Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 2, 2026



Title: The miracle of the five loaves and two fish

Artist: Ethiopian painting in Mount Saint Joseph Abbey, Roscrea

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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.

YOU ARE INVITED to worship with us any Sunday.

Our regular service time is 9:30 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— *Alena, Carlos Jr., Emily, Jane, Jeannine, Joann, Michael, Milton, Pat, Patricia, Robin, Rozie, Sarah, Suzanne, Timothy, Tina, Vincent*
Anglican Cycle *– we pray for the Church of the Province of Uganda*
Diocesan Cycle *– Members and Ministry of the Sudan Committee*
Christ Church Ministry *– Ushers*
Birthdays this week *– Matthew Beckles, David Burns, Kabir Golfphin, George Shackleton*

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 Rev. Scott Russel– 732.545.6262 ext. 1 or Rev. Daphne P. Roberts—732.545.6262 ext. 3

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 Rev. Russell 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
Christ Church New Brunswick

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9:30 AM



THE HOLY EUCHARIST Rite I

PRELUDE

THE WORD OF GOD

All who are able please stand as the ministers enter and sing

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

The Presider welcomes the people and says

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

COLLECT OF PURITY *BCP, page 324*

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 *BCP, page 324*

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

The Presider says to the people

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

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Lesson: *Genesis 32:22-31*

The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no

longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 17:1-7, 16

1 Hear my plea of innocence, O Lord;
give heed to my cry; *
listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.
2 Let my vindication come forth from your presence; *
let your eyes be fixed on justice.
3 Weigh my heart, summon me by night, *
melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.
4 I give no offense with my mouth as others do; *
I have heeded the words of your lips.
5 My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your law; *
in your paths my feet shall not stumble.
6 I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; *
incline your ear to me and hear my words.
7 Show me your marvelous loving-kindness, *
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand
from those who rise up against them.
16 But at my vindication I shall see your face; *
when I awake, I shall be satisfied, beholding
your likeness.

THE EPISTLE *Romans 9:1-5*

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit— I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of

the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL Matthew 14:13-21

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

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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

SERMON Rev. Scott Russell

All who are able please stand

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 Fa-

ther. 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, "In the joy of the Resurrection," 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

Minister and People

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

The Presider says

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 the Lord 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

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer I, BCP page 333

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; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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 stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

Presider All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of 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, he brake 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 ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, 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, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, 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; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same. And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood. And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion. And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most

precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him. And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins,
to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. AMEN.

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

Celebrant and People

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.**

The Celebrant continues

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Presider breaks the bread. After a period of silence, all sing

Presider Alleluia! Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.
ALL ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***
ALL O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.

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.

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.

All who are able please stand

AFTER COMMUNION

Presider *Let us pray.*

People **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 are also 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.

FINAL HYMN "Come, O Thou Traveller Unknown" **The Blue *Hymnal* 1982 #638**

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

The Presider blesses the people.

People **Amen.**

Deacon Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

PARISH NOTES

PARISH SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 2-8

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

Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Choir Warm Up
	9:30 a.m.	**Holy Eucharist, 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

Sunday, August 9
Morning Prayer

Sunday, August 16
Rite II



Join members of Christ Church TODAY Sunday, August 2 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.

RaiseRight
Formerly ShopWithScrip

It is time for the Christ Church August RaiseRight Order!

Paul Ambos, will be placing a new card order on the morning of Monday, August 3. Please place your orders accordingly. RaiseRight website: https://www.raiseright.com/shop



Save the Date!

Mark your calendars for a **Special Celebration & Coffee Hour** on **Sunday, August 30**!

Join us for a time of fellowship and celebration. More details will be shared soon, so stay tuned!



Interfaith 9/11 Remembrance Service

Please save the date for the **Interfaith 9/11 Remembrance Service** on **Thursday, September 10**.

If you were directly affected by the events of September 11 and are interested in participating by offering a reading during the service, please contact **Fr. Scott** or the church office.

More details will be shared soon. We hope you will join us as we gather in remembrance, reflection, and prayer.



Blessing of the Backpacks

Our **Blessing of the Backpacks** will take place on **Sunday, September 13**.

All are invited to bring their backpacks, or work bags to receive a special blessing.

Raising Joy
Double Good



Join Christ Church in supporting our upcoming **Popcorn Fundraiser**!

The campaign launches in **September**, so be on the lookout for more information on how you can participate.

Proceeds from the fundraiser will benefit the **Christ Church General Fund**, helping to support the ongoing ministries and mission of our parish.

Thank you for your support. We are excited to share this fun and delicious fundraiser with you!



Friends, Please join us as we gather on **Monday, September 14 at 8:00pm** for our compline service.

Creation Care Compline is a collaboration of the Green Caucus and the Creation Care Mission of The Episcopal Church.

Join an evening of prayer and meditation hosted by the church's creation care ministry and the Green Caucus of The Episcopal Church. Register today using the link in the weekly email.





Calling All Bakers (and Non-Bakers)!

We are looking for volunteers to help bake the communion bread for the **first Sunday of each month**.

Whether you're an experienced baker or would simply like to learn, we'd love to have you be part of this meaningful ministry.
See the recipe below. Additional information and the sign up sheet can be found in the weekly email.

Recipe

7/8 cup lukewarm water (or a bit more if needed)
4 tbsp. honey
2 tbsp. olive oil
1/4 tsp. salt
2 1/2 cups whole wheat flour*
1 pkg. active quick rising yeast
*Note: Do not use stone ground flour or the bread will be crumbly. Pillsbury plain whole wheat flour works well. The recipe can easily be doubled.

Directions

Total Time: Approximately 1 hour and 45 minutes
1. Measure the water into a mixing bowl and add yeast, stirring until the yeast is dissolved.
2. Stir in the honey, oil, and salt.
3. Stir in the unsifted flour.
4. Turn the dough onto a lightly floured board and knead for 5 minutes until elastic.
5. Replace the dough in a greased bowl, cover with a damp towel and let it rise for 1 1/2 hours until double.
6. Roll out the dough to 1/4 – 1/2 inch thick and cut into rounds with a biscuit cutter, a tin can or a glass. Make a cross in each loaf with a serrated knife.
7. Transfer to a lightly oiled baking sheet and bake at 350 degrees for 10-12 minutes.

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

	August 2 **9:30 A.M.** Rite I	**August 9** **9:30 A.M.** Morning Prayer
Presider	Rev. Scott Russell	Rev. Daphne P. Roberts
Preacher	Rev. Scott Russell	Rev. Daphne P. Roberts
Deacon	Rev. Daphne P. Roberts	Rev. Daphne P. Roberts
Organist	Danielle Whitman	Danielle Whitman
Lector & Intercessor	Shannon Pullaro	Paul Ambos
LEM	Debra Lowe	Mel Garber
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Usher	Mel Garber/ Peggy Smith	Peggy Smith
Production Minister	Karen Bemis	Jonathan Gloster
Altar Guild	Nancy Walworth/ Sheila Cooper	Shannon Pullaro/ Margaret Brown-Stansbury
Coffee Hour	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed

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