



CHRIST CHURCH

*We are a growing community of believers committed to walking with Christ,
welcoming all, and serving God by serving others.*

Sunday, November 22, 2020

9 & 11:00 AM

Holy Eucharist Rite II

Prelude

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit BCP-355

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Song of Praise (9am service only) BCP-356

**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.**

The Collect of the Day BCP-227

Celebrant The Lord be with you

People And also with you

Celebrant Let us pray.

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

The Word of God

A Reading from Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

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

Psalm 100

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
 serve the Lord with gladness
 and come before his presence with a song.
Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
 he himself has made us, and we are his;
 we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
 go into his courts with praise; *
 give thanks to him and call upon his Name.
For the Lord is good;
 his mercy is everlasting; *
 and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

A Reading from Ephesians 1:15-23 *(9am service only)*

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The Gospel Matthew 25:31-46

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.'

Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord

People Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

SERMON

Fr. Stephen Holton

Musical Interlude

The Nicene Creed

BCP-358

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.

Silence

The Prayers of the People

BCP-387

Leader: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People: That we all may be one.

Leader: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People: That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Leader: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
People: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.
 Leader: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
People: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.
 Leader: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
People: That our works may find favor in your sight.
 Leader: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
People: That they may be delivered from their distress.
 Leader: Give to the departed eternal rest.
People: Let light perpetual shine upon them.
 Leader: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
People: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.
 Leader: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.
 (Please add your own prayers)

Confession of Sin [Stand or Kneel]

BCP-360

Celebrant 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.
 Celebrant 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. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

Welcome & Announcements

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
 Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.
 Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.
 Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:
All 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.

[Stand or Kneel]

Celebrant We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

All Therefore, according to his command, O Father,
**We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

All And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
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, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER [Stand or Kneel]

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Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us Bless the Lord,

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please bring your pledge card to the altar if you have it today.

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday Service at 11am outdoors through November (weather permitting)

THANKSGIVING TAKEOUT AND MAKING YOUR PLEDGE

Starting at 3 pm this afternoon, those who are getting the Thanksgiving Takeout will come back to church. As you enter, you will hear hymns playing on the organ - those traditional, 'sing from the heart' hymns that will sustain you through any of the world's changes, no matter what. You will come to the altar - staying six feet apart - where you will give your pledge card to me for a blessing. Then you will proceed down the ramp to the parish hall, to more music from the piano there, calling you down and wafting you out into the world! The hall will be decorated with a vision of Thanksgiving. You will pick up your Thanksgiving Takeout. In it, you will also find a decoration for your table done by our Christ Church kids! This is yet another beautiful way our church brings us together, nourishes us with each other's gifts, and sends us home.

If you are not coming for the Thanksgiving Takeout, please bring your pledge to the altar Sunday morning; or send it to the Parish Office. We are thankful.

SATURDAY BREAKFAST NEWS

Christ Church continues to serve breakfast to anyone who wants or needs it every Saturday – takeout only, for now. **As of Saturday, Nov. 21, the hours will change; we'll serve from 9 to 10:30.** If you are interested in learning more about the breakfast, or helping to prepare or serve, call or email Liz Houlton: 845-325-1276 or eahoulton@gmail.com.

CHRIST CHURCH GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER

The holidays will soon be here! Please consider supporting Christ Church by ordering one or more Gift Cards. These make perfect gifts for any gift-giving occasion and can also be used for your everyday grocery, gasoline, dining, home improvement and other shopping needs. Simply order cards in the desired denomination and pay for the total face value of the cards you order. There are no additional processing charges, which makes this program less expensive than buying these same cards through your local grocery or other stores, which typically add a processing fee on top of the face value of the card. The Church will receive a percentage rebate for each gift card you order. These are not only grocery cards; there are many vendors to choose from. **Orders must be placed by December 9, 2020** and will be delivered to the Church in time for the Christmas holiday gift giving season. Checks for all orders need to be made out to Christ Church and sent to the Church office. Be sure to write "Gift card fundraiser" in the memo line on the check. **The order form can be found on the website at Christchurch.org, or through the weekly eblast.**

DON'T FORGET APPLE BUTTER

Get your apple butter while we have it. The cost is \$5 for a 4-ounce jar, \$7 for 8 ounces and \$12 for 16 ounces. If you'd like to pick some up on the weekend, see Eileen Janovsky, Liz Houlton, Gaye Murphy or Cheryl Walters. Or if you'd prefer, you can order online: <https://christchurch.org/applebutter>

Church Open for Silence & Prayer

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 12 – 1 pm
Fr. Steve available for conversation

