September 22, 2024
The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Artwork: Let the Children Come to Me!
Artist: Vicki Shuck

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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, 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 North India (United)*
Diocesan Cycle *– The Rev. Jesse Lassiter*
Christ Church Ministry *– Lectors and Intercessors*
Birthdays this week *– Edithmia Davies, Lauren Davis, Iain Dennis*
Memorial Flowers— *are given by Carole A. Forsythe in memory of Leonard Herrmann, the Louise Deschler Ross Guild in memory of the deceased members of the Louise Deschler Ross Guild.*

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. 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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Worshipping God Serving God's People
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THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE I

BCP, page 323

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

PRELUDE *Voluntary number 2* in a minor (blue) J. Stanley

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.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

First Lesson: Proverbs 31:10-31

A capable wife who can find?
She is far more precious than jewels.
The heart of her husband trusts in her,
and he will have no lack of gain.
She does him good, and not harm,
all the days of her life.
She seeks wool and flax,
and works with willing hands.
She is like the ships of the merchant,
she brings her food from far away.
She rises while it is still night
and provides food for her household

and tasks for her servant-girls.

She considers a field and buys it;
with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.

She girds herself with strength,
and makes her arms strong.

She perceives that her merchandise is profitable.
Her lamp does not go out at night.

She puts her hands to the distaff,
and her hands hold the spindle.

She opens her hand to the poor,
and reaches out her hands to the needy.

She is not afraid for her household when it snows,
for all her household are clothed in crimson.

She makes herself coverings;
her clothing is fine linen and purple.

Her husband is known in the city gates,
taking his seat among the elders of the land.

She makes linen garments and sells them;
she supplies the merchant with sashes.

Strength and dignity are her clothing,
and she laughs at the time to come.

She opens her mouth with wisdom,
and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.

She looks well to the ways of her household,
and does not eat the bread of idleness.

Her children rise up and call her happy;
her husband too, and he praises her:

"Many women have done excellently,
but you surpass them all."

Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain,
but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.

Give her a share in the fruit of her hands,
and let her works praise her in the city gates.

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

PSALM 1

1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

2 Their delight is in the law of the LORD, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.

4 It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

THE EPISTLE: James 3:13-4:3,7-8a

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.
Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

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THE GOSPEL: Mark 9:30-37

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People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

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Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

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

SERMON Rev. Joanna Hollis

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS *BCP, pg. 304*

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 "We Know That Christ is Raised and Dies No More"

The Blue *Hymnal 1982 # 296*

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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.

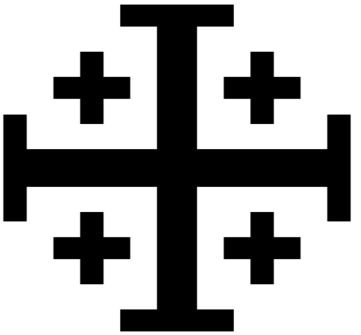
ALL **Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members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



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THE HOLY EUCHARIST: ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP *PEW LEAFLET*

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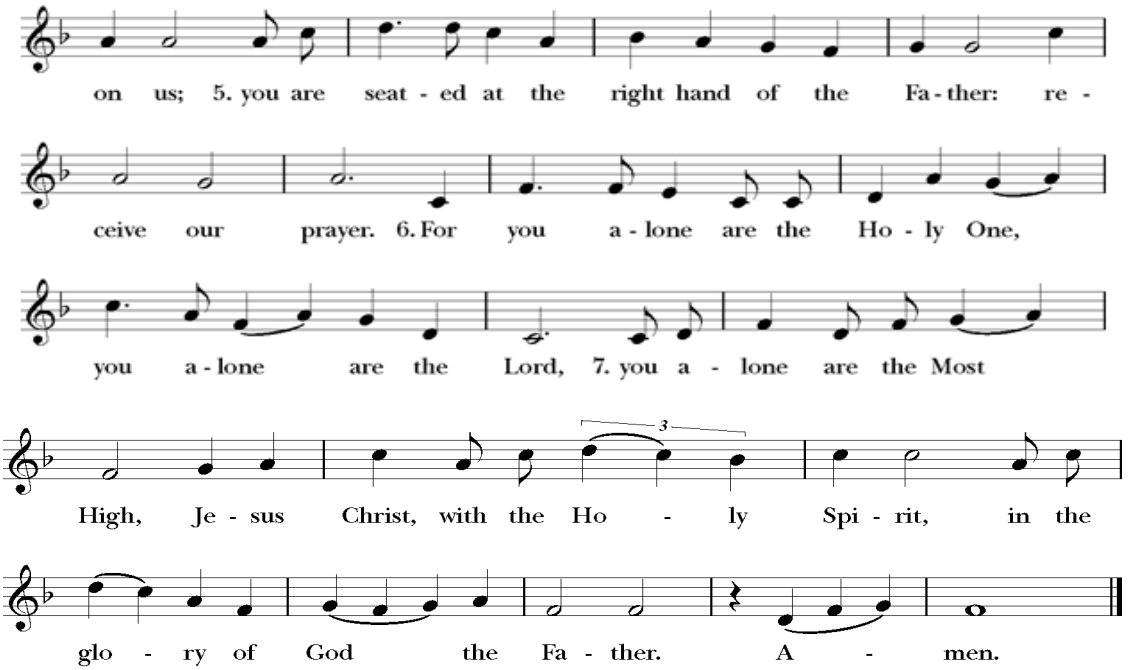
ENTRANCE HYMN "Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord"
The Blue *Hymnal 1982 # 437*

