Morning Prayer
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
August 10, 2025



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CHRIST CHURCH

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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.

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, Dennis, Doreen, Edith, Erica, Florence, Georgia, Hansford, Jean, Jeannine, Jefferson, Jim, Julia, Kristen, Lori, Pam, Pat, Robert, Rose, Stanford, Steve, Thalia, Theayer, Thelma, Timothy, Tisha, Vivian*

Anglican Cycle *– we pray for The Anglican Church of Rwanda*

Diocesan Cycle *– Members and Ministry of the Hispanic Commission*

Christ Church Ministry *– Church School*

Birthdays this week *– Arnold Aubee, Andrew Coleby, Nora Crosbie, Margaret DeMatteo, Kerrie VanLoo*

Memorial Flowers *– are given by Mary K. Szeles and the late Harriet L. DeMatteis in memory of Frank P. DeMatteis, the late Harriet and Frank DeMatteis in memory of Ann Elizabeth DeMatteis Caruso*

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. Daphne Roberts -732.991.6733.

If you would like to schedule home communion, please contact Rev. Roberts 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. Roberts if you know of someone who is in need of care or counseling.

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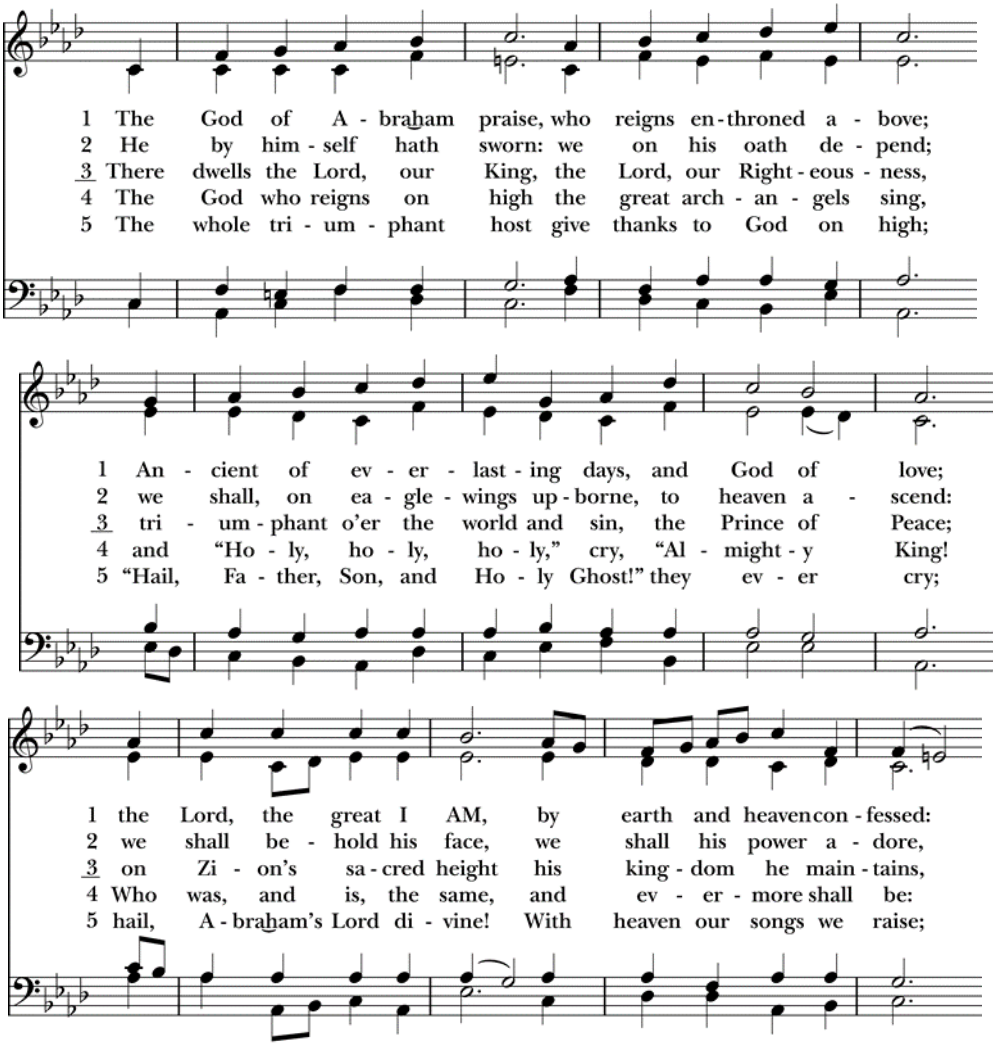
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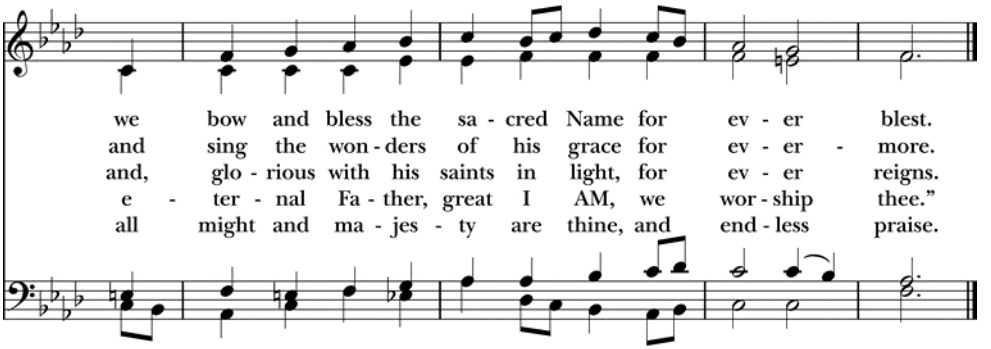
THE HOLY EUCHARIST

