



THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST HOLY EUCHARIST

October 13, 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

When morning gilds the skies (*Laudes Domini*)

H 427

All Stand.

1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart, a - wak - ing, cries,
 2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, this is my song of songs:
 3 No love - lier an - ti - phon in all high heaven is known
 4 Ye na - tions of man - kind, in this your con - cord find:
 5 Sing, suns and stars of space, sing, ye that see his face,

1 may Je - sus Christ be praised! When eve - ning sha - dows fall,
 2 may Je - sus Christ be praised! God's ho - ly house of prayer
 3 than, Je - sus Christ be praised! There to the e - ter - nal Word
 4 may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round
 5 sing, Je - sus Christ be praised! God's whole cre - a - tion o'er,

1 this rings my cur - few call, may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 2 hath none that can com - pare with: Je - sus Christ be praised!
 3 the e - ter - nal psalm is heard: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 4 ring joy - ous with the sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 5 both now and ev - er - more shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

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 our Lord 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. Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: **Amen.**

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Genesis 2:18-24

All are Seated.

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Amos.

⁶Seek the LORD and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. ⁷Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground!

¹⁰They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. ¹¹Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. ¹²For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins—you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. ¹³Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time.

¹⁴Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. ¹⁵Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

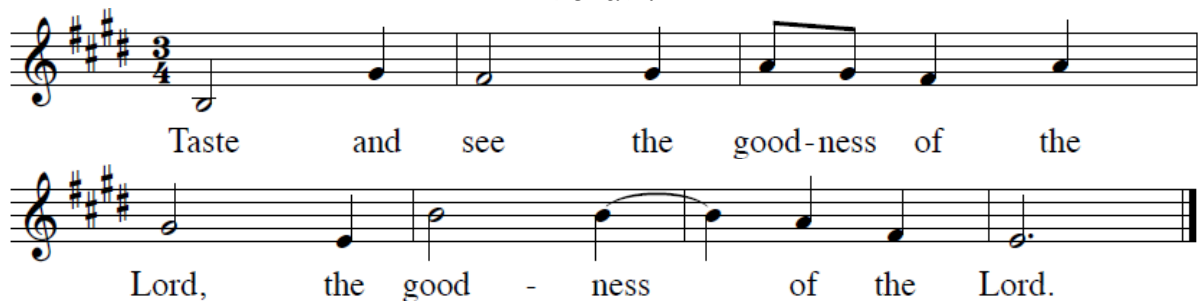
Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 34: Taste and See

All Remain Seated.

Refrain:



Taste and see the good-ness of the
Lord, the good - ness of the Lord.

Verses:

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, God's praise ever in my mouth.
Glory in the Lord for ever, and the lowly will hear and be glad.
2. Glory in the Lord with me, let us together extol God's name.
I sought the Lord, who answered me and delivered me from all my fears.
3. Look to God that you might be radiant with joy, and your faces free from all shame.
The Lord hears the suffering souls, and saves them from all distress.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 4:12-16

All Remain Seated.

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Hebrews.

¹²Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. ¹⁴Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

GOPSEL ACCLAMATION

Celtic Alleluia (*O'Carroll/Walker*)

MHSO 20

All Stand.



GOSPEL: Mark 10:2-16

All Remain Standing.

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

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

¹⁷As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ¹⁸Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” ²⁰He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

²⁸Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” ²⁹Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

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, Lebanon, 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 flooding in Thailand; the wildfires in the West; and the hurricanes, tornadoes, mudslides, and flooding across the Southern United States, the Caribbean, and Mexico; 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., Doug 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., Bill G., Don G., Patti B., Alysha, Michele, Bill F., Janice K., Tracy, Jim, Susan A., Emily D., Becca D., Katharyn H., Ben G., Frank D., Ollie R., 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, 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 in 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

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart (*Slane*)

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All Stand.

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,
all else be nought to me, save that thou art—
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!
thou my best thought, — by day or by night,
thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;
Heart of my heart, — what - ev - er be - fall,
wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.
still be my vis - ion, O Ru - ler of all.

