Morning Prayer
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 17, 2025



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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.

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WE REJOICE that you have chosen to worship here this Pentecost season. If you would like to learn more about our Parish, please phone the Parish Office at 732.545.6262. Many of our upcoming events are listed on our web site, christchurchnewbrunswick.org; we hope that you decide to join us.

ABOUT THE LITURGY

Inclusive Language in Worship: Because language has the power to shape our thinking about God and one another, Christ Church makes every effort to bring the language of worship in line with biblical theology that affirms that the personhood of God embraces all that is truly female and male, and that men and women are equals. In our liturgy some historical texts that are widely known and loved are left unchanged.

INTERCESSIONS

AT EVERY CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST prayer is offered with intercession for the Universal Church, the nation, the welfare of the world, the concerns of this community, those who suffer and those in any trouble, and the departed. Please feel free to add your own petitions during the prayers, either silently or aloud. If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, you may also fill out the form in the Prayers of the People book in the back of the Church.

WEEKLY INTERCESSIONS

We remember in today's prayers:
The Sick and Others in Need— *Barb, Dennis, Doreen, Edith, Erica, Florence, Georgia, Hansford, Jean, Jeannine, Jefferson, Jim, Julia, Kristen, Lori, Pam, Pat, Robert, Rose, Stanford, Steve, Thalia, Theayer, Thelma, Timothy, Tisha, Vivian*
Anglican Cycle *– we pray for The Scottish Episcopal Church*
Diocesan Cycle *– Ministry of the Officers of the Diocese*
Christ Church Ministry *– Discipleship and Adult Formation Committee*
Birthdays this week *– Richard Costello, Joanne D'Onofrio, Kennedy Jones, Samuel Murphy, Robert Pritchett*

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If you are in crisis, having surgery, are in the hospital and are in need of pastoral counseling from a clergy person, please do not hesitate to contact the Rev. Daphne Roberts -732.991.6733.

If you would like to schedule home communion, please contact Rev. Roberts and she will arrange for either herself, or a Lay Eucharistic Visitor to bring communion to you. Please do not hesitate to contact either Rev. Roberts if you know of someone who is in need of care or counseling.

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MORNING PRAYER

PRELUDE Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring J.S. Bach

Please stand and sing at the Procession

ENTRANCE HYMN "Holy God, we praise Thy Name" **The Blue *Hymnal* 1982, # 366 vs 1-3**

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

CONFESSION

Officiant: Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will.

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

VENITE "O Come let us worship" **The Blue *Hymnal* 1982 # S35**
All Sing **J. Noble White**

PSALM 80:1-2, 8-18

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.

8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt; *
you cast out the nations and planted it.
9 You prepared the ground for it; *
it took root and filled the land.
10 The mountains were covered by its shadow *
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.
11 You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea *
and its branches to the River.
12 Why have you broken down its wall, *
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?
13 The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, *
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.
14 Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;
behold and tend this vine; *
preserve what your right hand has planted.
15 They burn it with fire like rubbish; *
at the rebuke of your countenance let them perish.
16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
17 And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
18 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

THE LESSONS

First Lesson: *Isaiah 5:1-7*

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briers and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

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

The Song of Zechariah **Luke 1: 68-79**

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

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,
To give God's people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.
In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

THE EPISTLE *Hebrews 11:29-12:2*

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

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GRADUAL HYMN "Judge eternal, throned in splendor"

The Blue *Hymnal* 1982, # 596

THE GOSPEL Luke 12:49-56

Officiant: A Reading from the Gospel According to Luke.
"I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law." He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

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

SERMON Rev. Daphne Roberts

THE APOSTLES' CREED BCP p. 96

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

the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

THE SUFFRAGES

V. Help us, O God our Savior;
R. Deliver us and forgive us our sins.
V. Look upon your congregation;
R. Give to your people the blessing of peace.
V. Declare your glory among the nations;
R. And your wonders among all peoples.
V. Do not let the oppressed be ashamed and turned away;
R. Never forget the lives of your poor.
V. Continue your loving kindness to those that know you;
R. And your favor of those who are true of heart.
V. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;
R. So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

The Collect of the Day

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

A Collect for Sunday

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

A Prayer for Mission

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

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 "My faith looks up to Thee" **The Blue *Hymnal* 1982, # 691**

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader **Let us pray to our God, saying "Hear our prayer," let us pray for our own needs and the needs of others.**

The Leader requests the prayers of the People of God for the world, the mission of the Church, and for those individuals who have asked for or need our prayers. If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, please fill out the form in the Prayers of the People book in the back of the Church.
After the last petition, the Presider adds a concluding Collect

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING BCP p. 101

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

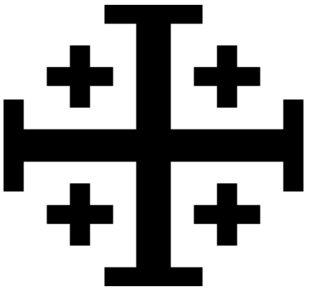
A Prayer of St. Chrysostom BCP p. 102

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

FINAL HYMN "I want to walk as a child of the light" **The Blue *Hymnal* 1982, # 490**

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 Aria and Variation G. Martini



Parish Notes

Parish Schedule for August 17– August 23, 2025

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

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

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

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



Join members of Christ Church TODAY after the 9:30am service for a "Packing Party"!