PRELUDE Voluntary in A J. Stanley

Please stand and sing at the Procession

ENTRANCE HYMN "The God of Abraham Praise" **The Blue *Hymnal* 1982, # 401 vs 1-3**





Words: Thomas Olivers (1725-1799), alt. Music: *Leoni*, Hebrew melody; harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, alt.

Officiant: The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him.

CONFESSION

Officiant: Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

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.

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

INVITATORY AND PSALTER

All stand

Officiant: O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.
People: And your glory all the day long.
Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.
Alleluia.

Venite *Psalm 95:1-7*

Officiant: God is the Rock of our salvation:

People: O come let us worship.

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to the Lord with psalms.
For you are a great God, *
you are great above all gods.
In your hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are yours also.
The sea is yours, for you made it, *
and your hands have molded the dry land.
Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For you are our God, and we are the people of your pasture and the sheep of your hand. *
Oh, that today we would hearken to your voice!

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PSALM 50:1-8, 23-24

1 The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken; *
he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
2 Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, *
God reveals himself in glory.
3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; *
before him there is a consuming flame,
and round about him a raging storm.
4 He calls the heavens and the earth from above *
to witness the judgment of his people.
5 "Gather before me my loyal followers, *
those who have made a covenant with me
and sealed it with sacrifice."
6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; *
for God himself is judge.
7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak:
"O Israel, I will bear witness against you; *
for I am God, your God.
8 I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; *
your offerings are always before me.

23 Consider this well, you who forget God, *
lest I rend you and there be none to deliver you.
24 Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving honors me; *
but to those who keep in my way will I show
the salvation of God."

THE LESSONS

First Lesson: *Isaiah 1:1-10-20*

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah. Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Go-

morrah! What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the Lord; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats. When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more; bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation— I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity. Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them. When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow. Come now, let us argue it out, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

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

The Song of Zechariah — Luke 1: 68-79

**Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
you have come to your people and set them free.
You have raised up for us a mighty savior, *
born of the house of your servant David.
Through your holy prophets you promised of old, that you would save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us.
To show mercy to our forebears *
and to remember your holy covenant.
This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
Free to worship you without fear, *
holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life.
And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,**