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

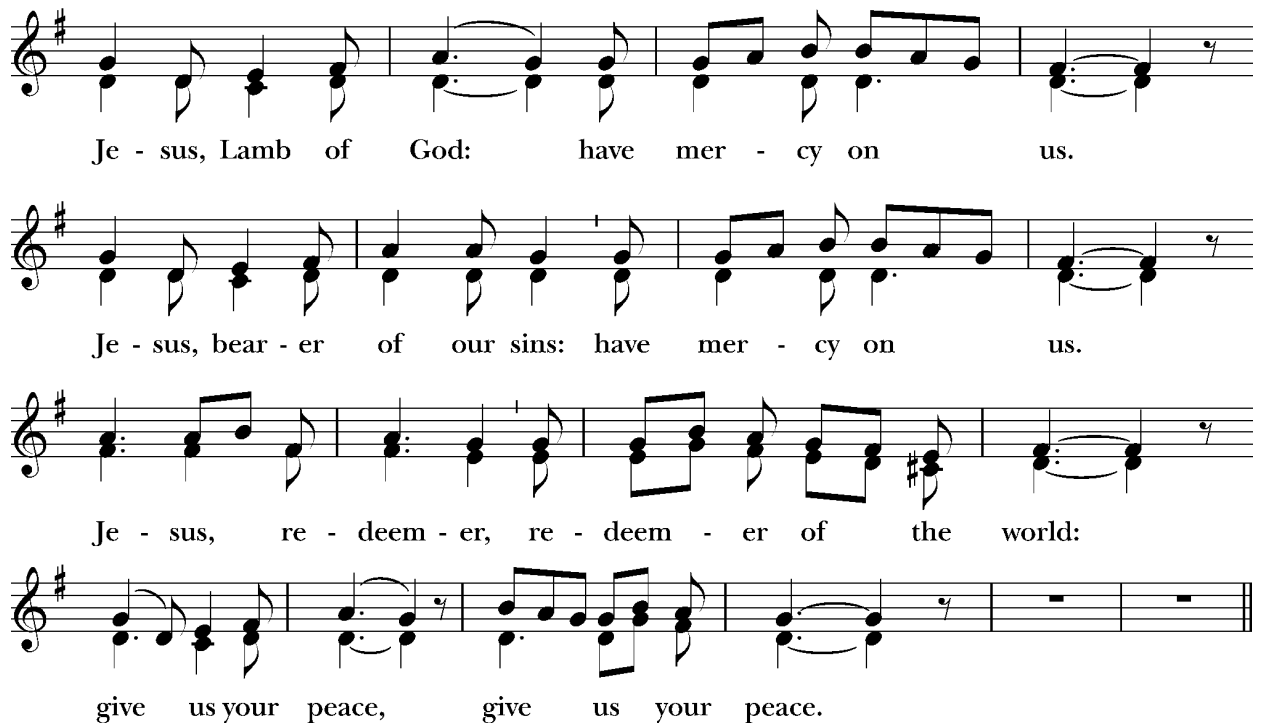
All Remain Standing or Kneeling.

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.

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,
 Live in char - i - ty and stead - fast love,

u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.
 live in char - i - ty; God will dwell with you.

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 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
 2 un - der the sha - dow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve - ning gone;
 5 Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, bears all our years a - way;

1 our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 2 suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 3 from ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.
 4 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.
 5 they fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the o - pening day.

6 O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
 be thou our guide while life shall last,
 and our eternal home.

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

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From The Hymnal, 1982.

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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.

Lay Ministers: A Calendar for Lay Ministers has been published starting with 4th Quarter 2024. 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 would like to learn and be included in the upcoming schedule, please email Office@ChristChurchRidleyPark.org.

Guest Preacher: Today we welcome 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.

Guest Speaker: The situation of those imprisoned are often forgotten since they are out of our sight. During Adult Forum on Sunday, October 20th, 2024 we will have an interesting discussion with guest Deacon Joe German on the county prison system and what role faith communities play in helping them and their families.

The Feast of St. Luke the Physician: St. Luke was known to be a physician, so in honor of this Feast Day, on Sunday, October 20th, 2024 we will offer special prayers for those in the medical profession. We will also offer the Sacrament of Healing to all during both Eucharistic Services.

Book of the Dead: For All Saints Day and All Souls Day there will be a “Book of the Dead” in which parishioners are welcome to add the names of their deceased loved ones. It will be in the back of the Church starting next week for Parishioners to enter names, and then it will be placed on the Altar during November.

Memorial of the Dead /All Saints of God Memorial: The Memorial will return to be displayed in the Church throughout the month of November. To help us prepare we ask you to please bring in a photo (framed, if possible) of a departed loved one. Photos for the display will be collected throughout October. Along with the photo, include their name, birth date, and date of death. Additionally, please also include your contact information so we can get the photo back to you when the display is taken down. Please leave the photos on the counter in the Whaley Room. This is a tradition of the Mexican Church called Ofrenda.

Refresh the Prayer List: We ask that you please inform the office if you are aware of anyone who can be removed from any of the lists of names in the Prayers of the People. In order to keep our lists up to date it is helpful to know changes in status for sick persons, first responders, or those in caring professions.

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

Full of Pumpkin Thanks! Thank you for a successful pumpkin unloading! On top of all the wonderful parish and neighbor volunteers, we had approximately 45 volunteers from the following Ridley High School teams: Girls Basketball, Boys Soccer, Football, Girls and Boys Cross Country, and Girls and Boys Swim & Dive. We also had volunteers from the Ridley Ice Hockey Club (Elementary through High School). Additionally, thanks to Verone’s Collision of Ridley Park for bringing a tow truck to get the pallets of large pumpkin bins off the truck and onto the lawn. Our Pumpkin Total is 2,310 loose bulk pumpkins and over 2,300 assorted small pumpkins and gourds in bins & boxes!

Pumpkin Patch: We cannot be The Pumpkin Church without your help. Volunteer when you can and how you are able. YOU make this possible and we are grateful for your help!