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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 "Lead Me, Guide Me, Along the Way" **Red LEVAS II *Hymnal*, # 194**

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

SERMON — Rev. Joanna Hollis

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE — *BCP, pg. 301*

BAPTISMAL COVENANT — *BCP, pg. 304*

THE PRAYERS — *BCP, pg. 305*

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THE PEACE

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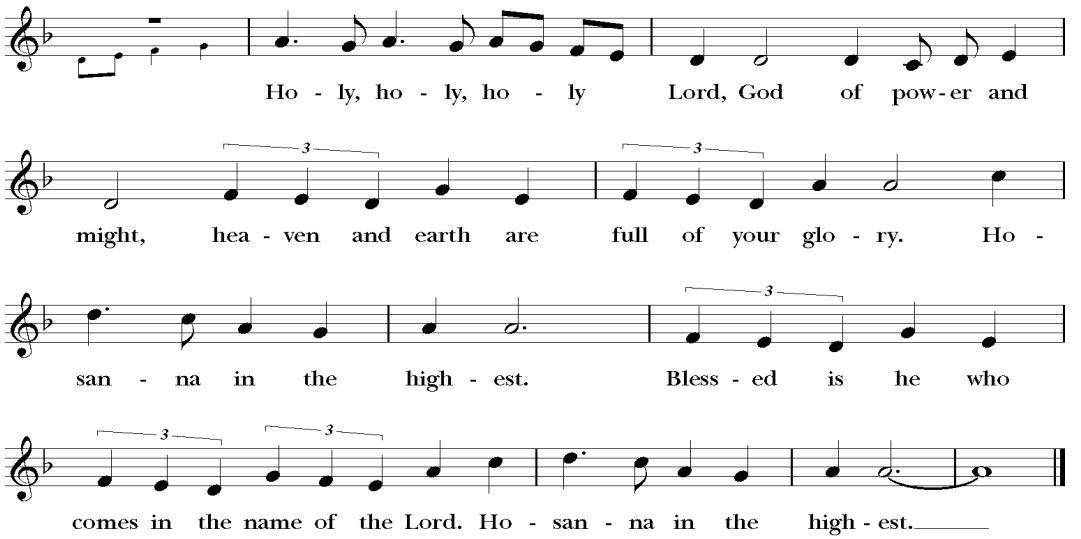
EOW, *Eucharistic Prayer 1*



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.

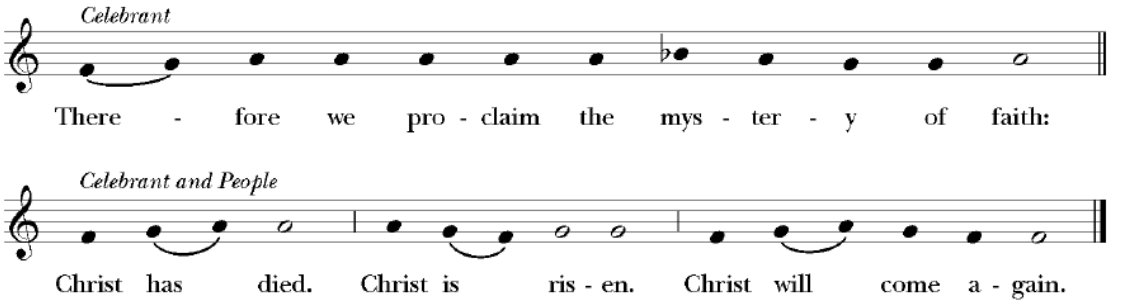
But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

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."