To give God's people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.
In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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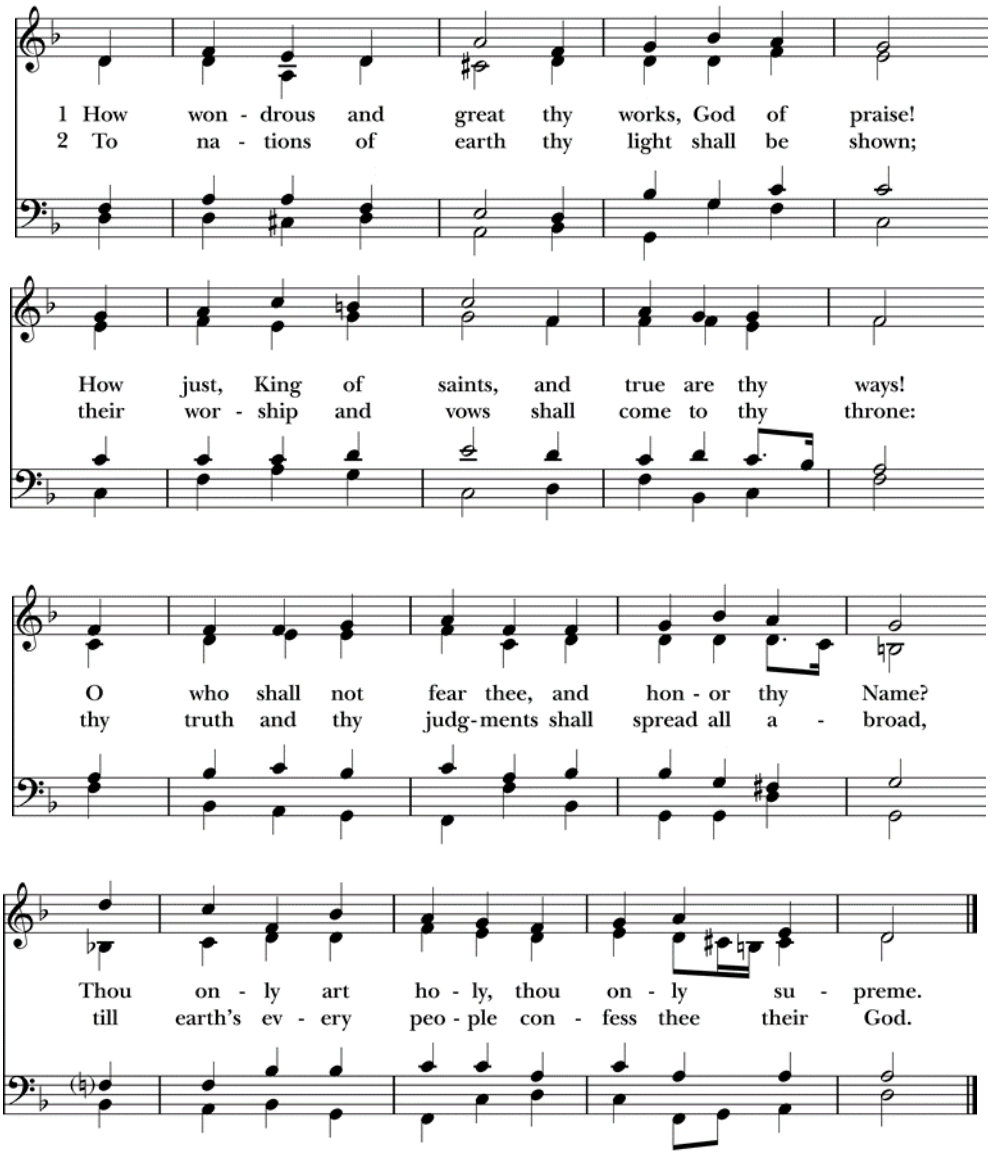
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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People **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN "How wondrous and great thy works, God of Praise"

The Blue *Hymnal* 1982, # 532



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THE GOSPEL Luke 12:32-40

Officiant: A Reading from the Gospel According to Luke.

"Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. "But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Officiant: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON Rev. Daphne Roberts

THE APOSTLES' CREED BCP p. 96

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

Officiant Hear our cry, O God.
People **And listen to our prayer.**
Officiant Let us pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 for ever. Amen.

THE SUFFRAGES

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 ashamed and turned away;
R. Never forget the lives of your poor.
V. Continue your loving kindness to those that know you;
R. And your favor of 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.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR SUNDAY

