November 23, 2025
The Last Sunday after Pentecost: Reign of Christ



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CHRIST CHURCH IN THE CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK
A parish of the Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey
5 Paterson Street, New Brunswick NJ 08901
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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— *Allen, Dennis, Doreen, Edith, Erica, Florence, Georgia, Gordon, Hansford, Jean, Jeannine, Jefferson, Jesse, Jim, Joan, Julia, Kristen, Lori, Pam, Pat, Rose, Sarah, Stanford, Steve, Thalia, Theayer, Thelma, Timothy, Tisha, Valerie, Vicent*

Anglican Cycle *– The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia*

Diocesan Cycle *– Christ Church in Bordentown, Magnolia, Middletown, Millville, New Brunswick, Palmyra, Riverton, Shrewsbury, Somers Point, South Amboy, Toms River, Trenton, and Woodbury; Christ the King Church in Willingboro; Church of the Redeemer in Longport The Revs: Dorothy K. Auer, William C. Riker*

Christ Church Ministry *– Ushers*

Birthdays this week *– Fred Lamptey*

Memorial Flowers—*are given by Ruth V. Harris in memory of Joseph M. Harris, J. Michael Harris, Mrs. Lucille M. Stevens in memory of Edwin L. Stevens, Marion E. Boyce in memory of Marion and James Walker*

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 P. 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 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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THE HOLY EUCHARIST: ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP
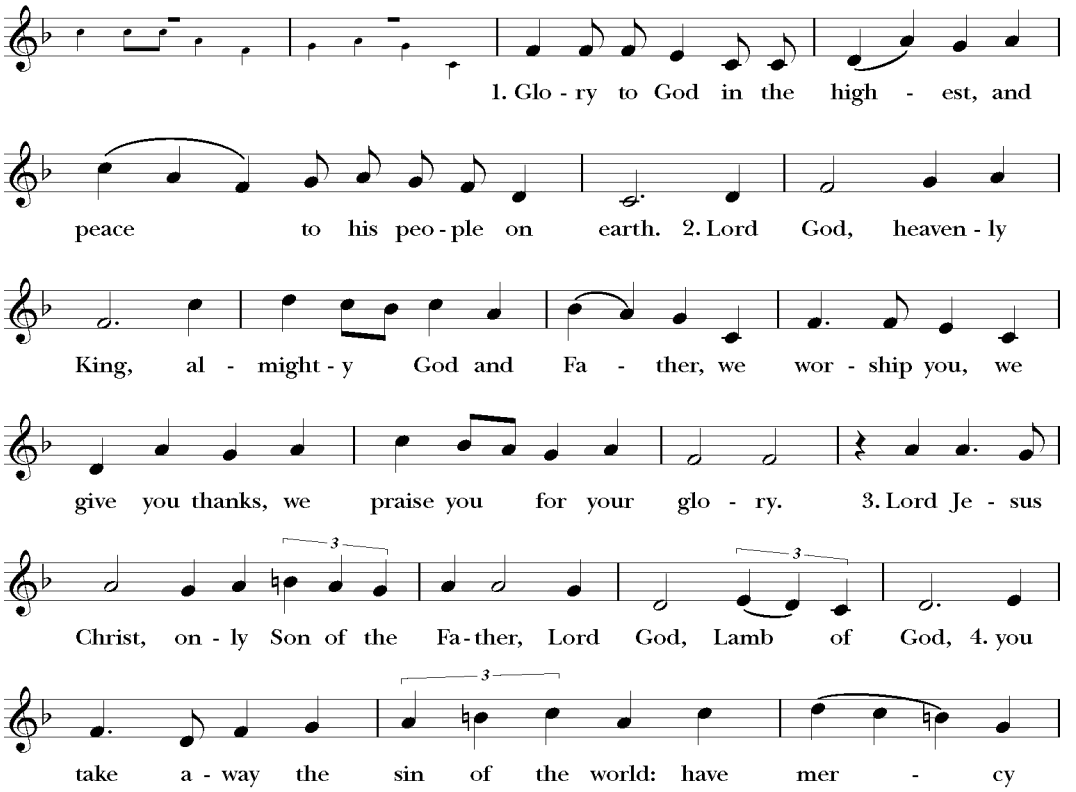
PRELUDE *Voluntary in F.W. Hine and Cornet Voluntary* S. Goodwin

