



THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
 THE FEAST OF SAINT MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS
 THE SEASON OF CREATION
 HOLY EUCHARIST

September 29, 2024

We welcome you today, and always, just as you are. All directions for sitting, standing, and kneeling are “as you are able”. If you need assistance, please ask a neighbor or an usher.

Let us gather in silence to listen to God before the Eucharist and gather to build community after the service.

The Congregation shares in saying the words in bold.

PRELUDE

THE GATHERING

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Christ, the fair glory of the holy angels (*Caelitum Joseph*)

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All Stand.



1 Christ, the fair glo - ry of the ho - ly an - gels,
 2 Send thine arch - an - gel Mi - chael to our suc - cor;
 3 Send thine arch - an - gel Ga - bri - el, the might - y;
 4 Send from the hea - vens Ra - phael thine arch - an - gel,
 5 May the blest mo - ther of our God and Sa - vior,
 6 Fa - ther Al - might - y, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit,



1 ma - ker of all things, ru - ler of all
 2 peace - ma - ker bless - ed, may he ban - ish
 3 her - ald of hea - ven, may he, from us
 4 health - bring - er bless - ed, aid - ing ev - ery
 5 may the ce - les - tial com - pa - ny of
 6 God ev - er bless - ed, hear our thank - ful



1 na - tions, grant of thy mer - cy un - to us thy
 2 from us striv - ing and hat - red, so that for the
 3 mor - tals, drive ev - ery e - vil, watch - ing o'er the
 4 suf - ferer, that, in thy ser - vice, he may wise - ly
 5 an - gels, may the as - sem - bly of the saints in
 6 prais - es; thine is the glo - ry which from all cre -



1 ser - vants steps up to hea - ven.
 2 peace - ful all things may pros - per.
 3 tem - ples where thou art wor - shipped.
 4 guide us, heal - ing and bless - ing.
 5 hea - ven help us to praise thee.
 6 a - tion ev - er a - scend - eth.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

All Remain Standing.

Presider: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People: **Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.**

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

All Remain Standing.

Cleric: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
All: **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen**
Presider: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
People: **Amen.**

GLORIA

All Remain Standing.

8:00 AM is Spoken. **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

10:00 AM is Sung.

Glory to God to God in the highest (Canticle 20) (Powell)

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1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you

take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

All Remain Standing.

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray. Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted in a wonderful order the ministries of angels and mortals: Mercifully grant that, as your holy angels always serve and worship you in heaven, so by your appointment they may help and defend us here on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People: **Amen.**

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Genesis 28:10-17

All are Seated.

A Reading from the book of Genesis.

¹⁰Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. ¹¹He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. ¹²And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. ¹³And the LORD stood beside him and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; ¹⁴and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. ¹⁵Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." ¹⁶Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!" ¹⁷And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 138: The Fragrance of Christ

G 74

All Remain Seated.

Refrain:

O Lord, may our prayer rise like incense in your sight, may this
place be filled with the fragrance of Christ.

Verses:

1. I will thank you, Lord, with all of my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth.
In the presence of angels I will bless you, I will adore before your holy temple.
2. I will thank you, Lord, for your faithfulness and love, beyond all my hopes and dreams.
On the day that I called you answered; you gave life to the strength of my soul.
3. All who live on earth shall give you thanks when they hear the words of your voice.
An all shall sing of your ways: "How great is the glory of God!"

SECOND READING: Revelation 12:7-12

All Remain Seated.

A Reading from the Revelation of John.

⁷War broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, ⁸but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. ⁹The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

¹⁰Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming, “Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah, for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. ¹¹But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they did not cling to life even in the face of death. ¹²Rejoice then, you heavens and those who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, for the devil has come down to you with great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Celtic Alleluia (*O'Carroll/Walker*)

MHSO 20

All Stand.



GOSPEL: John 1:47-51

All Remain Standing.

Gospeler: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” ⁴⁸Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.” ⁴⁹Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” ⁵⁰Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.” ⁵¹And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

Gospeler: The Holy Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

All are Seated.

THE NICENE CREED

All Stand.

People & Presider:

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 Father. 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

All Remain Standing.

Cleric: In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy”.

