NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 26, 2026



Jesus Christ preaching in front of crowd Jerusalem . Artist unknown

Christ Church

Woodbury, New Jersey

A Parish in the Diocese of New Jersey

8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

Welcome to Visitors and Guests

We are delighted to have you with us today. The ushers will be glad to assist in any way they can to make your visit more comfortable. Please do take a moment to introduce yourself to the clergy at the door following the service and sign the guest book in the church porch / vestibule.

Child care is available during the 10 am service. An usher will be happy to escort you there. **The Child Care Room is open.**

Sunday School (from age 3 through grade 12) begins after children and young people receive Holy Communion or a Blessing at the Altar Rail during the 10am service, then proceed to their classrooms.

Adult Forum is usually held during Coffee Hour in the Upper Parish Hall following the 10am service when Sunday School is in session, and ends at 12 noon when the children are dismissed from their classes. All are welcome to attend!

Adult Bible Study Adult Bible Study continues on Mondays at 8:00 pm via Zoom. We have a lot of great discussions and would love to have everyone who is able to join!

A Lift is available for those who require assistance in reaching the Upper and Lower Parish Halls . The ushers will be glad to help with its operation.

Safety Precaution: Because there is no adult supervision in the parish house, children under the age of 13 leaving the service for any reason need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Exiting and Entering—To avoid unnecessary distractions during the service, please try to exit and enter during a hymn if possible. (But we do understand that when urgent needs arise it may not be possible!)

Let Reverence and Quietness
Characterize your Entrance into God's House

THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Holy Eucharist: Rite I - 8:00 am
THE ENTRANCE RITE

The congregation stands when the bell is rung.

Opening Acclamation .....Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 323

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

The Collect for Purity .....BCP 323

Summary of the Law ..... BCP 324

Kyrie & Gloria in excelsis .....BCP 324

The Collect of the Day (Proper 12) ..... Bulletin p. 5

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

the people are seated

The First Lesson: 1 Kings 3:5-12..... Bulletin p. 6

the people remain seated

Gradual Psalm 119:129-136.....Bulletin p. 6

The Epistle: Romans 8:26-39..... Bulletin p. 6

The people standing

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 ..... Bulletin p. 7

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The Sermon ..... Fr. Civale

the people standing

The Nicene Creed ..... BCP 327

The Prayers of the People ..... BCP 328

the people kneeling

Confession of Sin ..... BCP 330

the people standing

The Peace ..... BCP 332

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence

the people are seated until the Offering is brought forward, the people standing

At the Presentation:

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.
People **And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer II ..... BCP 340

Sursum corda ..... BCP 340

Sanctus et Benedictus qui venit ..... BCP 341

Said by 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 congregation kneels for the canon of the Mass

The Great Amen ..... BCP 343

The Lord's Prayer ..... BCP 336

Fraction ..... BCP 337

Agnus Dei ..... BCP 337

Prayer of Humble Access ..... BCP 337

Invitation to Communion ..... BCP 338

Behold the Lamb of God; Behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.

Celebrant and People

Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.

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Post Communion Prayer ..... BCP 339

The Blessing ..... BCP 339

the people standing

Dismissal ..... BCP 340

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

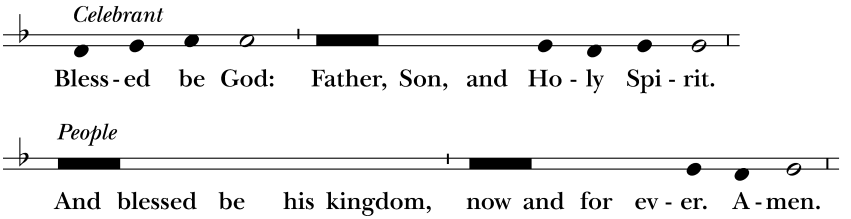
People ***Thanks be to God.***

THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Holy Eucharist: Rite I, 10:00 am
THE ENTRANCE RITE

Prelude " Prelude in G".....Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)
The Congregation stands when the bell is rung.

