Morning Prayer
Second Sunday after Pentecost
June 7, 2026



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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— *Carlos Jr., Emily, Jane, Jeannine, Lizette, Michael, Milton, Pat, Patricia, Robin, Rozie, Sarah, Suzanne, Timothy, Vincent*

Anglican Cycle *– we pray for The Scottish Episcopal Church*

Diocesan Cycle *– Members and Ministry of the Task Force on the Review of the Sexual Misconduct Policy*

Christ Church Ministry *– Property Committee*

Birthdays this week *– Arabella Ager, Patrick Ambrosio, Joan Borden, Gerri Callahan, William Crosbie, Robert Kroon, Rachel Miller, Marc-Andrew Nelson*

Memorial Flowers— *are given by the late Mrs. Walter D. Fetterly in memory of Walter D. Fetterly*

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Worshipping God Serving God's People
Christ Church New Brunswick

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MORNING PRAYER

PRELUDE *Preludium* Johann Peter Emilius Hartmann
Karen Colabaugh, Flute
David Citron, Organ

Please stand and sing at the Procession

ENTRANCE HYMN "The God of Abraham praise" **The Blue *Hymnal* 1982 #401**

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.

Officiant and People together, all kneeling

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Officiant: Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our 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: Lord, open our lips.
People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as
It was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Officiant: The earth is the Lord's for: he made it: Come let us adore him.

VENITE — PSALM 95:1-7

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

PSALM 33:1-12

1 Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous; *
it is good for the just to sing praises.
2 Praise the Lord with the harp; *
play to him upon the psaltery and lyre.
3 Sing for him a new song; *
sound a fanfare with all your skill upon the trumpet.
4 For the word of the Lord is right, *
and all his works are sure.

5 He loves righteousness and justice; *
the loving-kindness of the Lord fills the whole earth.
6 By the word of the Lord were the heavens made, *
by the breath of his mouth all the heavenly hosts.
7 He gathers up the waters of the ocean as in a water-skin *
and stores up the depths of the sea.
8 Let all the earth fear the Lord; *
let all who dwell in the world stand in awe of him.
9 For he spoke, and it came to pass; *
he commanded, and it stood fast.
10 The Lord brings the will of the nations to naught; *
he thwarts the designs of the peoples.
11 But the Lord's will stands fast for ever, *
and the designs of his heart from age to age.
12 Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord! *
happy the people he has chosen to be his own!

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

THE LESSONS

First Lesson: *Genesis 12:1-9*

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the Lord appeared to Abram, and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Beth-

el, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

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

The Song of the Redeemed — Revelation 15:3-4

O ruler of the universe, Lord God,
great deeds are they that you have done, *
surpassing human understanding.
Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, *
O King of all the ages.

Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,
and sing the praises of your Name? *
for you only are the Holy One.
All nations will draw near and fall down before you, *
because your just and holy works have been revealed.

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

THE EPISTLE — *Romans 4:13-25*

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but

he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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GRADUAL HYMN "Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult" **The Blue *Hymnal* 1982 #550**

THE GOSPEL Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Officiant: A Reading from the Gospel According to Matthew.
As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners." While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

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

SERMON Rev. Daphne P. 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 The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
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. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. And grant us your salvation.
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. Let your people sing with joy.
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. For only in you can we live in safety.
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. Your saving health among all nations.
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

The Collect of the Day

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; 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.**

The Prayers of the People

Leader **Let us pray for the Church and for the world.**

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 PEACE

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY HYMN "Immortal, invisible, God only wise"

The Blue *Hymnal* 1982 #423

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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.**

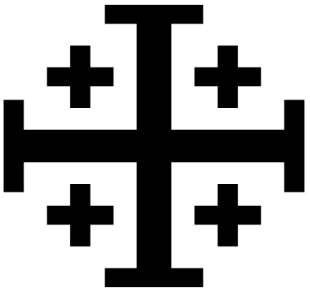
A Prayer of St. Chrysostom BCP p. 102

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 "Jesus came, adored by angels!" **The Blue *Hymnal* 1982 #454**

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



PARISH NOTES

PARISH SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 7-13

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

Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Open Choir Warm Up, Sanctuary
	9:30 a.m.	**Morning Prayer, Sanctuary**
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Tuesdayers Book Group, Zoom
Wednesday	**12:00p.m.**	**Noonday Prayer, Zoom**
	7:30 p.m.	WomenSpirit, Zoom

Sunday, June 14
Recognition Sunday
Rite II

Sunday, June 21
Pride Sunday
Rite II

*JOIN US AFTER THE 9:30 AM SERVICE FOR COFFEE HOUR IN THE NICHOLAS ROOM



Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the Christ Church Volunteer Interest Survey! We were thrilled to have more than 30 parishioners participate, and your thoughtful feedback has provided valuable insight as we continue to grow and strengthen our ministry.