The Lay Reader continues with the following Prayers, and the People respond saying “Lord, have mercy” after each prayer:

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming; we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our Presiding Bishop Michael, our own Bishop Daniel, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God; we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one; we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth; for those who do not yet believe and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel; we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, especially in Israel, Palestine, Gaza, Iraq, Iran, Sudan, Ukraine, and Haiti; we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, especially in this election season; we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, especially those affected by the wildfires in the West, the extreme heat in the Southwest, the storms across the Midwest, and the hurricanes in Florida and Vietnam; we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For this congregation, for those who are present, and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do; we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For our enemies and those who harm us, and for all who we have injured or offended; we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health; we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For all those who aid others that they be supported in their efforts, especially Shawn M., Jackie C., Richard W., Eric C., Chris W., Michael B., Marshal N., Nicole G., Deonne H., Tony G., Timothy N., Jerome S., Tommy K., William S., Bianca D., Julie S., Rob H., Tom H., Joan H., Michael D., Mitchell H., and Wayne M., we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, especially R.P., Vicki, T., Jane B., David L., Jeff L., Lisa S., Theresa T., Fran F., Mark S., Patty, Christine M., Lisa P., Katie C., Chris G., Bill G., Don G., Patti B., Alysha, Michele, Bill F., Janice K., Tracy, Jim, Susan A., Emily D., Becca D., Katharyn H., Ben G., Mary Lou W., Jimmy Carter, and Vincent N.; we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief but life eternal, as we especially remember Christine Graham, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.
To you, O Lord our God.

Silence is kept for a moment.

The Presider reads the concluding collect.

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

THE PEACE

All Remain Standing.

Presider: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The Ministers and People may greet one another with the sign of peace.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All are Seated.

[See the Announcements Section at the End of the Bulletin for all the events happening around our Parish Church.](#)

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

All Remain Seated.

The Presider selects an Offertory Sentence.

8:00AM The Offering Plate is stationary, positioned in the back by the baptismal font. Please leave your sacred gift there.

10:00AM Offering Plates will be passed through the congregation. Please make your sacred gift when it comes to you.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Let all mortal flesh keep silence (*Picardy*)

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All Stand.

1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and
 2 King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, as of old on
 3 Rank on rank the host of hea - ven spreads its van - guard
 4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph; cher - u - bim with

trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly -
 earth he stood, Lord of lords in hu - man
 on the way, as the Light of Light de -
 sleep - less eye veil their fac - es to the

mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand
 ves - ture, in the Bo - dy and the Blood
 scend - eth from the realms of end - less day,
 Pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry,

Christ our God to earth de - scend - eth,
 he will give to all the faith - ful
 that the powers of hell may va - nish
 "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

our full hom - age to de - mand.
 his own self for heaven - ly food.
 as the dark - ness clears a - way.
 Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

THE TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

SURSUM CORDA

All Stand.

Presider: 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.**

PROPER PREFACE

All Remain Standing. The Congregation says the bold parts aloud.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise. **Glory to you for ever and ever.** At your command, all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home. **By your will they were created and have their being.** From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another. **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.** Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace. **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.** And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

All Remain Standing.

8:00AM is Spoken. **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

10:00AM is Sung.

Holy, holy, holy (*Proulx*)

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

All Stand or Kneel.

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord. On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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." After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Remembering now his work of redemption and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

All Remain Standing or Kneeling.

People & Presider: **We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

EPICLESIS

All Remain Standing or Kneeling. The Congregation says the bold parts aloud.

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; of Sarah, Rebekah, and Rachel, God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name. **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.** Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

THE GREAT AMEN

All Remain Standing or Kneeling.

People & Presider: **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All Remain Standing or Kneeling.

Presider: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

People & Presider: **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, forever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM

All Remain Standing or Kneeling.

8:00AM is Spoken. Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

10:00AM is Sung.

Jesus, Lamb of God (*Schubert/Proulx*)

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Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All Sit or Kneel.

Presider: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All Remain Sitting or Kneeling.

Communion is distributed by kneeling or standing at the altar rail. You can receive the Body of Christ in the form of bread and the Blood of Christ in the form of wine from the common chalice. Please do not intinct (dip) the host. If you are unable to walk or kneel, you may stand or remain in your pew, and Communion will be brought to you. Gluten-free wafers are available. If you would like to receive a blessing instead, cross your arms over your chest, as you are able. If the steps are difficult, please alert an usher for assistance.

All Remain Sitting or Kneeling.

Bless the Lord my soul and bless God's ho - ly name.

Bless the Lord my soul, Who leads me in - to life.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*All Remain Sitting or Kneeling.**Presider:* Let us pray.

People & Presider: Almighty and ever-living 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.