Processional Hymn 462 "The Lord will come and not be slow"..... *York*

Opening Acclamation .....S76 Hymnal



The Collect for Purity .....BCP 323

Summary of the Law.....BCP 324

Kyrie ..... (*see Summer Service Music Supplement*)

Gloria in excelsis .....(*see Summer Service Music Supplement*)

COLLECT OF THE DAY (Proper 12)

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

O God, the protector of all that trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us thy mercy, that, thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The people are seated

The First Lesson ..... 1 Kings 3:5-12

Lector A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I shall give you." And Solomon said, "Thou hast shown great and steadfast love to thy servant David my father, because he walked before thee in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward thee; and thou hast kept for him this great and steadfast love, and hast given him a son to sit on his throne

this day. And now, O LORD my God, thou hast made thy servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And thy servant is in the midst of thy people whom thou hast chosen, a great people, that cannot be numbered or counted for multitude. Give thy servant therefore an understanding mind to govern thy people, that I may discern between good and evil; for who is able to govern this thy great people?" It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. And God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you.

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

The people remain seated.

Gradual Psalm 119:129-136……*Mirabilia*

The Psalm is said responsively by verse.

THY testimonies are wonderful; *
therefore doth my soul keep them.

***When thy word goeth forth, ***
it giveth light and understanding unto the simple.

I opened my mouth, and drew in my breath; *
for my delight was in thy commandments.

***O look thou upon me, and be merciful unto me, ***
as thou usest to do unto those that love thy Name.

Order my steps in thy word; *
and so shall no wickedness have dominion over me.

***O deliver me from the wrongful dealings of men; ***
and so shall I keep thy commandments.

Show the light of thy countenance upon thy servant, *
and teach me thy statutes.

***Mine eyes gush out with water, ***
because men keep not thy law.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

The Epistle ..... Romans 8:26-39

Lector A reading from the Apostle Paul to the Romans.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words. And he who searches the hearts of men knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that in everything God works for good with those who love him, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the first-born among many brethren. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then shall we say to this? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, will he not also give us all things with him? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies; who is to condemn? Is it Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised from the dead, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us? Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For thy sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

The people standing

Alleluia and Verse .....*Mode VI*

Alleluia. Alleluia. My heart is ready, O God, my heart is ready: I will sing, yea, I will praise thee with the best member that I have. Alleluia.

Sequence Hymn 24 "The day thou gavest"……..……...*St. Clement*

The Holy Gospel ..... Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

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

Another parable Jesus put before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." He told them another parable. "The kingdom of heaven is like leaven which a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened." "The kingdom of heaven is like

treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net which was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind; when it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into vessels but threw away the bad. So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous, and throw them into the furnace of fire; there men will weep and gnash their teeth. "Have you understood all this?" They said to him, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People ***Praise be to thee, O Christ.***

The people are seated

The Sermon ..... Fr. Civale

The people standing

The Nicene Creed .....BCP 327

The Prayers of the People: ..... Form III

The leader and People pray responsively

Intercessor Father, we pray for thy holy Catholic Church;
People ***That we all may be one.***

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve thee;
That thy Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of thy Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do thy will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in our sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the ✠ departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise thee for the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed and all thy saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in thy heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

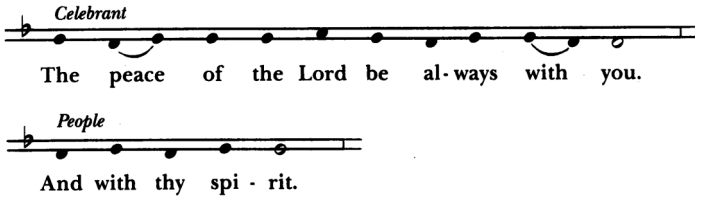
The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The people kneeling

The Confession of Sin ..... BCP 330

The Peace

All are invited briefly to greet one another with a sign of peace.



