



CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
July 6, 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 *Toccata in D Minor* Matthias Weckmann

Processional Hymn *"God the Omnipotent!"* Hymn 569

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, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Reader The readings from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah (66:10-14)

Thus says the Lord: "Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her-- that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast; that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious bosom. For thus says the Lord: I will extend prosperity to her like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm, and dandled on her knees. As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem. You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bodies shall flourish like the grass; and it shall be known that the hand of the Lord is with his servants, and his indignation is against his enemies."

Reader The Word of the Lord

People *Thanks be to God*

Psalm 66:1-8 *Jubilate Deo*

- 1 Be joyful in God,/ all you /lands; *
sing the glory of his Name;
sing the /glory of his /praise.
- 2 Say to God, "How awesome /are your /deeds! *
because of your great strength your /enemies
cringe be/fore you.
- 3 All the earth bows down /before /you, *
sings to /you, sings out your /Name."
- 4 Come now and see the /works of /God, *
how wonderful he is in his /doing toward all /people.
- 5 He turned the sea into dry land,
so that they went through the/ water on /foot, *
and there /we rejoiced in /him.
- 6 In his might he rules for ever;
his eyes keep watch /over the /nations; *
let no rebel /rise up against /him.
- 7 Bless our /God, you /peoples; *
make the voice/ of his praise to be /heard;
- 8 Who holds our /souls in /life, *
and will not al/low our feet to /slip.



Reader A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Galatians (6:1-16)

My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. For all must carry their own loads. Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher. Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest-time, if we do not give up. So

then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith. See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised-- only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule-- peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

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

Sequence Hymn *"How wondrous and great thy works"* Hymn 533

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke (10:1-11, 16-20)

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

The Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.' "Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me." The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

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

The Sermon

The Rev. John Adams

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.

A Litany of Healing

Standing or kneeling

<i>Reader</i>	God the Father, your will for all people is health and salvation;
<i>People</i>	<i>We praise you and thank you, O Lord.</i>
<i>Reader</i>	God the Son, you came that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly;
<i>People</i>	<i>We praise you and thank you, O Lord.</i>
<i>Reader</i>	God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence;
<i>People</i>	<i>We praise you and thank you, O Lord.</i>
<i>Reader</i>	Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being;
<i>People</i>	<i>We praise you and thank you, O Lord.</i>
<i>Reader</i>	Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or disabled, especially <i>Sue, Julia, Betsy, Jennifer, Carleigh, Sanddii, Millard, Will, Virginia and Donald</i> ; that they may be made whole;
<i>People</i>	<i>Hear us, O Lord of life.</i>
<i>Reader</i>	Grant to all who seek your guidance, and to all who are lonely, anxious, or despondent, a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence;
<i>People</i>	<i>Hear us, O Lord of life.</i>
<i>Reader</i>	Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit;
<i>People</i>	<i>Hear us, O Lord of life.</i>
<i>Reader</i>	Bless physicians, nurses, and all others who minister to the suffering, granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience;
<i>People</i>	<i>Hear us, O Lord of life.</i>
<i>Reader</i>	Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved;
<i>People</i>	<i>Hear us, O Lord of life.</i>

Reader Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives, in our nation, and in the world;
 People *Hear us, O Lord of life.*

Reader You are the Lord who does wonders:
 People *You have declared your power among the peoples.*

Reader With you, O Lord, is the well of life:
 People *And in your light we see light.*

Reader Hear us, O Lord of life:
 People *Heal us, and make us whole.*

All may offer their prayers at this time, aloud or in the silence of their hearts, after which the Celebrant offers a concluding collect.

Celebrant Let us confess our need for God's healing grace.

Celebrant and people

Compassionate God, we confess our weaknesses in body, mind, and spirit, and our need for your strengthening touch. We confess that some of what ails us stems from our own fault, while some is beyond our control. We turn to you, source of life, and ask in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ for the gifts of true healing and life in you. Amen.

Celebrant May the God of love visit you in your times of trial and weakness, and raise you to newness of life, through Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Those desiring laying on of hands and anointing with oil for healing of themselves or others may come to the altar rail at this time, or those who cannot or prefer not to come forward may inform an usher, who will tell the Celebrant to come to you. Please whisper to the Celebrant your name or the name of the person for whom you are praying so he may pray for the appropriate people.

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 *The King of Love, My Shepherd is* arr Mark Schweizer

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.

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

My soul boasts in the Lord

Psalm 34

Communion Music

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 of our fathers, whose almighty hand”

Hymn 718

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

People: Thanks be to God.

The Closing Voluntary

“Toccata in G Minor”

Johann Pachelbel

**We Give Thanks for the Altar Flowers
Given to the Glory of God and in Thanksgiving for
Susan and Will Smith and Ann Mason, Woodson Smith
By Julie Work**

Pray today for the people of St. John’s, Bedford and their rector, The Rev. Wilson Brown. For Grace and Peace in the Diocese of Haiti. Our companion diocese, the Diocese of Leeds and their Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Nick Baines.

Summer Sunday Lemonade

Continuing a summer tradition, we will have fellowship time with lemonade and cookies on the patio (or in the undercroft if it’s raining) after the 10:30 service **June 8 through August 24**; if you are willing to help bring beverages and treats or set up and clean up, please sign up on the Church’s website.

Altar Guild Needs Vases and #10 Metal Cans

The Altar Guild needs large glass vases and #10 metal cans. If you have any to donate, please bring them to the Church office during business hours (M-TH 9:00 am-5:00 pm or F 9:00 am-3:00 pm) OR to the Church on Sunday, put them in front of the Sacristy door, or give them to an Altar Guild member.

Altar Guild Open Dates

We have the August 3, 10, and 31, open dates for altar flowers if anyone wants to do a memorial in loving memory of... or in thanksgiving for... someone. It is available on a first come, first served basis. Please note that funerals, weddings, and baptisms take precedence over scheduled memorials. Let the Church office know if you're interested in a date. This date is for 2025 only.

Monday Bible Study

The Monday night Bible will be on hiatus until September 8 (the week after Labor Day).

Wednesday Eucharist

On Wednesdays, we celebrate Holy Eucharist at Noon in the Chapel (enter via the glass Undercroft door at the back of the church building). These brief (thirty minutes) spoken services commemorate the saint of the day from the Episcopal calendar of Lesser Feasts and Fasts, and are perfect for those who want to attend a service but are unable to come Sunday mornings or who want an additional gathering for corporate prayer to help them through the week. As of now, we are planning to gather every Wednesday in July.

Grace Network

Our Grace Network Assignments for **July – Sept.:** **Potato products (mashed, scalloped, or au gratin).** For **July:** **toilet paper, feminine products, deodorant, and hygiene items.** As a Church family, we have committed to helping Grace Network by 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: Ann Gardner

Chalists: Rives Coleman, Dawn Stone

Organist/Choirmaster: Lynn Gardner

Chorister/Cantor: Raul West

Christ Church Choir: St. Christopher's Choir

Ushers: Hank Long, Pete Scouras

Camera Operator: Andy Williams

Counters: Natalie Coleman, Bob Bushnell

Nursery: Caroline Davis

Altar Guild Team #4 – Becky Farrar, Susan Smith, Natalie Coleman,

Ashley Ullstein, Dawn Stone, Kyle Trent

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