THE SENDING

BLESSING

All Remain Standing or Kneeling.

Presider: The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

People: Amen.

All Stand.


1 Ye ho - ly an - gels bright, who wait at God's right hand, or
 2 Ye bless - ed souls at rest, who ran this earth - ly race and
 3 Ye saints, who toil be - low, a - dore your heaven - ly King, and
 4 My soul, bear thou thy part, tri - umph in God a - bove: and

through the realms of light fly at your Lord's com - mand, as - sist our
 now, from sin re - leased, be - hold the Sa - vior's face, God's prais - es
 on - ward as ye go some joy - ful an - them sing; take what he
 with a well - tuned heart sing thou the songs of love! Let all thy

song, for else the theme too high doth seem for mor - tal tongue.
 sound, as in his sight with sweet de - light ye do a - bound.
 gives and praise him still, through good or ill, who ev - er lives!
 days till life shall end, what - e'er he send, be filled with praise.

DISMISSAL

*All Remain Standing.**Cleric:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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CCRP EVENTS & INFORMATION

Whoever you are, for whatever draws you to join us today, we are glad that you are here. If you would like to learn more about the ministries of the Episcopal Church in this region and Christ Church Ridley Park (CCRP), please go to our website and click “Join” under the Connect Tab: ChristChurchRidleyPark.org.

PRAYER

Adult Forum: This Fall the Adult Forum will be looking at the values of Jesus this fall using the book Jesus for President: Politics for Ordinary Radicals by a local author Shane Claiborne, who ministers and lives in Kensington, Philadelphia and author Chris Haw. This will be time to go deeper into Scripture and prayer to realize what Jesus actually said and how we can live it today. Election years can be exhausting mentally, physically, and spiritually. The constant barrage of ads and the endless news cycle can be wearing and cause you to lose hope. As a follower of Jesus, we need to ground ourselves in his teaching and not get swayed by emotions and hype. You can come and go each week according to your schedule.

Daily Office: Through Facebook or the Parish website you can join Fr. Michael on Mondays through Saturdays for Morning Prayer at 8:30AM and Evening Prayer at 7:00PM. These services last about 10 to 15 minutes and include a Psalm, a Scripture Reading, and Intercessions for those in need. You do not even have to leave the comfort of your home. Join live or replay videos at your convenience.

Midweek Eucharist: Fr. Michael will preside over the Eucharist every Wednesday evening at 7:00PM. Not a morning person? Work on the weekends? Looking for a midweek faith practice? Then we will see you in the pews on Wednesdays.

Homebound Visits: Our Team of Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEMs) are ready to bring communion to homebound parishioners. If you would like a visit and want to receive communion in your home, notify the Church Office so that it can be arranged for you.

Children’s Sunday School: This is creative and fun Christian Education using the Godly Play method for children Pre-K to 5th Grade which meets in the Whaley Room with Leader Sharon Cotter on Sundays at 10:00AM. It uses a play-filled method of invitation into Bible Stories and the Christian Tradition. We love to make art, share stories, and build relationships together while learning about our faith.

Feast of St. Michael and All Angels TODAY: In the English tradition the fall school term was called Michaelmas since it started around the Feast of St. Michael. Christ Church will be going back our English roots and celebrating Michaelmas on Sunday, September 29th, 2024. St. Michael is the patron of Police and Firefighters. If you know anyone who works as a police officer or firefighter, please invite them so that we can thank them for their service to the community.

Pet Blessing: On Saturday, October 12th, 2024 there will be a short and sweet 10-minute Pet Blessing Service outside starting at 12:00PM. Fr. Michael will be there until 12:30PM for any non-social pets. Any and all pet companion friends are welcome. We will also pray with photos of animals who would be happier at home!

Guest Preacher: On Sunday, October 13th, 2024 we will be welcoming The Rev. Kristen Ostendorf as a guest preacher and to discuss The Clare Project on Poverty and Addiction. St. Clare was the companion of St. Francis and was equally committed to the poor and forgotten. The Clare Project is a Franciscan ministry of the Diocese of Pennsylvania which helps those experiencing poverty and addiction on the streets of Philadelphia. The Reverend Kristen Ostendorff will be preaching at each Eucharist and leading Adult Forum.