THE HOLY COMMUNION

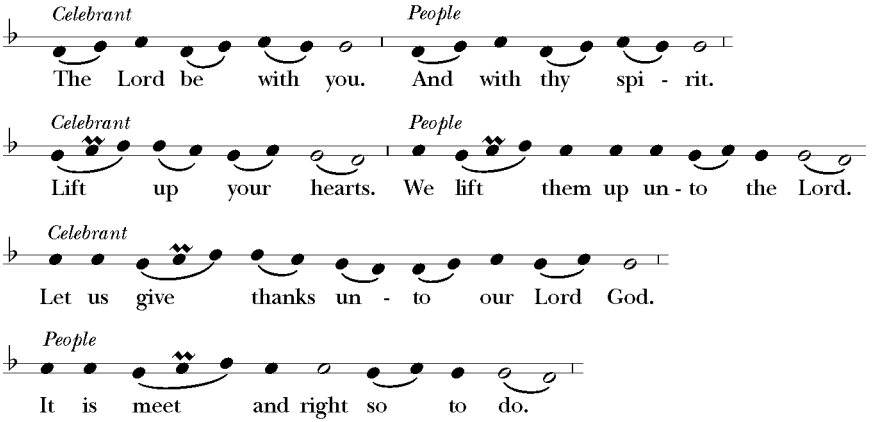
the people standing

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Hymn 615 "Thy Kingdom come!" ..... *St. Flavian*

Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer II ..... BCP 340

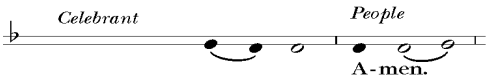
Sursum corda ..... S112 Hymnal



Sanctus et Benedictus qui venit ..... (*See Summer Service Music Supplement*)

the people kneel for the canon of the Mass

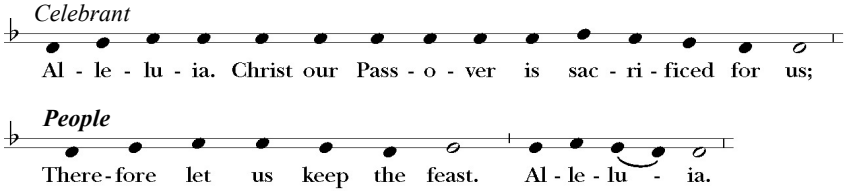
The Great Amen ..... S118 Hymnal



The Lord's Prayer ..... S119 Hymnal

The people kneeling.

Fraction



Agnus Dei .....(*See Summer Service Music Supplement*)

Prayer of Humble Access.....BCP 337

Invitation to Communion ..... BCP 338

Behold the Lamb of God; Behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.

Celebrant and People

Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.

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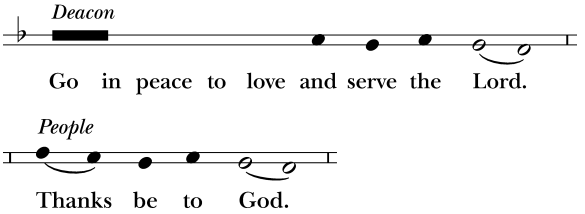
Communion Hymn 309 "O Food to pilgrims given" .....*O Welt, ich muss dich lassen*

the people kneeling

Post Communion Prayer ..... BCP 339

The Blessing.....BCP 339

Dismissal..... S174 Hymnal



The Processional Hymn 194 "Jesus lives ! Thy terror now" .....*St. Albinus*

Postlude: "Lobe den Herren" ……..Johann Walther (1684-1748)