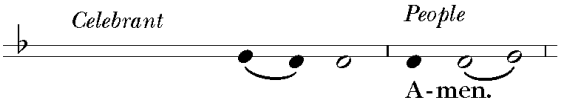
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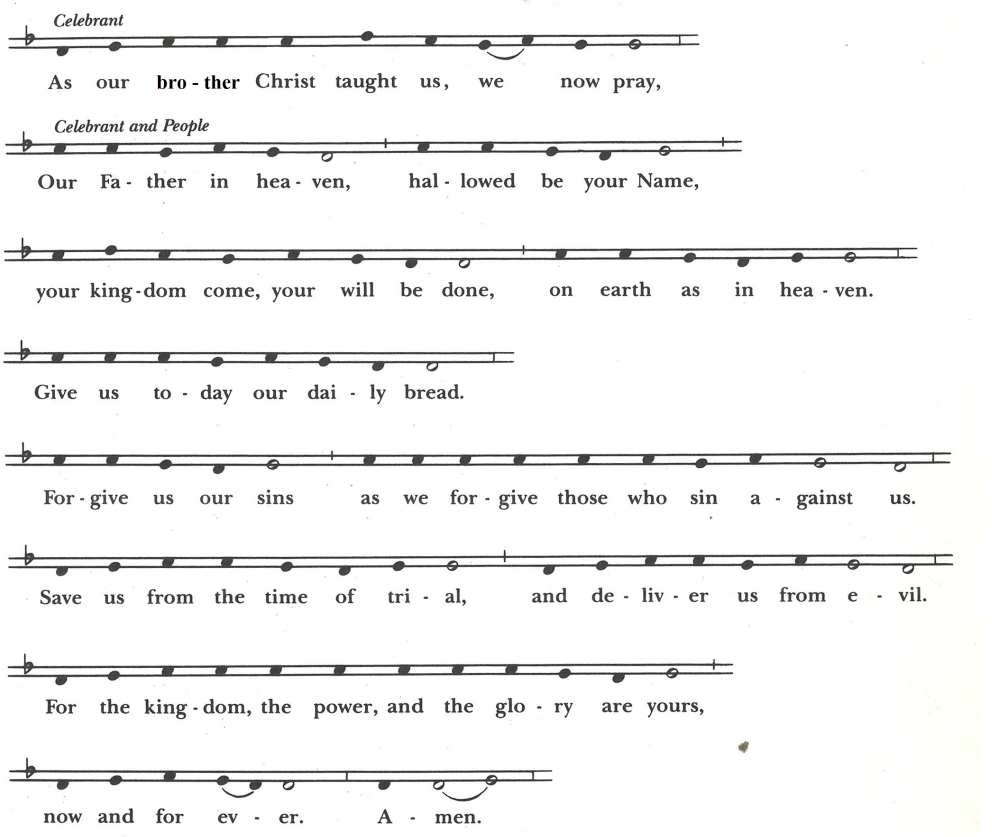
Presider Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, 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.**

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COMMUNION ANTHEM "The Gift of Love" Christ Church Choir H. Hopson

Though I may speak with bravest fire,
and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love; my words are vain,
As sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess,
And striving so my love profess,
But not be giv'n by love within,
The profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come,spirit come, our hearts control.
Our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed.
By this we worship and are freed.

Amen, Amen, Amen, 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.

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 "How Firm a Foundation , Ye Saints of the Lord "

The Blue *Hymnal* 1982, # 637

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

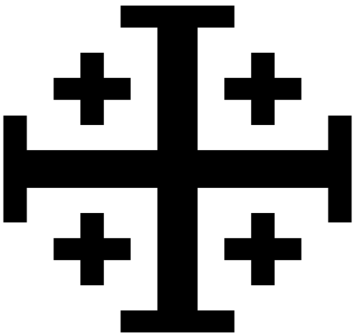
The Presider will give the blessing.

