



CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
November 16, 2025
10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Please silence your electronic devices. Music and lyrics of hymns may be found in the blue Hymnal 1982. Full text of prayers may be found in the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP).

The Opening Voluntary	Tierce en Taille	Francois Couperin
Introit	<i>Give Almes of Thy Goods</i>	Christopher Tye
Processional Hymn	<i>"O God of every nation"</i>	Hymn 607

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.*

<i>Gloria in excelsis</i>	<i>Glory to God</i>	Hymnal S 280
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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.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Reader A reading from the Book of Malachi (4:1-2a)

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

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

Psalm 98 *Cantate Domino*

- 1 Sing to the Lord/ a new/ song, *
for he /has done marvelous /things.
- 2 With his right hand and his /holy /arm *
has he /won for himself the /victory.
- 3 The Lord has made/ known his /victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown/ in the sight of the /nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the /house of/ Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the/ victory of our/ God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the Lord, /all you /lands; *
lift up your /voice, rejoice, and /sing.
- 6 Sing to the Lord /with the /harp, *
with the harp /and the voice of /song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound /of the /horn *
shout with joy be/fore the King, the /Lord.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all /that is /in it, *
the lands and /those who dwell there/in.
- 9 Let the rivers /clap their /hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
when he /comes to judge the /earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he /judge the /world *
and the /peoples with equi/ty.



Reader A reading from Paul's Second Letter to the Thessalonians (3:6-13)

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke (21:5-19)

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them. "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. "But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord
People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon "And I feel fine?"

The Rev. John Adams

Ideas to ponder:

- Do you think about the end times and, if so, what do you think?
- How have you experienced reconciliation in your own life?

The Nicene Creed *standing*

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.

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, Jennifer, Mallory, Hope, Doug, Leon, Randy,
Betsy E., Ruby, Joe, John, Ginger C., Jay A., David*, and 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. During the announcements, the Celebrant will invite those who are celebrating a birthday or wedding anniversary this week (or whose recent birthday or anniversary has not yet been prayed for in church) to come forward so we may pray for them.

Offertory Anthem

God's Endless Love

Robert J. Powell

The Doxology:

v. 3, Hymn 380

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

The Holy Communion, Eucharistic Prayer A

Standing

BCP 361

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

BCP 361-362

It is right... 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.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant

Kneeling or standing

BCP 362-363

Holy and gracious Father: ... do this in remembrance of me. Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Hymnal S 132

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant

Kneeling or standing

BCP 363

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption...Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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.

Fraction Anthem *(sung in unison)*

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

If ye have faith, and doubt not

Mark 11, Psalm 61

Communion Music

Take My Life and Let It Be

arr. Carl Schalk

Once all have received, the celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and people

Kneeling or standing

BCP 366

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.
The celebrant blesses the people.

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.

Recessional Hymn

"Judge eternal, throned in splendor"

Hymn 596

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Closing Voluntary

To Thee Alone, Lord Jesus Christ

Johann Pachelbel

**We Give Thanks for the Beauty of the Altar Flowers
Given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of
Charles M. Hart, Jr.
By Lucy Hart Davis**

**We Give Thanks for the Beauty of the Narthex Flowers
Given to the Glory of God and in Thanksgiving for
Morgan Holland on his birthday
by his Children and Grandchildren**

Pray today for the people of Grace Memorial, Lynchburg. For Grace and Peace in the Diocese of Haiti. Our companion diocese, the Diocese of Leeds, and their Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Toby Howarth.

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of Christ Church will take place after the 10:30 service on **November 16**. Lunch will be provided. In addition to discussing the campaign and the work that has been done on the church, the meetings the Vestry has had with Diocesan Canon for Evangelism Jenni Faires, and current state of the finances, we will elect four members to three-year terms on the Vestry.

2026 Pledges

Pledges of financial support for 2026. These pledges help us in prayerfully putting together our budget for next year, through which we give back to God even in challenging times. We will gratefully receive your pledges anytime but hope to receive as many as possible on or before **November 16**, 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

Our Monday evening study meets in the Parish House from 7:00 to 8:00. On **November 17**, we will continue reading the Book of Ecclesiastes with chapter 4 and following, as Qohelet continues to wrestle with the apparent meaninglessness of life. All are welcome and encouraged to join at any time; no reading ahead of time is necessary.

Angel Tree

This Advent, we will once again partner with Boys & Girls Club in the Angel Tree ministry. Members of Christ Church will be invited to purchase Christmas presents for a specific child and/or write a check to Boys & Girls Club. Stay tuned for more details later this month.

Thanksgiving Holiday

There will be **no Monday Bible Study on November 24 or Wednesday Eucharist on November 26**, and the Office will be closed Thursday and Friday (November 27 and 28).

Christmas

Our Christmas service will be at 5:00 pm on Wednesday, 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.

Food Lion Grocery Cards for Sale

Trippi Penn, or Susan Critz in Trippi's absence, and the Church office have Food Lion grocery cards for sale in \$50, \$100, and \$200 increments. Thanksgiving and Christmas are coming up. These cards are wonderful presents. We also have sleeves for the cards if you want to give them as a gift.

Grace Network - Our Grace Network Assignments for November through December: Oatmeal canister or instant packets. For November: bath soap, toilet paper, toothpaste, toothbrush (toothbrushes need to be individually wrapped), and other 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: Will Zimmer

Chalists: Natalie Coleman, Rives Coleman

Ushers: Trippi Penn, Pete Scouras

Organist/Choirmaster: Lynn Gardner

Chorister/Cantor: Raul West

Christ Church Choir: St. Christopher's Choir

Camera Operator: Andy Williams

Counters: Will Zimmer, Steve Keyser

Nursery: Caroline Davis

Altar Guild Team #3 – Page Beeler, Karen Jones, Nancy Spilman,
Ellen Maxwell, Ben Beeler

2025 Christ Church Vestry

Year 3: Natalie Coleman; Secretary, Pat Russell. Will Zimmer

Year 2: Bob Bushnell, Rives Coleman; Senior Warden, LaRue Powers,
Bob Weatherall, Junior Warden

Year 1: Susan Critz, Butch Hamlet; Treasurer, Michael Hodges, Steve Keyser