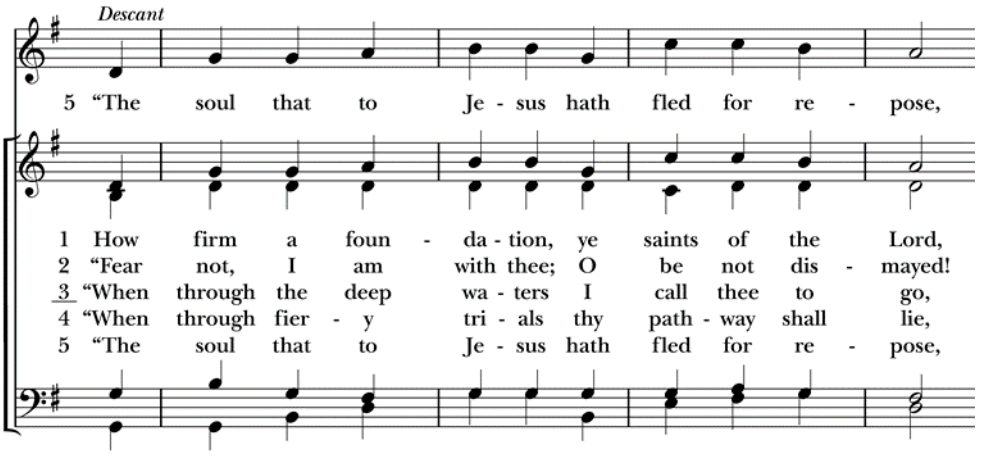
O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**
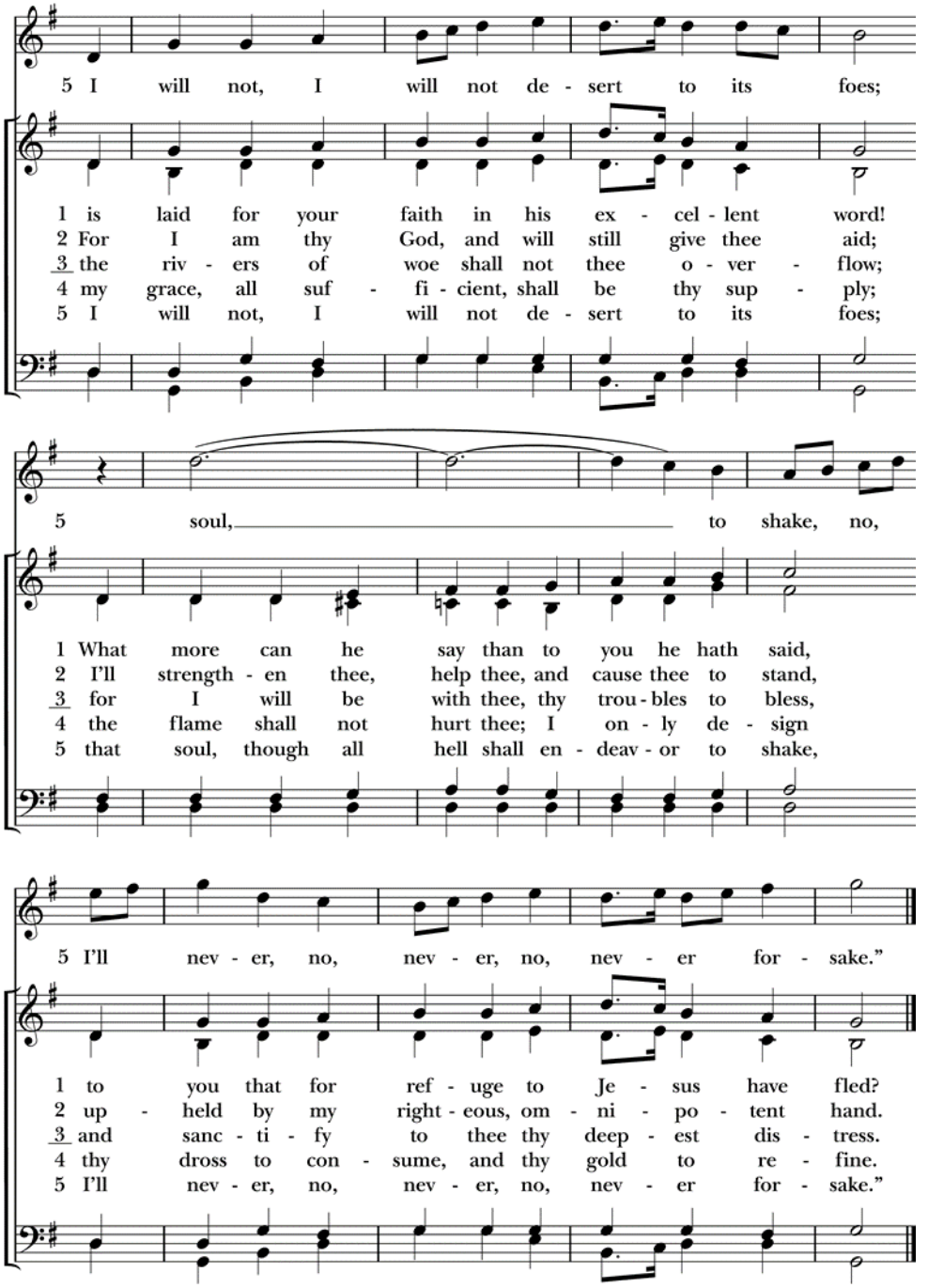
A PRAYER FOR MISSION