Those Who Serve Today	**8:00 am** **Celebrant:** The Rev. Lawrence Civale **Server & Chalice:** Rob Johnson **Lector:** Bernie Lasoski **Ushers**: Mark Hendricks & Brian Erasmus	**10:00 am** **Celebrant:** The Rev. Lawrence Civale **Organist & Choir Director:** Patrick McMullen **Master of Ceremonies:** Steve Lewis **Crucifer:** Joey Lyden **1st Server**: Thomas Piskun **2nd Server**: Rebecca Piskun **Acolyte Master**: Robertta Shomo **Chalice Bearers:** Rob Johnson & Steve Lewis **Lector I & Intercessor:** Jennifer Lewis **Lector II**: Gwen Simpson **Ushers:** Nathan Wishnick & Steve Rash **Childcare**: Jennifer Allbright **Vestry Lock up:** Charles Lewis **Notewriter**: Marilyn McGeoch **Food Bank:** Kim Henning **Vestry Counters:** Team 4: Nathan Wishnick, Doreen Mills & Charles Lewis

Prayer List

Pray for those who are sick or in any other adversity.



Pray for those who are in immediate need, especially: Edward, Baby Mark, Baby Anderson, Khoury, Don, John, Luke, Baby Emily, Francine, Mary C., Luke, Averil, Phil, Jack, Terry, J.J., Maureen, Louise, Janet, Krista, Rich, Dottie, Hughie, Easton, Mike, Warren, David, Steve, Mike, Gloria.

Pray for those with enduring needs: Gwen, Joy, Stephen, Sandie, Shirley, Ella Beth, Becca, Barbara T, Joshua, Anne, Doreen, Barbara, Mary Sue, Joseph, Sammy Jo, Jillian, Amanda, Tara, Jackson, Jack, Ed, Jason, Samuel, Michael, Alex, Paul, Baby Rick, Tom, Mary, Bruce, Ivan, Andy, Kathi, Sean, Maya, Miguel, Carl, Linda, Douglas, Alfred, Sally, Ariella, David, Téo and Peter, Pat, Anne, Josephine, Ronald, Tony, Jordan, Mason, David, Sue, Barbara, Michael, Tyler and Laura, Marjorie, Jacob, Michele, Stephanie, Riley, Julia, Susan, June, Amy, Kathleen, Cora, Debbie, Norman, Tracey, Ginger, Candi, Becky, Carter, Rose, Adam, Dick, Daniel, Michael, Brad and Susan, Kathi, Lynn, Ralph, Peggy, Audrey, Sissy, Averil.

Pray for those that are serving in our armed forces: Omar, CJ, Jacob

Please advise the Parish Office of any names that no longer need to be on this list. Thank you

Upcoming Events

Monday *William Reed Huntington, Priest, 1909*	July 27	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	AA Endowment Meeting
Tuesday *Feria*	July 28	NOON 8:00 PM	AA Meeting AA Meeting
Wednesday *Mary & Martha of Bethany*	July 29	**10:00 AM**	**Mass & Sacrament of Healing**
Thursday *William Wilberforce, Abolitionist, 1833*	July 30	8:00 PM	AA Meeting (6:30 pm Mass is suspended for the summer months)
Friday *Ignatius of Loyola, Priest, 1556*	July 31	**5:30 PM**	**Evening Prayer**
Sunday *The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost*	August 2	**8:00 AM** **10:00 AM**	**Mass** **Sung Mass**

Designated Monthly Offerings

July……..……...Seminary Fund
August……....Altar Guild

Readings for the Tenth Sunday after Pentecost—August 2, 2026

Isaiah 55:1-5
Psalm 145: 8-9, 15-22
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:13-21

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Review Our Church!

Just 4 easy steps!