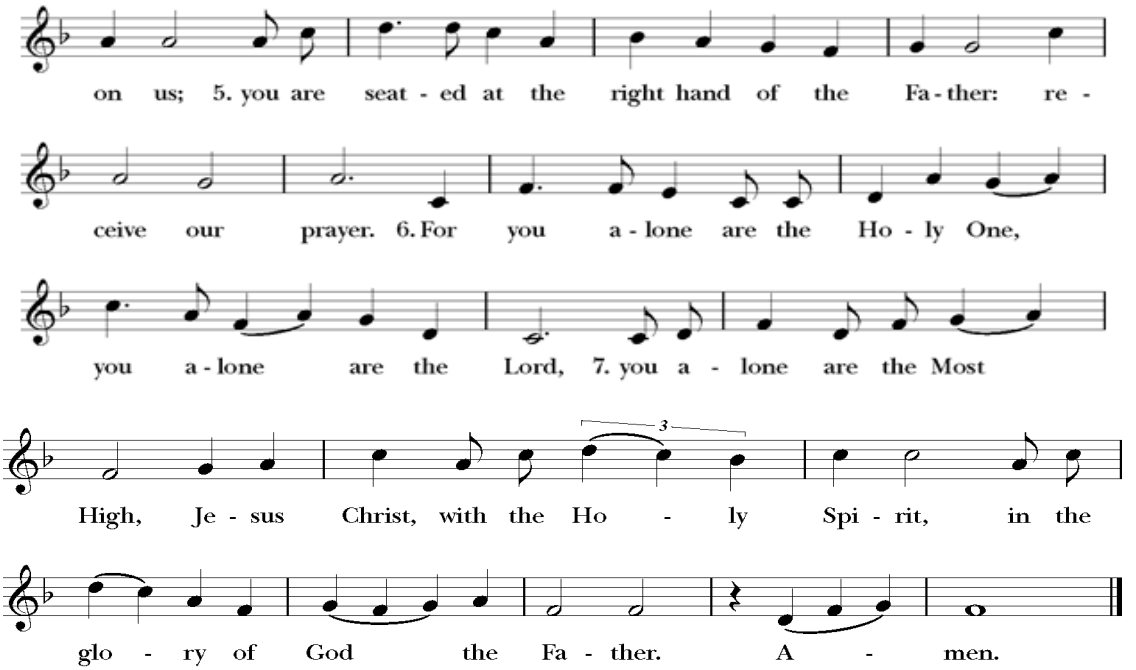
ENTRANCE HYMN "Hail the power of Jesus's Name" **The Blue *Hymnal 1982 #450***

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**

GLORIA *Robert Powell S280*





THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

First Lesson: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord. The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

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

PSALM Canticle 16

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
he has come to his people and set them free.
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
born of the house of his servant David.
Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us.
He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
and to remember his holy covenant.
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
Free to worship him without fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.
You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
To give 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.
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: Colossians 1:11-20

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, 14in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross

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

GRADUAL HYMN "Crown him with many crowns" **The Blue *Hymnal 1982 # 494***

THE GOSPEL: Luke 23:33-43

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

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!"

The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

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

SERMON The Rev. Canon Stephen J. Connor

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

BAPTISMAL COVENANT *BCP, pg. 304*

THE PRAYERS *BCP, pg. 305*

THE BAPTISM *BCP, pg. 307*

THE PEACE

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

The People and Ministers greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All who are able please stand and sing the following hymn

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "With the Voice of Singing" M. Shaw

Christ Church Choir

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia!
Utter it even unto the ends of the earth. The Lord hath delivered His people, Alleluia!
O be joyful in God, all ye lands
O sing praises to the honor of His name, make His praise to be glorious
With a voice of singing, declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia!

