest.**

3 Yet you are the Holy One, *
**enthroned upon the praises of Israel.**

4 Our forefathers put their trust in you; *
**they trusted, and you delivered them.**

5 They cried out to you and were delivered; *
**they trusted in you and were not put to shame.**

6 But as for me, I am a worm and no man, *
**scorned by all and despised by the people.**

7 All who see me laugh me to scorn; *
**they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,**

8 "He trusted in the LORD; let him deliver him; *
**let him rescue him, if he delights in him."**

9 Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, *
**and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.**

10 I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; *
**you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.**

11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near, *
**and there is none to help.**

12 Many young bulls encircle me; *
**strong bulls of Bashan surround me.**

13 They open wide their jaws at me, *
**like a ravening and a roaring lion.**

14 I am poured out like water;
all my bones are out of joint; *
**my heart within my breast is melting wax.**

15 My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd;
my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; *
**and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.**

**THE EPISTLE:** Hebrews 4:12-16

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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

GRADUAL HYMN "Be Thou My Vision" **The Blue *Hymnal 1982*, # 488**

**THE GOSPEL:** Mark 10:17-31

*Reader* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
***People*** **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible." Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

*Reader* The Gospel of the Lord.
***People*** **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON Rev. Joanna Hollis

## 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* Let us pray for our own needs and the needs of others, responding, "Hear our prayer."

*The Leader requests the prayers of the People of God for the world, the mission of the Church, and for those individuals who have asked for or need our prayers. If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, please fill out the form in the Prayers of the People book in the back of the Church*

*After the last petition, the Presider adds a concluding Collect*

## 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
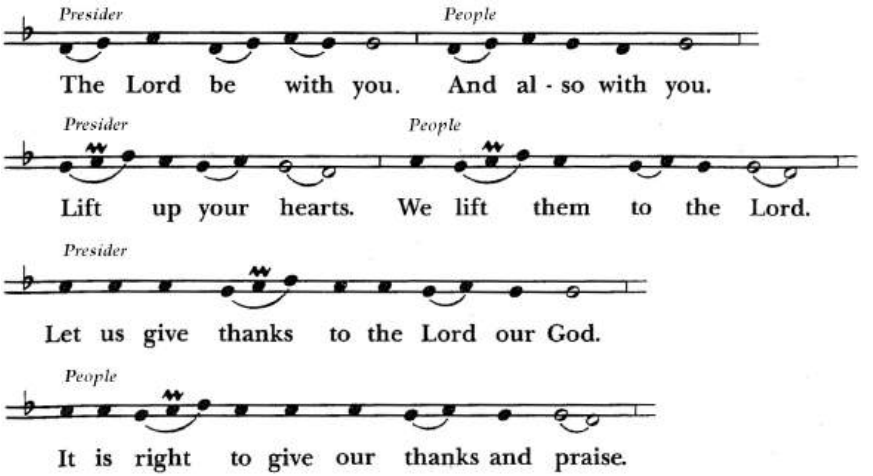
*All who are able please stand and sing the following hymn*

OFFERTORY HYMN "O for a Closer Walk With God" **The Blue *Hymnal 1982*,# 684**

Scan this code to support Christ Church's ministries and outreach to the community.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