- Buy Pumpkins: Selling till they’re gone: Weekdays: 11:00AM—7:00PM & Weekends: 9:00AM—7:00PM.
- Volunteer to Sell: Shifts are 2 hours throughout October, and it’s a great way to engage with neighbors in loving-kindness. Volunteering at the Pumpkin Patch requires simple math, greeting visitors, and potentially moving pumpkins (assistance in carrying to cars or rolling pumpkins to prevent rot). The priority slots to fill are all Weekend Shifts and Weekdays from 3:00PM to 5:00PM and again from 5:00PM to 7:00PM.
- Roll Pumpkins: Rolling pumpkins helps prevent rot. So if you are looking for a little exercise after service, or at any point throughout the week when you pass by the church, try your hand at pumpkin rolling (especially after it rains!)
- Promote the Event: Comment, like, and repost our pumpkin content on social media. Share the information with neighbors and forward pumpkins e-mails to friends. Anything to help us reach new people and tell them that buying pumpkins at Christ Church does good!

Beautify the Grounds: If you have any perennials to share while doing your fall gardening, we would be glad to re-root them in the church gardens! Please let Fr. Michael know as he is an avid gardener.

Looking for Sewists: If you are skilled with the needle, we are in search of volunteers to assist in making new Altar Frontals. Please let Fr. Michael know if you can share your gift and time in helping make these for the sanctuary of the Church.

Property Committee: Christ Church has beautiful grounds, and the property committee helps keep it that way! Property Committee Volunteers keep a lookout for when things need repaired or painted, and they assist with small projects here and there as listed in the Office. Are you interested in helping out and sharing your skills? Send us an email and we promise no committee meetings!

You Can Make a Difference by Donating Blood: We are proudly partnering with the American Red Cross to host a Blood Drive and save lives on Wednesday, October 16th, 2024 from 2:00PM to 7:00PM. You can make an appointment online by visiting www.RedCrossBlood.org and searching “Ridley Park”. To confirm an appointment contact Kathy Okarski by Phone at [610-368-2176](tel:610-368-2176) or via E-mail at KathleenOkarski@Yahoo.com.

COMMUNITY

Book Group: The Book Group will be meeting in the Deppich Room on Tuesday, October 15th, 2024 at 2:00PM to discuss the novel Shinju by Laura Joh Rowland. Lovers end their lives in a ritual double suicide, or shinju, but is it suicide or is it murder? It's a mystery to be solved by Sano, a samurai police officer. Follow the investigation in seventeenth century Japan as Sano unravels a story with so many twists it eventually leads to a plot against the actual shogun.

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 supporting Youth Literacy in the Ridley School District since 2016 and Christ Church has played an integral supporting this effort! More recently the fund is working on a project to enable children of Eddystone Borough 0–4 years of age a FREE book a month through the mail and would love to eventually offer this service to the entire Ridley School District. You can register for the event through the Christ Church website.

Brother Sun, Sister Moon Performance: New York Times bestselling author, James-Francis Twyman, is bringing his musical performance based on the teachings of St. Francis of Assisi to Christ Church on Saturday, October 19th, 2024 at 6:00PM. He will bring to life St. Francis’s values of inclusion, respect for all living beings, and peaceful co-existence. This event is open to all. A free will offering will be taken at the performance with all proceeds going to help those in poverty.

All Saints & All Souls Weekend- Celebrate the great feasts through Celtic music, story, and poetry with Brother Stefan Waligur over the weekend. Celtic Christian spirituality is full of heart, soul, wonder, and wild. We will also be exploring the role of lament and grief as we remember our deceased loved ones this time of year.

Friday, November 1st, 2024 @ 7:00PM, Concert of Celtic music, story, and song

Saturday, November 2nd, 2024 9:00AM — 3:00PM: Quiet Day to explore deeper Celtic spirituality particularly using lament. Come for however long you are able.

Sunday, November 3rd, 2024 @10:00AM: Br. Stefan will share his music at the Eucharist for All Saints Sunday

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](mailto: Priest@ChristChurchRidleyPark.org)) or have a task or query for Nick ([Office@ChristChurchRidleyPark.org](mailto: Office@ChristChurchRidleyPark.org)) in the office, we invite you to call 610-521-1626 to schedule a meeting. 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. We want to be able to focus on your needs with undivided attention.

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:

Monday, October 14th, 2024: Samuel Isaac Joseph Schereschewsky, Bishop and Missionary

Tuesday, October 15th, 2024: Teresa of Avila, Mystic and Monastic Reformer

Wednesday, October 16th, 2024: Hugh Latimer, Nicholas Ridley, & Thomas Cranmer, Bishops & Martyrs

Thursday, October 17th, 2024: Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr

Friday, October 18th, 2024: Saint Luke, Evangelist

Saturday, October 19th, 2024: Henry Martyn, Priest and Missionary

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: Michael Lewis

Choir Members: Julie Wickland, Alice Berry, Aria Anderson, Carole Buchan, Robert Hand

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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