Because of your responses, we are excited to begin developing new volunteer opportunities that will help more members of our church family share their gifts and serve our parish community. Keep an eye out for upcoming ways to get involved!

We are deeply grateful for your continued support, enthusiasm, and commitment to Christ Church. Together, we are building a vibrant and welcoming parish for all.



Join the Middlesex County Board of Commissioners on Monday, June 8 at 5:00pm for the 2026 LGBTQ Pride Flag Raising & Celebration as we gather to celebrate love, inclusion, dignity, and community.

We are especially proud that our very own Fr. Scott, will be offering the invocation for this meaningful event.

All are welcome to attend.

Monday, June 8
5:00pm
75 Bayard Street
New Brunswick, NJ 08901



Pride Sunday at Christ Church

Join us at our summer 9:30am service and celebrate Pride on June 21nd!

Attendees are invited to wear one, two or all colors of the rainbow. Please sign up to bring refreshments using the link in the weekly email.



Join members of Christ Church
Sunday, June 21 after the 9:30am service for a "Packing Party"!

We will be packing flatware for Elijah's Promise during Coffee Hour. Can't make it to the packing party, but want to help? Donations of heavyweight forks and spoons as well as dinner-size napkins would be appreciated. Donations can be made via Zelle or check please note "Elijah's Promise" in the subject line.

JUNE 7, 2026
SECOND SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

taking faith home

Trust in the promise and power of God's grace.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	**Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26**	**The call to follow Jesus**
Monday	**Hosea 5:15—6:6**	**A call to repentance**
Tuesday	**Romans 4:13-25**	**God's promise realized by faith**
Wednesday	**Deuteronomy 5:28-33**	**Moses mediates God's will**
Thursday	**2 Thessalonians 3:1-5**	**Request for prayer**
Friday	**Ephesians 5:28-33**	**Let love be your guide**
Saturday	**Psalm 50:7-15**	**What pleases God**
Sunday	**Matthew 9:35—10:23**	**The sending of the twelve**

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

[A]s it is written, "I have made you [Abraham] the father of many nations"—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.
Romans 4:17 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:
Loving God, give us faith and courage to follow you and to touch the lives of those around us with your grace, mercy, and healing power through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:
With this gift of food we give you thanks through Jesus Christ, the one who gives us hope now and always. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:
May you have trust in God.

MILESTONES MINISTRY

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JUNE 7, 2026

taking faith home

HYMN OF THE WEEK

Here I Am, Lord

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:

- What happens in a relationship when someone makes a promise and doesn't keep it?
- Abraham grew strong in his faith because of God's promise. How does trusting God's promises help you grow in faith?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Romans 4:13-25.

Some Christians in Rome believed one first had to become Jewish by following God's law before one could be a follower of Jesus. However, Abraham, our father in the faith, did not have the law and circumcision that was required to become Jewish. That came later through Moses. What Abraham had was trust in the promise of God, the God who *"gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist"* (v. 17). We, too, *"share the faith of Abraham"* (v. 16). We trust in the promise of God and the power of God's grace that resurrects life through Jesus. Abraham's and Sarah's bodies were old and unable to give birth to a child and, therefore, to a new nation. But it happened, not because of Abraham's or Sarah's ability to birth a child but because of the God who makes promises and keeps them. We are inheritors of Abraham's right relationship with God through faith that trusts the God who *"raised Jesus our Lord from the dead"* (v. 24).

Discuss: God makes promises and keeps them. How does knowing this help you grow in your faith?

Pray: **Creator God, we thank you for giving us new life in Christ through faith, a gift of your never-failing love and grace. Amen.**

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, how does following Jesus help you to reach out to someone in need?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Jesus saw Matthew and said to him, *"Follow me"* (Matthew 9:9). And Matthew got up and followed him. One way that many Christians show themselves to be followers of Jesus is by wearing a cross necklace. Some have a cross or a fish symbol tattoo somewhere in a visible place on their body. Think or talk about a time you or someone you know was recognized as a follower of Jesus. Write a list of words that describe a follower of Jesus. Take a moment to read the words aloud.

Then pray: **Dear Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow. May we do so with love and mercy toward others in our daily lives. Amen.**

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MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

	June 7 **9:30 A.M.** Morning Prayer	**June 14** **9:30 A.M.** Recognition Sunday Rite II
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Coffee Hour	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed

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