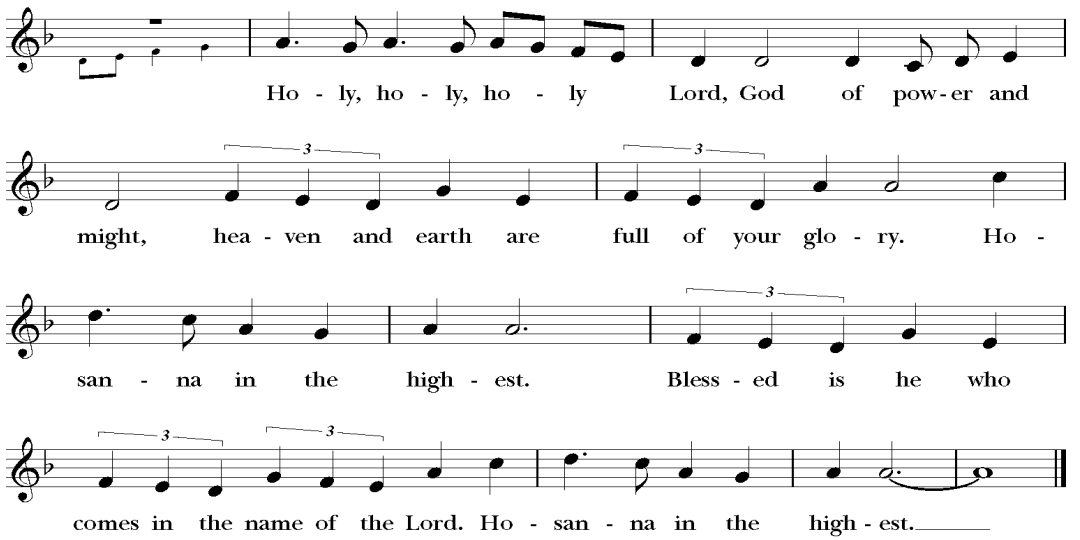
EOW, *Eucharistic Prayer 1*




*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.

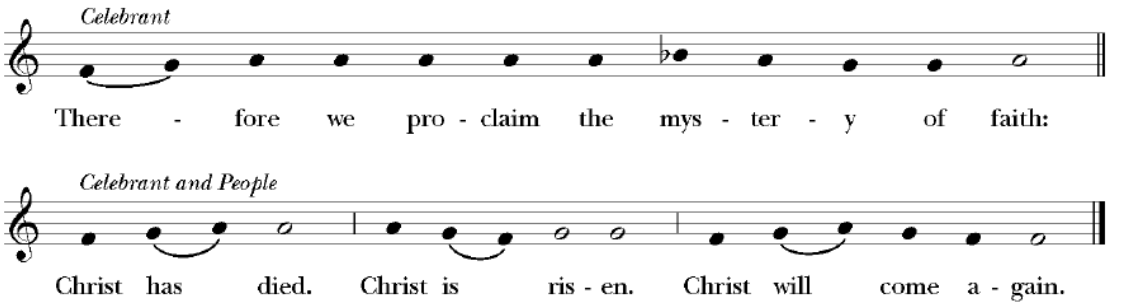
But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

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."

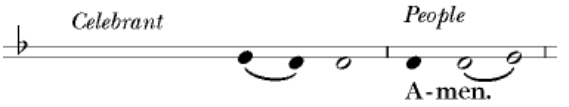
*Ambrosian chant; adapt. Mason Martens*



*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.

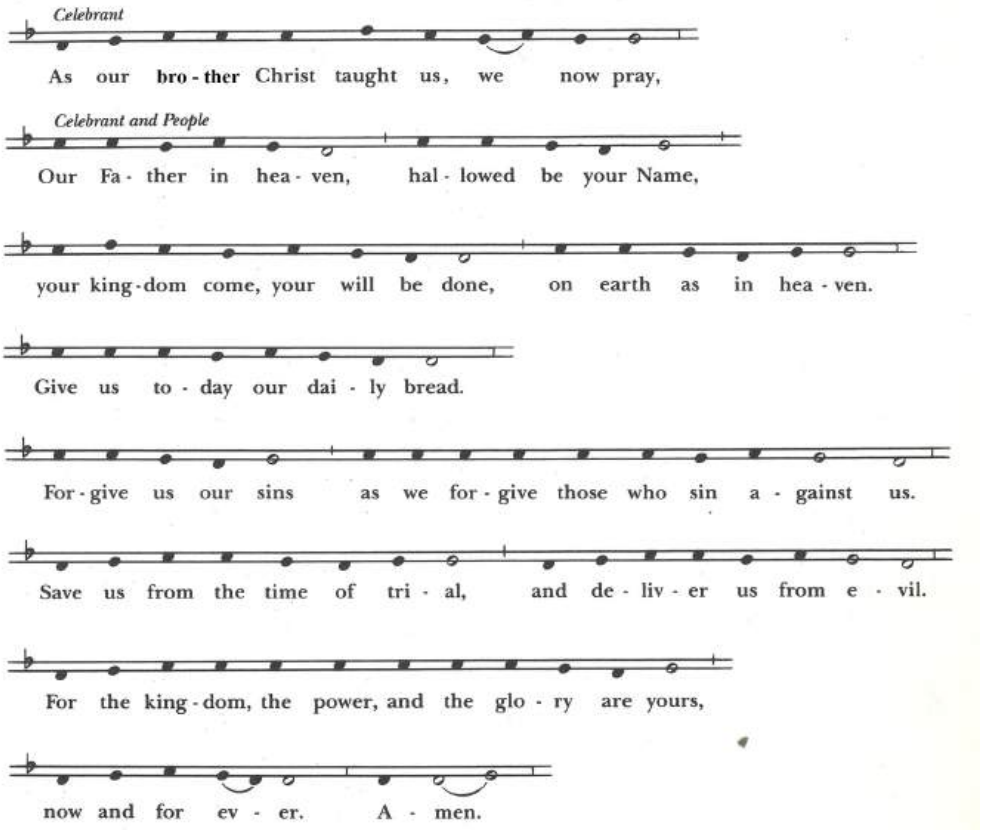
Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise forever and ever.