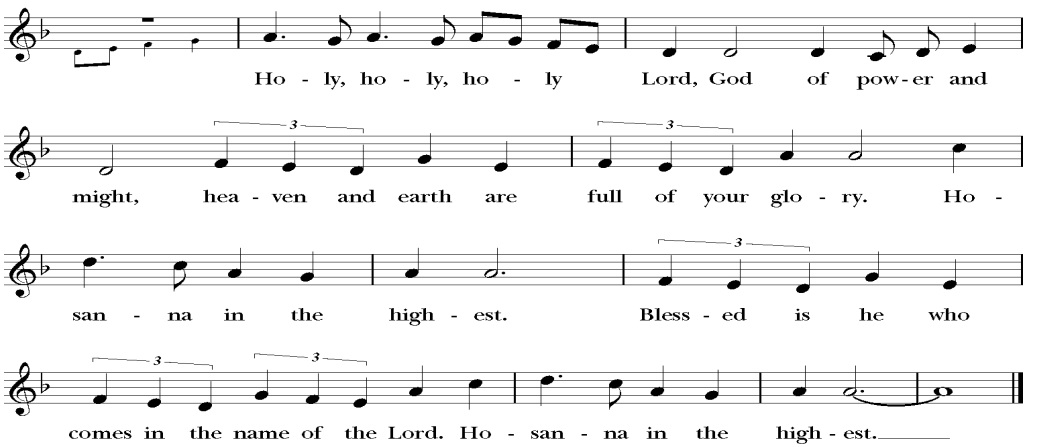
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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic Prayer A from BCP p.361*

The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth

SANCTUS *Robert Powell S129*



Presider Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

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

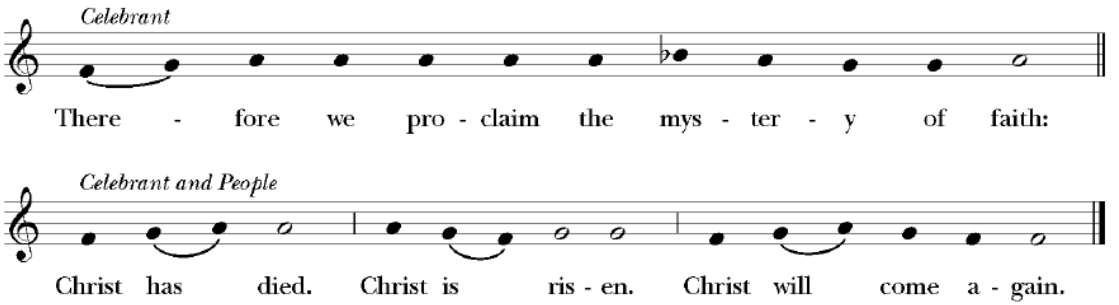
care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

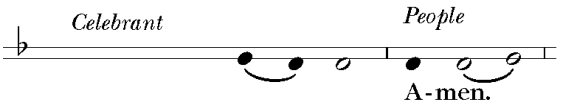
Ambrosian chant; adapt. Mason Martens S133



Presider Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us to the everlasting heritage of your children, that with Blessed Mary and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