Start Here

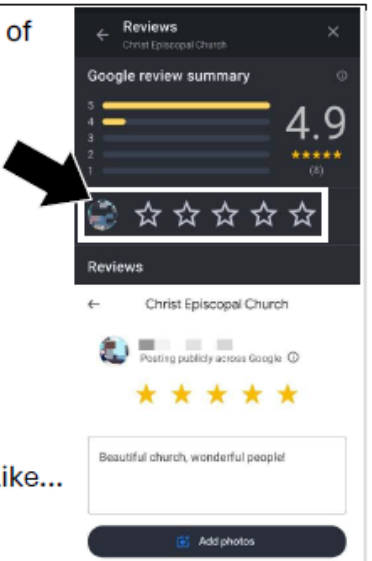
1 **Scan me!**

Most people today start their search for a new church online.

Let's help them find us!

The process is very easy, just start by using your phone to scan the QR code to the left.

2 Then give us a rating by pressing one of these stars.



3 Now write a comment here, if you'd like...

4 ...and press "Post" to post your review!

Christmas Attic Update

The sorting and boxing of the donations for our Christmas Attic has begun. The sorting dates and times are below. There is no need to sign up. Just meet us in the Lower Assembly Room

Wednesdays 11:00—12:30

July 29

August 5, & 12



Sundays after 10:00 am Mass

August 2 & 9 (If needed)

What's The Buzz About?

Episcopal Church Women

The ECW at Christ Church meets the third (3rd) Wednesday of every month at 7:00 pm All women who attend Christ Church are considered members of the ECW. Since 1871, the National Episcopal Church Women, ECW, have championed women's rights and the Christian foundation of God and family. They are a ministry of the Episcopal Church and celebrate that Episcopalians believe in a loving, liberating, and life-giving God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Next Event

ECW Summerween BBQ - August 12th 6:00 pm



Brotherhood of St. Andrew

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PRAYER STUDY SERVICE

The Brotherhood at Christ Church meets the third (3rd) Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm, they are on a break for the summer and meetings will resume in September. Join The Brotherhood of St. Andrew for prayer, study, and service. The Brotherhood of St. Andrew is an international ministry of men within the Anglican Communion with the commission of spreading Christ's kingdom among men and youth.

Next Event

3rd Annual Brotherhood Wine Tasting Event

August 13th - 6:00 pm





Parish Office Business Hours

Monday - Friday
9:00 am - 3:00 pm
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The Sacrament of Penance

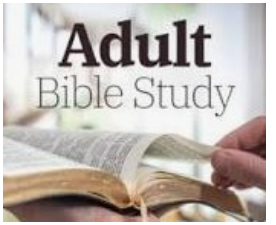
The Sacrament of Penance (Confession) and spiritual counsel are always available by appointment. Please don't hesitate to reach out to Fr. Civale.

Rector

Fr. Lawrence Civale
Email: frcivale@christchurchwoodbury.org
Cell Phone: (617) 947-3261, in case of a pastoral emergency.
Father Civale observes Tuesdays as his Sabbath.



Adult Bible Study



Our Adult Bible Study meets on Zoom every Monday at 8 PM. We have excellent discussions reflecting on the meaning of Scripture and hope you will join us! We will be using the *N. T. Wright for Everyone Bible Study Guide*. We would love to have you be a part of our discussions! The Zoom meeting can be accessed at this link: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86427635457

Please Note

Effective immediately, please use the following email addresses to get in contact with us:

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frcivale@christchurchwoodbury.org

Jackie Fahr
parishadministrator@christchurchwoodbury.org

The old email addresses will stop working on August 1, 2026. Please update your records. Thank you.

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Service Schedule

Sunday: 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM
Wednesday: 10:00 AM Healing Mass
Thursday: 6:30 PM Mass (Except Summer)
Friday: 5:30 PM Evening Prayer
Sacrament of Penance (Confession)
by appointment

Rector

The Rev. Lawrence Civale

Our Vestry

Wardens: Tori Wishnick & Steve Lewis

Treasurer: Mark Novalsky

Clerk: Nathan Wishnick

Class of 2027

Jim Bathurst
Charles Lewis

Class of 2028

Brandon Gorman
Robertta Shomo
Nathan Wishnick

Class of 2029

Doreen Mills
AnnaLisa Rodano

