



CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
August 9, 2026
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 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* Hans Fredrich Micheelsen
Processional Hymn *"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"* Hymn 390

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:

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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.*

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Reader A reading from the Book of Genesis (37:1-4, 12-28)

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. This is the story of the family of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron.

He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" "I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him" —that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

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

Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b Confitemini Domino

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord and call u/pon his /Name; *
 make known his /deeds among the peoples.
- 2 Sing to him, sing /praises to /him, *
 and speak of /all his marvelous /works.
- 3 Glory in his /holy /Name; *
 let the hearts of those who /seek the Lord re/joyce.
- 4 Search for the Lord /and his /strength; *
 continually /seek his /face.
- 5 Remember the marvels/ he has /done, *
 his wonders and the /judgments of his /mouth,



- 6 O offspring of Abra/ham his /servant, *
O children of /Jacob his /chosen.
- 16 Then he called for a famine /in the /land *
and destroyed/ the supply of /bread.
- 17 He sent a man /before /them, *
Joseph, who/ was sold as a /slave.
- 18 They bruised his /feet in /fetters; *
his neck they put /in an iron /collar.
- 19 Until his prediction /came to /pass, *
the word /of the Lord tested /him.
- 20 The king sent and /released /him; *
the ruler of the /peoples set him /free.
- 21 He set him as a master over /his house/hold,
as a ruler /over all his pos/sessions,
- 22 To instruct his princes according/ to his /will
and to teach his elders wisdom./ [45] Hallelu/jah!

Reader A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Church in Rome (10:5-15)

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? “The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

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

Sequence Hymn *“I sing the almighty power of God”* **Hymn 398**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew (14:22-33)

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.” Peter

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

The Rev. John Adams

- What comes to mind when you think about the sea?
- Where might Jesus be calling you to step outside the boat of your comfort zone?

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.

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Reader For the just and proper use of your creation;
People For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Reader For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
People For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Reader For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
People For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Reader For Sean our Presiding Bishop, Karin our Bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers;
People For all who serve God in his Church.

Reader For the special needs and concerns of this congregation; especially Sue, Julia, Mallory, Ginger C., Jay J., David C., Ashley F., Michael, Jim A, Tracy, Ruby, and Valerie B., (Pause for intercessions) Hear us, Lord;
People For your mercy is great.

Reader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. (Pause for thanksgivings)
We will exalt you, O God our King;
People And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Reader We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. (Pause for intercessions) Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
People Who put their trust in you.

Reader We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Reader and People, kneeling or standing

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee* Josef Haydn

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.

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.

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 *In thee, O Lord, I put my trust* Psalm 31

Communion Hymn “O all ye works of God” Hymn 428

Once all have received, the celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and people Kneeling or standing BCP 366

Almighty and everliving 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 celebrant blesses the people.

Recessional Hymn “Eternal Father, strong to save” Hymn 608

Priest: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Closing Voluntary *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* Johann Gottfried Walther

Pray today for the Bishop’s Visitation to Good Shepherd, Folly Mills. Pray for the people of Good Shepherd, Folly Mills. For Grace and Peace in the Diocese of Haiti. Our companion diocese, the Diocese of Leeds and their Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Toby Howarth.

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, August 9 through August 30**; if you are willing to help bring beverages and treats or set up and clean up, please sign at **on** the Church’s website under volunteers for your Sunday. **We need 1 person for August 16, and 30 and 2 people for August 23.**

Church History Class

On **August 12 at 10:30 in the Undercroft**, we will continue our study of the Crusades, discussing the Second Crusade and the rise of more widely organized Islamic resistance to the Crusader States. All are welcome to join (and encouraged to stick around for the Noon Eucharist in the Chapel).

Public Theology

Public Theology meets on **August 12 at the Ground Floor** (1 E Church St); food and drinks (alcoholic and non-alcoholic) will be available from the usual menu. We begin gathering at **6:00 pm**, with the program going from 7:00 to 8:00.

Third Sunday Supper and Evening Prayer

Join us on **Sunday, August 16 at 5:30 pm** at a new opportunity for fellowship and worship! We will begin with Evening Prayer in the **Chapel** (accessed through the glass doors at the back of the church building) before adjourning to the Undercroft for supper. Chicken casserole will be provided as a main dish, along with drinks. You are invited to contribute a side, salad, or dessert to the potluck, but are also welcome to bring just yourself. We hope that, in addition to giving us another occasion to socialize, this service will allow members who can rarely attend on Sunday mornings or Wednesdays at Noon to join us for worship and give us a chance to invite our friends and neighbors to a low-pressure service and meal.

Raffle Tickets ARE ON SALE NOW!

Tickets for the 50/50 raffle are on sale from your Vestry members (Bob Bushnell, Kelly Cain, Rives Coleman, Susan Critz, Jay Dickens, Butch Hamlet, Michael Hodges, Steve Keyser, Linda O'Dell, LaRue Powers, Ron Probst, and Bob Weatherall) and the church office. The cost is \$10.00 per ticket or \$100.00 per book, with the maximum winnings of \$2,500.

Save the Date

The Dan Prince and Gene Medley Memorial Oyster Roast is scheduled for Friday, November 6. Details will follow.

Grace Network

Our Grace Network Assignments for August – September: Boxed Dinners (Hamburger Helper). For August: bath soap, toilet paper, toothpaste, toothbrush (individually wrapped), and hygiene items. 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: Susan Critz

Chalists: Bob Bushnell, Beverly Lyle

Organist/Choirmaster: Lynn Gardner

Chorister/Cantor: Raul West

Christ Church Choir: St. Christopher's Choir

Ushers: Dan Cahill, Rives Coleman

Camera Operator: Hank Long

Counters: Bob Weatherall, Rives Coleman

Nursery: Caroline Davis

Altar Guild Team #2 – Valerie Payne, Frankie Smith, Janice Cain, Rita Hodges, Michael Hodges, Linda O'Dell, Page Beeler, Michelle Probst

2026 Christ Church Vestry

Year 3: Bob Bushnell, Rives Coleman; Senior Warden, LaRue Powers, Bob Weatherall, Junior Warden

Year 2: Susan Critz, Butch Hamlet; Treasurer, Michael Hodges; Secretary, Steve Keyser

Year 1: Kelly Cain, Jay Dickens, Linda O'Dell, Ron Probst