***ALL***




***ALL***

*Ambrosian chant; adapt. Mason Martens*
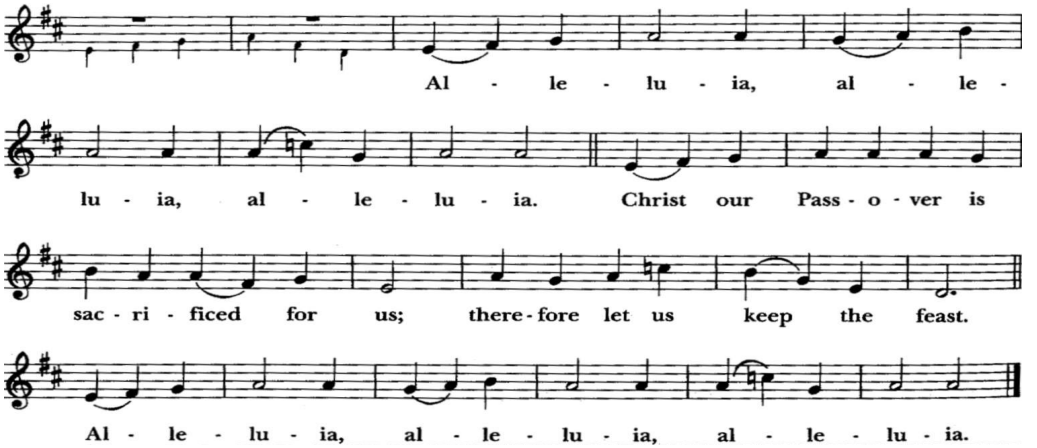


## BREAKING THE BREAD

*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 HYMN "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

**The Blue *Hymnal* 1982, # 490**

.

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 "O Jesus I Have Promised" **The Blue *Hymnal* 1982, # 655**

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

*The Presider will give the blessing.*

***People*** **Amen.**

*The Deacon will give the dismissal.*

***People*** **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Prelude* in A Major J.S. Bach

## PARISH NOTES FOR OCTOBER 13, 2024

SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER 13– 19, 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** | 6:00p.m. | Grief Support Group, Zoom |
| | 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

Walk in Love

Welcome to this year's Stewardship Campaign, **Walk in Love**. We invite you to join this journey of investing in the Christ Church community and beyond. Your contributions – financial & otherwise – make us an important part of the broader community in New Brunswick and beyond.

Complete your Pledge Certificate for 2025 online using the link in the weekly email. A paper copy can be found on the table in the back of the church.

**Stewardship Sunday will be celebrated**
**Sunday, October 27!**
**We will have one service at 9:30am.**



# Join The Christ Church Grief Support Group

## The 1st session is Tuesday, October 15 at 6pm.

***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 group and it is open to the public for registration. 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=JZe07lfHvdr441lMlLKSxrgR3CzFQL.1

Meeting ID: 882 5122 0962
Passcode: 782916
Sessions will **not** be recorded.

---




# Vestry Key Topics

1. The Vestry is pleased to share that we are only $15,000 away from our goal for the Handilift repair, in part due to some generous donors. There is an opportunity to finish the work if you want to make a one-time donation.

2. The Vestry, in discussing the financial health of our organization, reminds everyone to pledge for the 2025 Stewardship Campaign either through the Google Form link in the weekly email or the paper pledge form at the back of the church.

3. Please also continue paying your 2024 pledge to ensure the continuation of our mission and ministry.




## Open Choir is Sunday, October 20th!

All are Welcome to Sing!
Meet up at 9:30am in the Sanctuary.

---




## Join members of Christ Church for a "Packing Party"!

Supplies will be packed for the Choice Food and Resource Center on
**Sunday, October 20th**
after the 10:30am service.