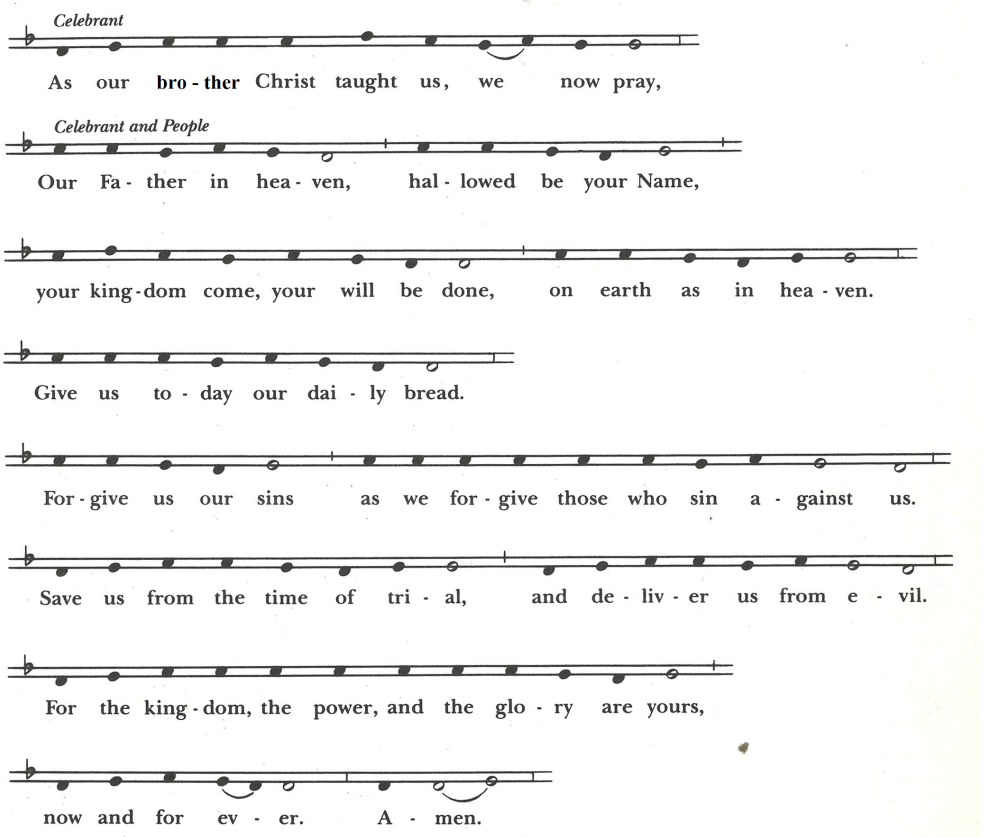
Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise forever and ever.

ALL



ALL *Ambrosian chant; adapt. Mason Martens S148*
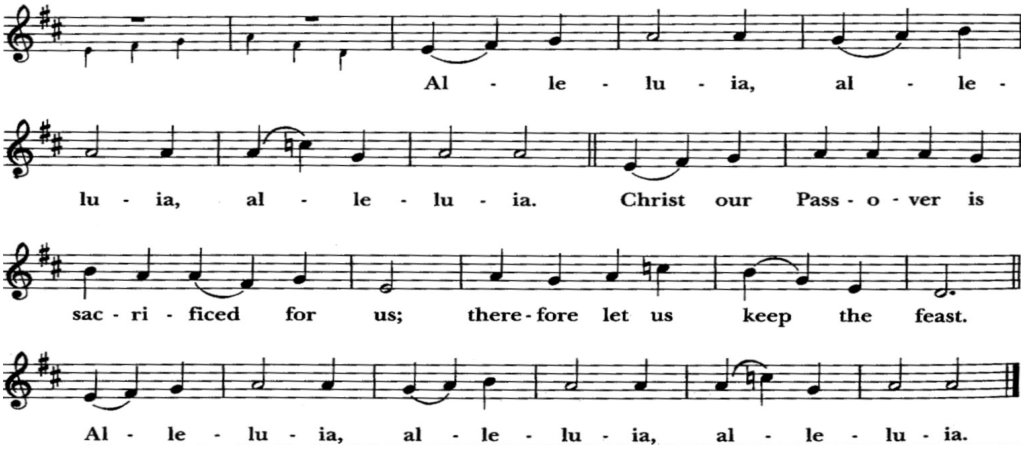
BREAKING THE BREAD



The Presider breaks the bread. Then All sing

Gerald R. Near S155

ALL



INVITATION

Presider The gifts of God for the People of God.

The congregation may kneel or sit following the Invitation.