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY HYMN "How firm a foundation" **The Blue *Hymnal* 1982, # 637 vs 1-3, 5**





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The Prayers of the People

Leader **Let us pray to our God, saying "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
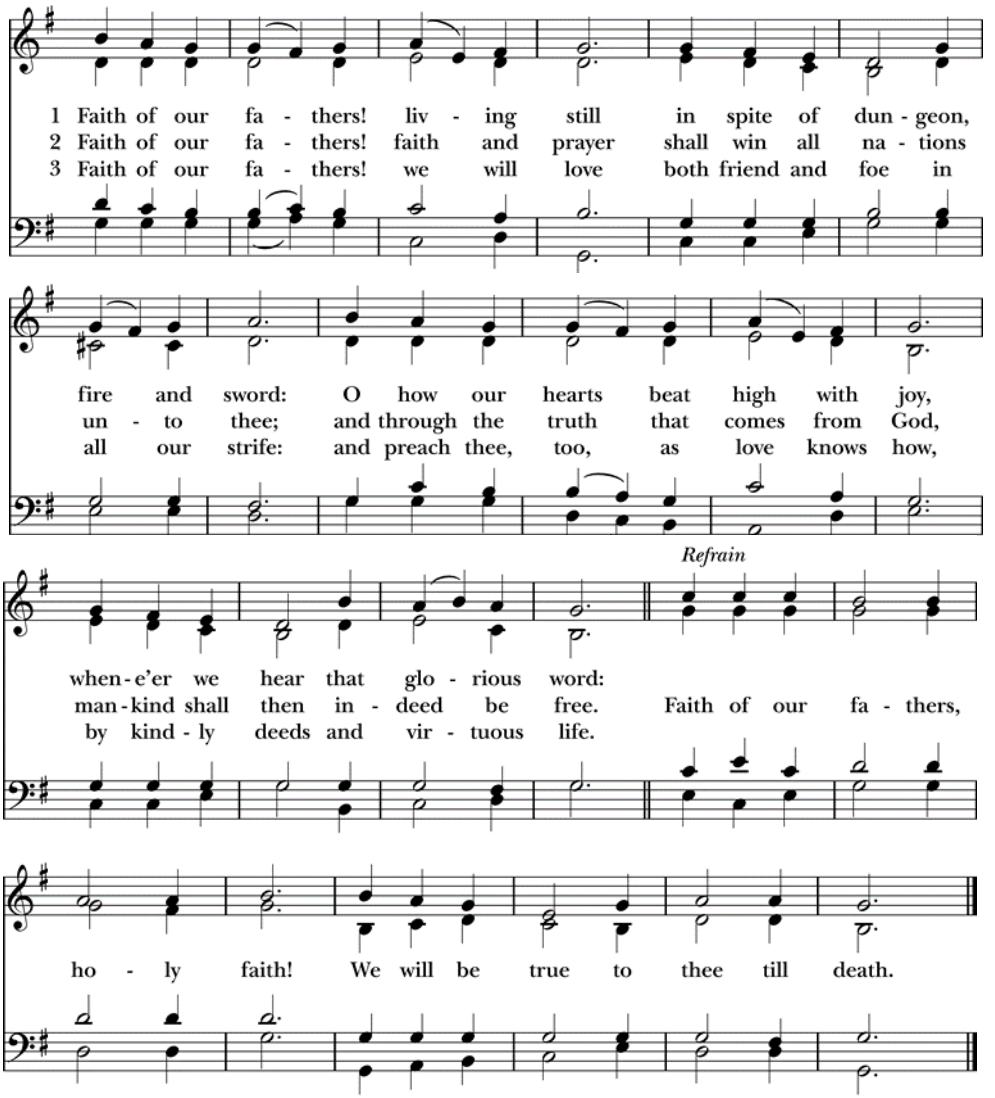
THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING BCP p. 101

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom BCP p. 102

Officiant: Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

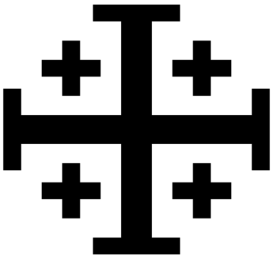
FINAL HYMN "Faith of our Fathers" **The Blue *Hymnal* 1982, # 558**



Words: Frederick William Faber (1814-1863), alt. Music: *St. Catherine*, Henri Frédéric Hemy (1818-1888); adapt. and arr. James G. Walton (1821-1905).