Lay Ministers: A Calendar for Lay Ministers will be published Quarterly starting with the October 2024 through December 2024 timeframe. It will be available in the coming weeks. Lay Ministries are open to anyone who would be interested in being trained, there are no prerequisites! Lay Ministries include being a Lector, Acolyte, Eucharistic Minister, and Eucharistic Visitor. If you are not an active participant but would like to learn and be included in the upcoming schedule, please email Office@ChristChurchRidleyPark.org.

Creation Season: The necessity of being stewards of God's creation has become increasingly important. Catholics, Orthodox, Protestants, and Anglicans have a season which lifts up the importance of this responsibility. Creation Season begins on September 1st, the start of the new Church year in the Orthodox Church which coincides with the Jewish feast of the creation of the world, Rosh Hashanah, and it concludes on the feast of the patron saint of the environment, St. Francis of Assisi. In the Fall, we will be using Eucharistic Prayer C, which speaks of the earth as our “fragile island home”. How can we as a faith community be better stewards of God's creation?

Wine Offering: Part of the Eucharist is offering back to God part of the many blessings given to us in thanksgiving. In modern times, it is offering our financial gift to support the Church. In the early Church, it involved the tangible needs of the church: bread, wine, candles, oil, or food. One small way to more fully participate in the Eucharist is to offer the wine used in the Eucharist. In The Episcopal Church, wine can be any grape wine, either red or white. Feel free to attach your prayers or thanksgivings to the bottle for the priest to remember those prayers during the Eucharist. You can drop the wine off at the sacristy. Thanks in advance for your participation.

SERVICE

Ridley Park Food Pantry: The Ridley Food Pantry at the Ridley Park United Methodist Church **is in great need** of three items: toilet paper, tomato sauce, and jelly. They are helping 50-70 families every other Tuesday and now is a chance to assist them in their efforts. Donations can be dropped off on Tuesday from 8:30AM to 1:00PM at the pantry or call 484-442-0097 to make alternative arrangements. They are also always looking for volunteers. The Food Pantry is open every other Tuesday from 11:00AM to 1:00PM and one Wednesday a month from 5:00PM to 6:00PM. More information can be found on their website, ridleyparkumc.org/food-pantry/.

Cradles to Crayons: The Fall Collection of donations for Cradles to Crayons (C2C) will take place throughout the month of September. C2C fights clothing insecurity and provides basic essentials to the Greater Philadelphia Area. Our donations will help fill the gaps and get kids ready and dressed for the school year. Donation items can be dropped off at church in the large bin currently located in the former childcare closet. Although any clothing is accepted at any time, for this drive, please focus on new and gently used fall clothing, as well as diapers and wipes, which are always in demand. Outreach thanks you in advance for your anticipated donations. Items needed include:

- Books & School/Art Supplies (Folders, Scissors, Pencil sharpeners, Crayons, Coloring Books)
- New Underwear of all sizes and genders
- New Socks of all sizes and genders
- Short-Sleeve Shirts of all sizes and genders
- Pants for boys sizes 2T & 4T
- Pants for adults sizes small & medium
- Sneakers new or gently worn of all sizes and genders

Property Committee: Christ Church has a beautiful property of the church, hall, and rectory. It takes a lot of work to keep it clean and welcoming. Many of our projects are small fixes here and there and require little skill. We also need keen eyes to keep a look out for when things need repaired or painted. Interested in helping and sharing your skills? Send us an e-mail, and we promise no committee meetings!

Giving Blood Save Lives: On Wednesday, October 16th, 2024 we are proudly partnering with the American Red Cross to host a Blood Drive. Each donation can help save up to three lives, so by meeting our goal, we can touch so many lives in our community and around the country. To commit to donating blood sign-up for a time between 1:00PM and 6:00PM to donate at Christ Church. Please contact Kathy Okarski by phone at 610-368-2176 or via e-mail at KathleenOkarski@Yahoo.com to register. You can also make an appointment online on our website using the QR code below, or by visiting RedCrossBlood.org and searching “Ridley Park”. If you have any questions or concerns about giving blood, do not hesitate to get in touch.

Pumpkins are Coming! Mark your calendars for the Pumpkin Delivery on Sunday, October 6th, 2024. All hands are welcome in the great team effort of unloading and building a pumpkin patch on the church lawn. Neighbors, Local Sports Teams, Scouts, and Friends are invited. Many hands make light work, and we will provide lunch!