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

Tell Out My Soul

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

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

Meeting ID: 827 7089 0384
Passcode: 607005

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Wardens' Office Hours!

Have something to share with our wardens? Meegan Adames, Rector's Warden & Jonthan Gloster, People's Warden, will be holding office hours on the first Sunday of each month. September 7th - after the 9:30 service in the Ross Room.

Save the following dates, with time and location to follow:
October 5th
November 2nd
December 7th



✨ Sparkle for a Cause! ✨

Get ready for a **shimmering fundraiser** at **Christ Church**!

Coming **mid to late September** (date to be announced), join us **after service** for a special event featuring **beautiful silver jewelry**, perfect for treating yourself or finding a meaningful gift.

Mark your calendars and stay tuned—**you won't want to miss it!**



Prayer List Update

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

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

AUGUST 17, 2025
TENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

taking faith home

Our faith is strengthened by a cloud of witnesses.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	**Luke 12:49-56**	**Following Jesus causes division**
Monday	**Jeremiah 23:23-29**	**God's word is like fire**
Tuesday	**Hebrews 11:29—12:2**	**Faith in God**
Wednesday	**Joshua 2:1-24**	**Rahab's story**
Thursday	**Judges 16:23-31**	**The death and triumph of Samson**
Friday	**Luke 10:25-37**	**Good Samaritan**
Saturday	**Psalm 82**	**Justice for the weak**
Sunday	**Luke 13:10-17**	**Jesus heals on the Sabbath**

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.
Hebrews 12:1 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:
Redeeming God, you know our broken lives and suffering; give us faith in Christ so that we may endure the pain and rejoice in the comfort of your eternal care. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:
Dear God, it is your will that we be fed and cared for; thank you for this food as a gift of your steadfast love and faithfulness. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:
May God's eternal comfort give you joy.

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HYMN OF THE WEEK

Lord Jesus, You Shall
Be My Song

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:

- When have you or someone you know been unfairly treated?
- How does your faith help you to face conflict in daily life?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Hebrews 11:29–12:2.

The Daily Bible Readings for this week have a common thread: God's judgment will prevail. God's ways are not the ways of earthly powers that abuse the poor and weak and that bring pain and suffering to the righteous. The good news is that God's ways will conquer all evil and that we have *"a cloud of witnesses"* (12:1) to remind us of what is true and just, good and faithful. The cloud of witnesses may be parents, grandparents, or other mentors. It may be voices from the past like Rahab, Samson or a long list of biblical characters. More recent witnesses include Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Corrie Ten Boom, Martin Luther King, Jr., Oscar Romero, Desmond Tutu, and a host of others who witnessed to Christ's love and opposition to hatred. We need the voice of Jesus and all the witnesses of peace, mercy, and justice to stand up to the forces that promote suffering of any kind. In Jesus, we are called to endure suffering with confidence in God and know the joy that is ours for all eternity.

Discuss: Who do you consider as a faith role model and part of your cloud of witnesses?

Pray: **Almighty and merciful God, help us to endure the pain and suffering from all that opposes your reign and to rejoice in the promise of your eternal love through Christ our Lord. 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 witness of Jesus' love for someone who is hurting?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Hebrews 12:1 encourages us to *"lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely."* Find a small stone and hold it while you think or talk about things that keep us from living and acting the way Jesus wants us to (e.g. being rude or nasty to each other, lying about something we did or did not do, taking something that doesn't belong to us, and not helping others).

Pray: **Dear Jesus, please forgive us for those times when we don't follow you. Help us to fight against sin and to keep our eyes on you. Amen.**

Then throw the rock away to symbolize God's removal of our sins through Christ.

MILESTONES MINISTRY

In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: **www.milestonesministry.org**

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	August 17 Morning Prayer	August 24
Presider	Daphne Roberts	Rev. Sharon Sutton
Preacher	Daphne Roberts	Rev. Sharon Sutton
Deacon	Daphne Roberts	Daphne Roberts
Organist	Suzanne McDonald	Suzanne McDonald
	9:30 A.M.	**9:30 A.M.**
Lector & Intercessor	Jonathan Clark	Meegan Adames
LEM *LEM will read the Epistle*	Mel Garber	Jonathan Gloster
Acolyte / Server		
Vestry Announcements	Jonathan Clark	Meegan Adames
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Production Minister	Steve Caruso	Steve Caruso
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Coffee Hour		

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Historic Christ Church is a mutually supportive Christian community worshiping in the living Anglican tradition of beauty in liturgy and music. Christ Church bears witness to the love of Christ in prayer, service and fellowship.

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