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

POSTLUDE Adagio T. Attwood



Parish Notes

Parish Schedule for August 10– August 16, 2025

Parish Summer Office Hours This Week:
Tuesday – 9:30am to 3:00pm
Friday – 9:30am to 1:00pm

Sunday **9:30 a.m.** **Morning Prayer, Sanctuary**

Wednesday 12:00p.m. **Noonday Prayer, Zoom**
7:30 p.m. WomenSpirit, Zoom

*Join Us AFTER THE 9:30 AM Service for Coffee Hour in the Nicholas Room



TODAY, the Wardens will be holding a Parish Hall Meeting in the Sanctuary immediately after the **9:30am Service**. The purpose of this meeting is to advise the Parish of the progress in the search for an Interim Rector and to announce the service schedule for August and September. You are all invited to attend and we will be happy to address any questions you may have.



A heartfelt thank you to everyone who participated in and supported the Farewell Party and Service for Rev. Joanna P. Hollis. Your presence, thoughtful gifts, and kind words made the occasion truly special and memorable.

We are especially grateful to those who worked behind the scenes to plan, prepare, and bring the celebration to life your time, effort, and dedication did not go unnoticed.

Together, we gave Rev. Hollis the meaningful send off she so richly deserves.



Join members of Christ Church Sunday, August 17th after the 9:30am service for a "Packing Party"!

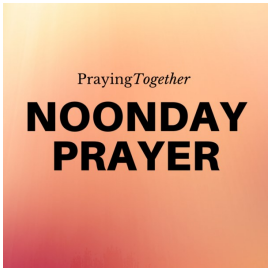
Supplies will be packed for the Choice Food and Resource Center during Coffee Hour. Can't make it to the packing party, but want to help? Donations can be made via Zelle or check please note "diaper donation" or "Choice Food and Resource Center in the subject line.

Join the Stewardship Committee for a meeting on Monday, August 25 at 5:30pm via Zoom!

Zoom Link: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82770890384?pwd=B9auroFL8zQ6YmUgbDV7cbi4Z6PDlO.1

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Noonday Prayer has a new Zoom link!

Join us every Wednesday at 12:00pm for Noonday Prayer via Zoom

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Prayer List Update

Our prayer list will be updated on **September 7**. If you would like to add a name to the list, please be sure to submit it by **August 31**.

Important: Any names not submitted by **August 31** will **not** be included in the next update. Names can written in the Prayers of the People binder located in the back of the church or emailed to admin@christchurchnewbrunswick.org

Honoring a True Beacon of Faith and Advocacy

ECS is proud to honor Christ Church's very own **Catherine Ambos** at the 2025 ECS Gala — a night dedicated to honoring faithful advocacy in underserved communities.

Thursday, September 18, 2025
The Pines Manor, Edison, NJ
Tickets: $175 per person

Join us in celebrating Catherine's remarkable contributions by attending the gala and sitting with the Christ Church table.

Reserve your seat now using the link in the weekly email.



MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

	August 10 Morning Prayer	August 17 Morning Prayer
Presider	Daphne Roberts	Daphne Roberts
Preacher	Daphne Roberts	Daphne Roberts
Deacon	Daphne Roberts	Daphne Roberts
Organist	Suzanne McDonald	Suzanne McDonald
	9:30 A.M.	**9:30 A.M.**
Lector & Intercessor	Jonathan Clark	Jonathan Clark
LEM *LEM will read the Epistle*	Elizabeth Clark	Mel Garber
Acolyte / Server		
Vestry Announcements	Jim Nichols	Jonathan Clark
Usher		
Production Minister	Steve Caruso	Steve Caruso
Altar Guild	Sheila Cooper	Mervis Johnson Margaret Brown-Stansbury
Coffee Hour		

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