



CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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We are a community of faith striving to love God fully and our neighbors as ourselves.

The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost
November 10, 2024
10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Please silence your electronic devices. The blue Hymnal 1982 contains the music and lyrics of hymns, and the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP) contains the full text of prayers.

The Opening Voluntary *I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ* J. S. Bach

Processional Hymn *"Not here for high and holy things"* Hymn 9

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

The Celebrant says

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.*

Gloria in excelsis *Glory to God* Hymnal S 280

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.*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: *And also with you.*
Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Reader **A reading from the First Book of Kings (17:8-16)**

The word of the Lord came to Elijah, saying, "Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." But she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die." Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth." She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

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

Psalm 146 **Lauda, anima mea**

- 1 Hallelujah!
 Praise the Lord,/ O my /soul! *
 I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
 I will sing praises to my God /while I have my /being.
- 2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any /child of /earth, *
 for there /is no help in /them.
- 3 When they breathe their last, they re/turn to /earth, *
 and in /that day their thoughts /perish.
- 4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob/ for their/ help! *
 whose hope is/ in the Lord their /God;
- 5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all /that is/ in them; *
 who keeps/ his promise for /ever;
- 6 Who gives justice to those who /are op/pressed, *
 and /food to those who /hunger.
- 7 The Lord sets the prisoners free;
 the Lord opens the eyes /of the /blind; *
 the Lord lifts up /those who are bowed /down;
- 8 The Lord loves the righteous;
 the Lord cares /for the /stranger; *
 he sustains the orphan and widow,
 but frus/trates the way of the/ wicked.
- 9 The Lord shall reign for /ever, *
 your God, O Zion, throughout all generations./
 Hallelu/jah!



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.

The Prayers of the People Form IV

BCP 388

- Reader* Let us pray for the Church and for the world. *(Pause)* Grant, Almighty God,
that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in
your love, and reveal your glory in the world. *(Pause)* Lord, in your mercy
- People* Hear our prayer.
- Reader* Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and
peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. *(Pause)*
Lord, in your mercy
- People* Hear our prayer.
- Reader* Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its
resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. *(Pause)*
Lord, in your mercy
- People* Hear our prayer.
- Reader* Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve
Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. *(Pause)* Lord, in your
mercy
- People* Hear our prayer.
- Reader* Comfort and heal *Sue, Julia, Betty, Nathan, Linda, Betsy, Mary Ruth, Nancy,
Mark, Morgan, Jennifer, Frank, and Lucia*, all those who suffer in body, mind,
or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy
of your salvation. *(Pause)* Lord, in your mercy
- People* Hear our prayer.
- Reader* We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be
fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal
kingdom. *(Pause)* Lord, in your mercy
- People* Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant offers a concluding collect.

Confession of Sin *Kneeling or standing*

BCP 360

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant and People

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 *Standing*

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

*The Peace may be exchanged through handshakes, hugs, fist bumps, waves, nods, or
other such expressions; please be attentive to how much or little physical contact your
neighbors would prefer. Once the Peace has been sufficiently exchanged, the people may
sit for announcements.*

Offertory Anthem

Immortal Love

Phillip Dietterich

The Doxology:

v. 3, Hymn 380

All: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Holy Communion, Eucharistic Prayer B

Standing

BCP 367

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up our 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... to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

Hymnal S 125

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant

Standing or kneeling

We give thanks to you... do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

Hymnal S 138

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

Celebrant

And we offer our sacrifice... all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer (People and Celebrant)

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.

Breaking of Bread

Fraction Anthem

Christ Our Passover

Hymnal S 154

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, 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.

All baptized Christians are invited to receive at the altar rail, kneeling or standing. Gluten-free wafers are available by request. If you do not wish to receive communion, you may come forward and place your arms across your chest to receive a blessing. After receiving the bread, you may choose to consume the bread and take a sip of wine from the chalice or hold onto the bread and intinct (dip) it into the wine, in which case please hold the wafer in front of you so the chalice will know to bring you the intinction cup. You may also decline to receive the wine (as the bread in itself is full communion), in which case if you remain at the altar rail please place your arms across your chest to signal the chalice. Those who cannot or prefer not to come forward may inform an usher, and the Celebrant will come to you.

Communion Chant

He leads me beside still waters

Psalm 23

Communion Hymn Ubi caritas - et amor ubi caritas - Deus ibi est *(Repeat)* Taize
Translation: Where true charity and love abide, God is there.