People **Amen.**

The Deacon will give the dismissal.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Komm, heiliger Geist* - Come Holy Ghost, Lord God J.S. Bach



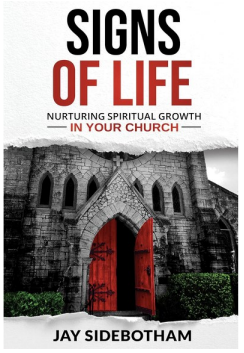
PARISH NOTES FOR SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 22—28, 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
	9:30 a.m.	Church School, Ross Room
	10:30 a.m.	**Holy Eucharist, Sanctuary**
Wednesday	**12:00p.m.**	**Noonday Prayer, Zoom**
	7:00 p.m.	Men's Ministry Forum, via Zoom
	7:30 p.m.	WomenSpirit, via Zoom
Thursday	4:00p.m.	Children's Pre-Rehearsal Activities & Homework
	5:00pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal
	7:00p.m.	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



The Tuesdayers' Next Topic:
"Signs of Life" and RenewalWorks

"Signs of Life: Nurturing Spiritual Growth in Your Church" by Jay Sidebotham offers a clear-eyed consideration of the challenges facing congregations as well as a celebration of practices that contribute to spiritual vitality in congregations. These best practice principles emerge from a ministry called RenewalWorks, a concerted effort to make spiritual growth a priority in congregations and to build cultures of discipleship within them. The Tuesdayers shall discuss this book as well as complete the workshops of RenewalWorks that draw upon the data from our parish's spiritual inventory survey. We meet over Zoom on Tuesdays (except the second of the month), 7:00-8:30 pm.
For more information contact Jonathan Clark at im4canoes@yahoo.com.



Men's Ministry Forum - Restart Wednesday, September 25

Men's Ministry Forum will restart on Wednesday, September 25. Meetings will be held on the 4th Wednesday of each month via Zoom from 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm. The Zoom details and the program information are listed below.

Join Zoom Meeting:
https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87452702522?pwd=ocT7wtPSWa6XhMJI3a0BPgwaaz3MeZ.1

Meeting ID: 874 5270 2522
Passcode: 264345

Children's Choir Begins This Thursday, September 26

4:00pm–5:00pm
Pre-rehearsal activities, games, and homework time.

5:00pm—6:00pm
Choir rehearsal begins



Do you have any board games you no longer play with? Donate them to the Children's Choir! Contact the Music Director, Suzanne McDonald music@christchurchnewbrunswick.org for more information.

Vestry Key Topics

1. In a wonderful way, the message from The Dwelling in the Word read and discussed during the Vestry meeting this month kept circling back into our discussion, The passage-Mark 8:27-38-where Jesus says to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan. For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

2. Sheila Cooper led a discussion of the Stewardship Campaign which will have some familiar parts and some new ideas. Stay tuned for these events coming up in the next few weeks and culminates on Ingathering Sunday on October 27!

3. The Vestry reviewed the Budget process and discussed at length the Marks of Mission ask.

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

Would you like to serve Communion at the altar? Bring the Body and Blood to those who can't attend church? You are invited to learn more about how to become a Licensed Lay Minister in the Diocese of New Jersey at our free training workshop! To sign up, please email Canon Susanna Cates at scates@dioceseofnj.org by Wednesday, September 25th.



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.

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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 I order the monthly batch.

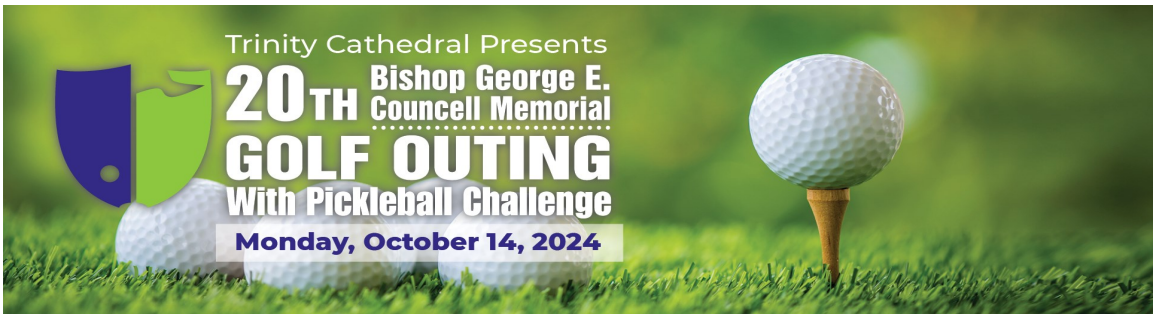
You can avoid writing Paul a check by using their payment options through your checking account of credit card (checking costs a 29 cent charge per order; credit cards charge a percentage that is usually more). And if you want physical cards delivered directly to your home, you can do that through the app, although you will be charged for delivery. If you order for delivery through him, the church covers the delivery charge.