All are most welcome to receive Communion. If you do not wish to receive communion this morning, you are cordially invited to come forward with your arms crossed to receive a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available; please speak to the member of the clergy who is serving the bread.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

Minister The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven.
Recipient **Amen.**
Minister The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.
Recipient **Amen.**

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER FOR THOSE JOINING US ONLINE:

Gracious God, our sustainer and source of all good things in the universe. As we gather in community this day, we are mindful of those who through circumstance or conscience are unable to partake of the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation at this time. You are the source of the food and water which nourishes and sustains us. As we are the product of all we have partaken, we know that we are infused with your life-giving food and drink and that are never separated from you. Though we are many, we are joined in Christ. We are one Body, one Cup in the name of the One God. Amen.

COMMUNION ANTHEM "Clare Benediction" J Rutter

Joyful Noise Choir

May the Lord show her mercy upon you;
may the light of her presence be your guide
May she guard you and uphold you;
May her spirit be ever by your side.
When you sleep, may her angels watch over you;
When you wake, may she fill you with her grace
May you love her and serve her all your days,
Then in heaven may you see her face.

All who are able please stand

AFTER COMMUNION

Presider Let us pray.

People **Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.**
And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen

FINAL HYMN "Now Thank We all our God" **The Blue *Hymnal* 1982, # 397**

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

The Presider blesses the people.

People **Amen.**

The Deacon dismisses the people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Nun Danket alle Gott* S. Karg-Elert

PARISH NOTES FOR NOVEMBER 23, 2025

SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER 23– 29, 2025

Parish Office Hours This Week:
Tuesday – 8:15am to 1:45pm
Friday – 9:00am to 12:30pm

Sunday	8:45a.m.	Joyful Noise Choir Meet-Up, Sanctuary
	9:00a.m.	Christ Church Choir Meet-Up, Sanctuary
	9:30 a.m.	**Holy Eucharist, Sanctuary**
	11:00a.m.	Breast Cancer Coffee Chat
Monday	4:00p.m.	Children's Pre- Choir Rehearsal, Games and Homework Time
	5:00p.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday	7:00p.m.	Tuesdayers, Zoom
	7:00p.m.	Community Thanksgiving Service, Anshe Emeth
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



Please join us during Coffee Hour for a special conversation focused on **Breast Cancer Awareness and Education**. This informal session is dedicated to increasing understanding, promoting early detection, and providing helpful resources for our community.

We invite everyone to stop by, ask questions, and learn more about how we can support one another in health and wellness.
Your participation can make a meaningful difference.



Special Second Collection for the Rector's Discretionary Fund

As we enter this season of gratitude, we are reminded of the many blessings God has placed in our lives. In the spirit of thankfulness and generosity, we will take up a special second collection this Sunday to support the **Rector's Discretionary Fund**.

This fund allows our Rector to offer immediate assistance to individuals and families in need. Providing help, hope, and compassion at moments when it is needed most. Your gift, no matter the size, becomes a tangible expression of Christ's love in our community.

As we give thanks for all we have received, let us also use what we have to lift up others. Thank you for your prayerful support and for sharing the blessings of this season.

Christ Church 2026 Pledge Certificates

Have you completed your online Pledge Certificate for 2026? The link is located in the weekly email. A paper copy can be found on the table in the back of the church.

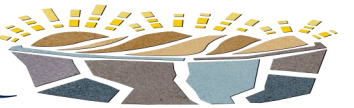
Thank you to those who have pledged $241,788 to date.

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Sarah Braun
David & Beverly Briggs
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Robert Chant & Nancy Walworth
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Jonathan & Elizabeth Clark
Sheila Cooper
Kelly-Jane Cotter & Stacy Bruden
Christopher & Isha Davies
Louise & Frank Davies
Joyce Duhr
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Shannon & Jim Pullaro
Cherene Puthethu
Barry Qualls
Peggy Smith
Sandra Smithson
Kevin & Jan Stansbury
Robert Stephenson
Towanda Stovall
Kenreic & Marva VanLoo
Jeremiah Weston & Monica Williams
Jean Zimmerman



The **Community Thanksgiving Service** is **November 25, 2025 @ 7:00 pm**. It will be hosted by Anshe Emeth, 222 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick, NJ 08901, https://www.aemt.net/. This year's theme "Breaking Bread Together".