Once all have received, the celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and people, standing or kneeling

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 celebrant blesses the people.

Recessional Hymn

“God himself is with us”

Hymn 475

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People Thanks be to God.

The Closing Voluntary

To Thee Alone, Lord Jesus Christ

Johann Pachelbel

*The beauty of the Altar Flowers are Given to the Glory of God
and in Loving Memory of
Christine Cahill and James and Marilyn Frazier
By Dan and Beth Cahill*

Pray today for the Bishop's Visitation to St. Peter's, Callaway. Pray for the people of St. Peter's, Callaway, and their rector, The Rev. John Heck. For Grace and Peace in the Diocese of Haiti. Our companion diocese, the Diocese of Leeds, and their Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Nick Baines.

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of Christ Church will take place after the 10:30 service on **November 10**. Lunch will be provided. In addition to discussing themes and ideas from the discernment process, the state of our buildings, and our current finances, we will elect four members to three-year terms on the Vestry.

2025 Pledges

For our annual stewardship campaign, we are presently seeking your pledges of financial support for 2025. These pledges help us in prayerfully putting together our budget for next year, through which we both support the ministry of the church (as a community of people) and maintain the church (as a building). We will gratefully receive your pledges anytime but hope to receive as many as possible **on or before November 10**, when we will offer a prayer of thanks during the service. If you did not receive a pledge card in the mail or need another one, they are available in the narthex.

Monday Bible Study

The Monday night Bible study meets from 7:00 to 8:00 in the Parish House. On November 11, we will continue in the twelfth chapter of Luke, as Jesus warns us to be watchful for what is coming. All are welcome and encouraged to attend as you can; no preparation ahead of time is necessary.

Public Theology

Public Theology meets on **Wednesday, November 13**, at Mountain Valley Brewing (4220 Mountain Valley Rd, Axton). In this season of Thanksgiving, our meal will be a **Potluck**, and Rev. Jennifer Coffey will lead us in the 3Practices model for conversation as we tackle the

question, “Why can’t we have difficult conversations in our communities of faith?” We begin with socializing and food around 6:00, with the discussion going from 7:00 to 8:00.

Thanksgiving Holiday

There will be no Wednesday Eucharist on November 27, and the Office will be closed Thursday and Friday (November 28 and 29).

Loaves & Fishes Hiatus

Loaves & Fishes will be taking November and December off, as the last Wednesdays in those months are Thanksgiving Eve and Christmas Day. We will resume our regular schedule on January 29.

Christmas

Our Christmas service will be at 5:00 pm on Tuesday, December 24. During the service, Will Zimmer will lead an anthem during the offertory, and he invites any children who will be present to join him. **If you have children or grandchildren who would like to sing, please let him know (wilzim61@yahoo.com) by December 18.**

Grace Network

Our Grace Network Assignments for November through December: Jiffy Cornbread Mix. For November: bath soap, toilet paper, toothpaste, toothbrush (individually wrapped), and hygiene items. *Grace has been experiencing a large increase in clients needing food, household, and hygiene items.* As a Church family, we have committed to helping Grace Network with stocking their food pantry for those in need. Please remember to pick up our assigned item the next time you visit the grocery store. You can bring your items to the Church office OR put them in the little red wagon in the Narthex.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVE!

Celebrant: The Rev. John Adams

Reader: Pete Scouras

Chalicers: Nancy Spilman, John Swezey

Organist/Choirmaster: Lynn Gardner

Cantor: Raul West

Christ Church Choir: St. Christopher’s Choir

Ushers: Ben Lewis, Trippi Penn

Camera Operator: Andy Williams

Counters: Natalie Coleman, Ben Beeler

Altar Guild: Team #1 – Beth Sibbick, Stuart Webster, LaRue Powers,
Jane Thomasson, Beth Cahill, Dan Cahill, Bill Sibbick

Nursery Attendant: Emily Williams

2024 Christ Church Vestry

Year 3: Ben Beeler; Jay Dickens, Senior Warden; Beverly Lyle, Treasurer;
Andy Williams, Junior Warden

Year 2: Betty Budde; Natalie Coleman, Secretary; Pat Russell; Will Zimmer

Year 1: Bob Bushnell, Rives Coleman, LaRue Powers, Bob Weatherall