Can't make it to the packing party, but want to help? Donations of diapers in sizes 4, 5, 6, and 7 as well as adult incontinence products in all sizes are in constant demand.

---

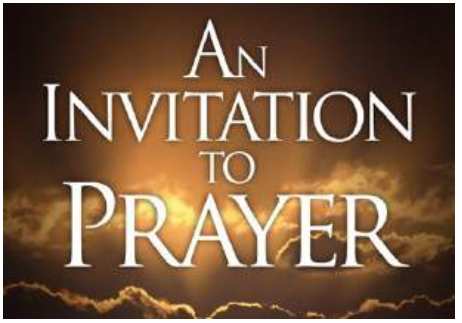



## Christ Church is hosting a Consecration Watch Party!

Join Us to watch the Presiding Bishop's Consecration on
**Saturday, November 2nd**
11am—1pm
in the Ross Room.

Please bring snacks to share.

---




## A PRAYER-FULL PARISH RETREAT

**Saturday, November 9th**
9am to 11:30am
The Nicholas Room
SAVE THE DATE!

# Prayer Before An Election

Lord God, as the election approaches,
we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our city/state/country,
and how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens in our community.

We ask for eyes that are free from blindness
so that we might see each other as brothers and sisters,
one and equal in dignity,
especially those who are victims of abuse and violence, deceit and poverty.

We ask for ears that will hear the cries of children unborn and those abandoned,
Men and women oppressed because of race or creed, religion or gender.
We ask for minds and hearts that are open to hearing the voice of leaders who will bring us closer to your Kingdom.

We pray for discernment
so that we may choose leaders who hear your Word,
live your love,
and keep in the ways of your truth
as they follow in the steps of Jesus and his Apostles
and guide us to your Kingdom of justice and peace.

We ask this in the name of your Son Jesus Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit.

*- Author Unknown*




# Why does voting matter?

*"It is a Christian obligation to vote, and more than that, it is the church's responsibility to help get souls to the polls."*
*-Presiding Bishop Michael Curry*

Participating in an election is part of exercising the power you have to positively impact your community through participation in our collective system of governance. It is, quite directly, a means of carrying out the Gospel call to care for one another.

Voting is also much more than choosing a presidential candidate, as important as that is. Voting involves determining elected officials in Congress, your state legislature, and local races like city council, mayors and school boards. These roles often have a much greater impact on the lives of you and your neighbors.

**Your vote makes a difference in shaping policies addressing challenges that matter to you.**

As Election Day draws nearer, we encourage you to reflect on why it is important we put in the effort to vote, from understanding who is on the ballot, what races we are voting for, and how we are to actually cast our vote.

We give thanks for the right to vote. Help us to hold this privilege and responsibility with the care and awareness it merits, realizing that our vote matters and that it is an act of faith.

**www.vote.org**

## OCTOBER 13, 2024
## TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

taking faith home

*Following Jesus trusts the goodness of God.*

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Sunday** | **Mark 10:17-31** | **A rich man goes away sad** |
| **Monday** | **Amos 5:6-7, 10-15** | **Seek good and not evil** |
| **Tuesday** | **Hebrews 4:12-16** | **Jesus is the great high priest** |
| **Wednesday** | **Matthew 6:24-34** | **Do not worry** |
| **Thursday** | **Ecclesiastes 3:1-8** | **Everything has its time** |
| **Friday** | **Proverbs 3:1-6** | **Trust and honor God** |
| **Saturday** | **Psalm 90:12-17** | **Teach us wisdom** |
| **Sunday** | **Mark 10:35-45** | **The Son of Man came to save** |

## SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*Jesus looked at them [his disciples] and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."* **Mark 10:27 (NRSV)**

## PRAYERS AND BLESSING

**A Prayer for the Week:**
Wise and compassionate God, may we see in Jesus the way of life that trusts your goodness and serves others with compassion and generosity. Amen.

**Mealtime Prayer:**
Dear God, may the gift of this food and the kingdom you bring us in Jesus, give us wise hearts and the strength to care for others. Amen. (Psalm 90:12, 17)

**A Blessing to Give:**
May the love of Christ free you to love others.

MILESTONES MINISTRY

© 2023 Milestones Ministry, LLC. All rights reserved.