FROM THE MANGER



Advent from the Manger

Christ Church invites you to experience Advent this year from the perspective of the manger. Hunger is a universal experience, drawing attention to our most basic and complex needs. We await Jesus, who nourishes us and our hungry world. At the back of the church please pick up these From the Manger resources: Advent Calendar, Advent for Families, and Advent Devotional for Adults.

Adult Advent Series

This Advent we invite you to reflect on the life-sustaining hope, peace, joy, and love that Jesus brings and to notice how the baby born in Bethlehem ("House of Bread") continues to feed a hungry world today. We shall use the *From the Manger Advent Devotional as the basis of our discussions. You may pick up a copy from the back of the church or read it online at https://tinyurl.com/4jy8497y. Join Deacon Daphne and Jonathan Clark for the following Monday sessions, 7:00-8:00 pm, via Zoom at this link: https://tinyurl.com/mwhb4yhw. You will be able to participate whether or not you have read ahead of time.*

Monday, 12/1 — Advent One: "Hope Grows"
Monday, 12/8 — Advent Two: "Peace Grows"
Monday, 12/15 — Advent Three: "Joy Grows"



Christ Church and the Canterbury House invite you to an Intergenerational Advent Retreat!

Carols, Cookies, Crafts and More!

Saturday, December 6 • 10:30 AM to 12: PM at **Christ Church**

Get ready for a joyful morning as we prepare our hearts (and sweet tooths!) for the Advent season!

Sing and listen to your favorite Christmas carols
Take part in a festive cookie swap (No worries if you can't bring any.)
Create beautiful holiday crafts
Help us decorate this year's **Angel Tree**

Bring your family, friends, and holiday cheer. Everyone is welcome! Let's celebrate the season together in song, sweetness, and service.

Sign up in the weekly email. Contact Jonathan Clark or Daphne Roberts for more information.

Topics on the Minds of the Vestry

1. The vestry received a report from the Search Committee Chair, Sheila Cooper. She has secured a committee that includes the following parishioners: Paul Ambos, Mark McMahon, Shannon Pullaro, Mervis Johnson & Joanna Greenwood. They will hold a special meeting after church on December 7th to help develop a new mission statement for the parish. After that, they will take a break for Christmas and start meeting to begin work on the parish profile in January.

2. Debra Lowe, Personnel Chair, shared the results of the exit interview she conducted with Rev. Joanna before her departure and the vestry discussed parish strengths and opportunities for supporting our next priest in their work with us.

3. Our Music Director, Suzanne McDonnell and parishioner and noted soprano Sonya Headlam are offering a special Christmas concert on Saturday, December 20th at 4:00 pm. Suzanne and Sonya are donating their services and the proceeds will be used to benefit the Christ Church Music Program. Tickets will be $35 each; please invite your friends and family to enjoy a beautiful concert celebrating Christmas!

Photo Directory Photoshoot

On **Sunday, December 7,** from **9:00am-12:30pm,** Donna Gioia Volpe Photography will be on site to take portraits for the Christ Church Photo Directory.

Please plan to get your photo taken on one of these two dates for inclusion in the directory. All names and contact information will be included even if a photo is not available.

This is a great opportunity to get a formal portrait for yourselves too! This is an added fundraising opportunity for the church.

The cost for the digital download, where pictures will be lightly edited, is $25.00. The photos will be sent to you via email for download and printing through your favorite service.

Wardens' Office Hours!

Have something to share with our wardens? Meegan Adames, Rector's Warden & Jonathan Gloster, People's Warden, will be holding office hours on the first Sunday of each month.

Next Meeting Sunday, December 7th in the Ross Room

RaiseRight
Formerly ShopWithScrip

It is time for the Christ Church December RaiseRight Order!