Bring your pet for a
special blessing for the year!

Saturday, October 12, 2024 @ 1pm.

Franklin Animal Shelter
475 DeMott Lane
Somerset, NJ 08873



Join the 20th Bishop George E Councell Memorial Golf Outing with Pickleball Challenge on Monday, **October 14, 2024** at Mercer Oaks Golf Course West Windsor, NJ.

Use the link below to register.
https://app.eventcaddy.com/events/george-e-councell-memorial-golf-outing

SEPTEMBER 22, 2024
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

taking faith home

Jesus calls us to be a servant to all.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	**Mark 9:30-37**	**The servant of all is the greatest**
Monday	**Jeremiah 11:18-20**	**Plot to kill Jeremiah**
Tuesday	**James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a**	**Wisdom from above**
Wednesday	**Galatians 5:13-15**	**The nature of Christian freedom**
Thursday	**Psalm 31:14-24**	**A prayer for protection**
Friday	**2 Timothy 3:10-17**	**Paul's charge to Timothy**
Saturday	**Psalm 54**	**A cry to God for help**
Sunday	**Mark 9:38-50**	**Avoiding sin**

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

He [Jesus] sat down, called the twelve and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." **Mark 9:35 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:
God of power and might, give us wisdom and faith to see that being a servant to others is the path of life and greatness through our Lord Christ Jesus. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:
Dear God, we thank you for your loving service that provides for us this gift of food through Jesus Christ, the one who came to be a servant of all. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:
May God deliver you from every trouble. (Psalm 54:7)

MILESTONES MINISTRY

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SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

taking faith home

HYMN OF THE WEEK

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

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:

- Who is the most important person you know? Describe what makes that person important.
- How does our general understanding of greatness differ from Jesus' focus on greatness through service?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Mark 9:30-37.

In this reading, Jesus' disciples clearly do not understand what Jesus is saying. They are afraid to even question Jesus. They seem clueless and pretty much end up imagining the opposite of what Jesus has been saying. They argued about who was the greatest among them. Jesus had to shake things up a bit to get them on the right track. Instead of greatness and power, Jesus used the example of a defenseless child. He reasoned that if you want to understand his kingdom, you must be like a small, powerless child. Whatever you consider to be the best and the greatest, put that last. Whatever you are tempted to dishonor, honor it for all to see. So, what does a follower of Jesus look like? (A servant of everyone else.) Instead of the greatness of being served, greatness for Jesus is serving. Giving your life's blood for the needs of others will fill them with good things and bless them with the presence of a gracious God.

Discuss: How has someone served you and how did that make you feel?

Pray: **Almighty God, give us ears to hear and eyes to see the life you want for us as servants that all may know your love through Christ Jesus, the one who died that we may live. Amen.**

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you be a servant to someone?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

James 3:18 states, *"And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace."* Pray this well-known prayer written by St. Francis of Assisi and discuss what it means: **Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.**

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MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

	September 22	September 29
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	Kevin Stansbury	Sheila Cooper/ Debra Lowe
LEM *LEM will read the Epistle*	Debra Lowe	
Vestry Announcements	Jim Nichols	Mark McMahon
Ushers		
Altar Guild	Mervis Johnson, Margaret Brown Stansbury	Mervis Johnson, Margaret Brown Stansbury
10:30 a.m.	**10:30 A.M.**	**10:30 A.M.**
Lector & Intercessor	Eleanor Forbes	Mel Garber/ Chris Garber
LEM *LEM will read the Epistle*	Jonathan Gloster	
Acolyte / Server		
Vestry Announcements	Gordon Arsenoff	
Usher		
Production Minister	Steve Caruso/ Jason Kaelber	Steve Caruso/ Jason Kaelber
Altar Guild	Mervis Johnson, Margaret Brown Stansbury	Mervis Johnson, Margaret Brown Stansbury
Coffee Hour		
Counters		

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