COMMUNITY

Holy Land Market: On Sunday, October 6th, 2024 Issah Odeh, a Palestinian Christian living in Bucks County, will be visiting Christ Church. His family runs a small business selling olivewood crafts from the Holy Land to help Christians living in the land of Jesus. The market normally includes crosses, nativity scenes, statues, Christmas ornaments, and olive oil soap. He will also share during adult forum the state of Christians living in Palestine today. While many might not be able to travel to the Holy Land, in a small way we are connecting our fellow Christians living under very difficult circumstances.

Church Directory Update: We are in need of your **current** information! Now through Sunday, October 6th, 2024 please e-mail Nick at Office@ChristChurchRidleyPark.org with the following information to update the office directory. Thorough records with up-to-date information and photos are a valuable resource for connection and care. Your information will be properly managed and confidential. **Please provide your Current Home Address, Phone Numbers (indicating Home, Cell, or Work), and E-mail Address (indicating Home or Work). Please also include your Birthday and Anniversary so that it will be correctly recognized in the Parish Newsletter. Recent photos are also welcome!**

Kara Barnard Fund for Youth Literacy Fundraiser: On Saturday, October 19th, 2024 there will be a “Name That Tune” Fundraiser at the Knights of Columbus in Woodlyn. This fund has been actively supporting Youth Literacy in the Ridley School District since 2016, redistributing over 50,000 books to schools, daycares, and youth serving organizations, as well as numerous “Reading is Fun” events to Ridley Elementary School Students. Christ Church has played an integral supporting this effort since we started! More recently we have received support from the Dolly Parton Imagination Library and the Justamere Foundation to enable children of Eddystone Borough from 0 to 4 years of age a FREE book a month through the mail. We look forward to growing the Dolly Parton Library program so it can be offered to the entire Ridley School District and beyond, this fundraiser is a step toward that goal. You can register for the event through the Christ Church website.

Making Appointments at the Office: As you know the Church Office can be a revolving door of deliveries, projects, visitors, and more! In order to manage our workload and be present to the needs of the parish, we are requesting the making of appointments for visits that are not just brief pass-through hellos. If you would like to talk with Father Michael (Priest@ChristChurchRidleyPark.org) or have a task or query for Nick (Office@ChristChurchRidleyPark.org) in the office, we invite you to call 610-521-1626 and make an appointment. Letting us know ahead will allow time for preparations and provide us with less interruptions so that we can be more present for the appointment time. We want to be able to focus on your needs with undivided attention.

Community Connections: How can Christ Church better connect to the community? Well, the easiest way is to look at your own connections. Christ Church has a great space and a great community of people. How do we connect better with the connections you already have in your life? Do you know a musician who would like to perform at the church? Do you know an organization doing good work in the community we could partner with? It could be Scouts, the VFW, a Fitness Instructor, a Hobby Enthusiast Class, or an Artist who would like to show their art. Coming out of the COVID years we would like to make a hearty effort to reconnect with our community and neighbors. Share Christ Church with those connections and let us see where it might go.

Sponsor Altar Flowers: Beautify the sanctuary with Altar Flowers shared “in memory” or “in honor” of someone special. To sponsor flowers online through our website, look for the “GIVE” button (upper righthand corner) to navigate. You may also contact the office (call, text, e-mail, or drop a note) with flower information and the payment. The names of the donors and the tribute will be placed in the Parish Bulletin for that week.

Go Deeper Online! Scan the QR code pictured here on the right with your smartphone camera to connect with Christ Church Ridley Park online platforms or visit linktr.ee/ccrp1 in your web browser. Watch livestreams, visit our website, sign up for lay ministries, give online, follow our social media, and so much more!



Feast Days of the Week:

Sunday, September 29th, 2024: Saint Michael and All Angels

Monday, September 30th, 2024: Jerome, Priest, and Scholar

Tuesday, October 1st, 2024: Thérèse of Lisieux, Monastic

Wednesday, October 2nd, 2024: Remigius of Rheims, Bishop

Thursday, October 3rd, 2024: John Raleigh Mott, Ecumenist and Missionary

Friday, October 4th, 2024: Francis of Assisi, Friar

Christ Church Ridley Park (CCRP) Leadership

The Reverend Michael Ruk, Interim Priest-in-Charge

Mackenzie Alexander, Communications Director

Nicholas D’Amato, Parish Church Administrator

Guest Organist: Paul Marchesano

Vestry Members: Sharon Cotter, Nicole Bowden, Eileen Capozzoli, Earl Dempsey, Bruce Horne, Nancy Mobley, Kathleen Okarski, Patrick O’Neill, Carol Parasink, Barbara Torrens, & Judy Yorke

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