Paul Ambos, will be placing a new card order on the morning of **Monday, December 8** Please place your orders accordingly. If you plan to mail him an order with a check, mail it by **Wednesday, December 3.** Please advise him by email when you mail it of what your order is so he can place it on time. If you place your own order directly on the RaiseRight website **https://www.raiseright.com/shop** or app, he will be able to see it there when he orders the monthly batch.



Save the Date: Meet the Pros!

Join us in the Nicholas Room on **Saturday, December 13th at 11:30 AM** to meet our wonderful guest musicians. Grab a slice of pizza while you hear about their musical journeys—from performing at the Met to traveling the world, to launching their careers in the competitive world of professional music. Come be inspired! These talented musicians will be enhancing our choirs at the Lessons & Carols service (**Sunday, December 14th at 9:30 AM**) and the Christmas Eve pre-service concert (**7:00 PM**, service at 7:30 PM).



"Christmas Splendor: An Afternoon Concert with Sonya Headlam, Soprano, and Suzanne McDonald, Organ & Piano"

Christ Church New Brunswick presents a special Christmas concert

Saturday, December 20th at 4:00 PM

Christ Church New Brunswick is delighted to present an extraordinary Christmas concert featuring internationally acclaimed soprano **Sonya Headlam**, accompanied by **Suzanne McDonald** on piano and organ,
Favorite Christmas classics including O Holy Night

Get your tickets TODAY! Tickets are $35 and can be purchased in person, via Zelle, or an e-ticket

NOVEMBER 23, 2025
CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

taking faith home

Give thanks for the reign of Christ.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	**Luke 23:33-43**	**Christ the crucified king**
Monday	**Jeremiah 23:1-6**	**A message of hope**
Tuesday	**Colossians 1:11-20**	**The supremacy of Christ**
Wednesday	**Jeremiah 22:1-17**	**A call to repent**
Thursday	**Philippians 4:4-9**	**Pray with thanksgiving**
Friday	**Revelation 21:1-8**	**The new heaven and new earth**
Saturday	**Psalm 46**	**God is our mighty fortress**
Sunday	**Matthew 24:36-44**	**The sudden coming of salvation**

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. **Jeremiah 23:5 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:
Lord Jesus, help us to give thanks for your reign and to forgive as we have been forgiven. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:
Lord of lords, and King of kings, with a voice of thanks we gladly sing. Give us now our daily bread, gratefully received in heart and head. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:
May God bless you with compassion.

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HYMN OF THE WEEK

Jesus, Remember Me

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:

- Would you rather be a shepherd or a king? Explain.
- How would you describe the reign of Christ the King?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Jeremiah 22:3-17 and 23:1-6.

In the Old Testament, kings were referred to as shepherds because of their task to care for the sheep, the people. To understand how the kings (the shepherds) had failed God's task for them, it is helpful to read Jeremiah 22:3-17. The kings had not protected those most prone to abuse in society, that is, foreigners, widows, and orphans. The kings had gained extreme wealth by underpaying the poor and they had blood on their hands for not showing compassion for the needy and the poor. The reading from Jeremiah 23:1-6 announces God's rule on earth. On Christ the King Sunday, we are reminded that Jesus is the *"righteous Branch"* raised up by God to rule all the earth wisely and to *"execute justice and righteousness in the land"* (23:5). Jesus' reign is seen from the cross where injustice, pain, and death are overcome by God's eternal reign of justice, mercy, and life forevermore.

Discuss: What is the difference between an earthly king and Christ the King?

Pray: **Almighty God, you who expect care for widows and orphans, give us courage and faith to trust in your heavenly powers and serve others through Christ, our Lord and King. 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 support someone who is struggling?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Christ the King Sunday is the last Sunday in the church year. Advent, the next Sunday, is the beginning of the new church year. Think about or make a list of how you were involved in the congregation's ministries in the last year. What were some highlights? How did you grow in your faith? Who did you get to know better? Think or talk about how you might be involved in the coming church year.

Pray: **Dear God, we ask that you work in and through our faith community as together we continue to grow in our faith. Through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

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