# OCTOBER 13, 2024

taking faith home

## HYMN OF THE WEEK

*O Master, Let Me Walk with You*

## 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:

- Could you easily give away all your possessions? Why or why not?
- Does knowing that for God all things are possible make life easy or difficult? Explain.

## DEVOTIONS

*Read:* Mark 10:17-31.

This passage can make our heads spin with good news, then bad, and then good again. Jesus is addressed as a *"good teacher"* (v. 17) by a rich man. But that leads to Jesus telling him, *"No one is good but God alone"* (v. 18). Jesus then lists the commandments as how to live, and the rich man says he has kept them all. But then Jesus asks for more of the rich man: sell all his possessions and give the money to the poor, then follow Jesus. Jesus says that it is hard for the wealthy to enter the kingdom of God. In fact, it is hard for anyone! When all hope seems to be lost, Jesus says, *"for God all things are possible"* (v. 27). In frustration Peter points out how the disciples have already given up so much. Jesus counters that the losses will be made up with huge benefits of dwellings and families, yet persecutions will remain. Standards for achievement and the good life are all challenged because *"many who are first will be last, and the last will be first"* (v. 31). Following Jesus is a letting go of our own standards to trust in God.

*Discuss:* What have you had to let go of to follow Jesus?

*Pray:* **Almighty God, help us to let go of any contentment with ourselves to be open to the work of your kingdom for the sake of humility and love in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, what possessions can you donate for others to use?

## RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Hebrews 4:12 says that the word of God is *"living and active."* Gather various translations of the Bible or find them online. Biblegateway.com is a good online resource. During devotion time, choose one of the *Daily Bible Readings* and look them up in different Bible translations. Make notes of what is similar and what is different. (The CEV, ICB, and NIV are good translations when reading with children and youth.) Then think or talk about how the scripture is living and active in your life. Place a Bible in a visible place in your home as a reminder of the central place of God's word in your life.

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

| | October 13 | October 20 |
|---|---|---|
| **Presider** | Rev. Joanna Hollis | Rev. Joanna Hollis |
| **Preacher** | Rev. Joanna Hollis | Rev. Daphne Roberts |
| **Deacon** | | Rev. Daphne Roberts |
| **Organist** | Suzanne McDonald | Suzanne McDonald |
| **8:00 a.m.** | **8 AM** | **8 AM** |
| **Lector & Intercessor** | Jonathan Clark | Meegan Adames |
| **LEM** *LEM will read the Epistle* | Elizabeth Clark | Kevin Stansbury |
| **Vestry Announcements** | Jonathan Clark | Sheila Cooper |
| **Ushers** | | |
| **Altar Guild** | Mervis Johnson/ Margaret Brown- Stansbury | Nancy Walworth / Sheila Cooper |
| **10:30 a.m.** | **10:30 A.M.** | **10:30 A.M.** |
| **Lector & Intercessor** | Kelly-Jane Cotter | Doreen Sirjue |
| **LEM** *LEM will read the Epistle* | Jonathan Gloster | |
| **Acolyte / Server** | | |
| **Vestry Announcements** | Meegan Adames | |
| **Usher** | Mel Garber | Peggy Smith |
| **Production Minister** | Steve Caruso/ Jason Kaelber | Steve Caruso/ Jason Kaelber |
| **Altar Guild** | Mervis Johnson/ Margaret Brown- Stansbury | Nancy Walworth / Sheila Cooper |
| **Coffee Hour** | | |
| **Counters** | | |

CHRIST CHURCH IN THE CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK
*a parish of the Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey*
WORSHIPPING GOD, SERVING GOD'S PEOPLE

✠

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

*Historic Christ Church is a mutually supportive Christian community worshiping in the living Anglican tradition of beauty in liturgy and music. Christ Church bears witness to the love of Christ in prayer, service and fellowship.*

EVERYONE IS WELCOME HERE.

5 Paterson Street ▪ New Brunswick NJ 08901
732.545.6262 ▪ christchurchnewbrunswick.org



The Reverend Joanna P. Hollis, *Rector*
The Reverend Daphne Roberts, *Deacon*
Suzanne McDonald, *Director of Music and Organist*
Brittney Girault, *Parish Administrator*
Elaine Winkler, *Bookkeeper*
Carlos Garcia, *Sexton*

Scan this code to support Christ Church's ministries and outreach to the community.

www.ChristChurchNewBrunswick.org

https://www.facebook.com/ChristChurchNB/