



CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
August 16, 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 *Toccata in C* Johann Pachelbel

Processional Hymn *"Thou, whose almighty word"* Hymn 371

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.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

Reader A reading from the Book of Genesis (45:1-15)

Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

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

Psalm 133 Ecce, quam bonum!

- 1 Oh, how good and/ pleasant it /is, *
 when brethren live to/gether in uni/ty!
- 2 It is like fine oil u/pon the /head *
 that runs /down upon the /beard,
- 3 Upon the /beard of /Aaron, *
 and runs down upon the/ collar of his /robe.
- 4 It is like the /dew of /Hermon *
 that falls u/pon the hills of /Zion.
- 5 For there the Lord has or/dained the /blessing: *
 life /for ever/more.



Reader A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Church in Rome (11:1-2a, 29-32)

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew (15:10-28)

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile." Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon

"Teen Jesus?"

The Rev. John Adams

Ideas to ponder:

- Do you remember vigorously challenging and/or defending your cultural, church, and/or family traditions as a teenager?
- What do you think of Jesus' encounter with the Canaanite woman?

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 VI

Standing or kneeling

BCP 392

Reader In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. (*Pause*) For all people in their daily life and work;

People ***For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.***

Reader For this community, the nation, and the world;

People **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

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, Valerie B. and LaRue, (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.**

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

Offertory Anthem *Soul, Adorn Thyself With Gladness* Johann Cruger
setting by Carl Schalk

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.***

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 and People Hymnal S 138
 We remember his death,
 We proclaim his resurrection,
 We await his coming in glory;

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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

Under his wings shall you find refuge

Psalm 91

Communion Hymn

"My God, thy table now is spread"

Hymn 321

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

"Jesus shall reign where e'er the sun"

Hymn 544

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

People: Thanks be to God.

*The beauty of the Altar Flowers are
Given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of
Geraldine Cole Campbell
By Jill and Jay Dickens*

From August 9

*The beauty of the Altar Flowers are
Given to the Glory of God and in Thanksgiving for
Vicki Crosby and Phil and Lynn Gardner
By Frankie Smith and Linda O'Dell*

Pray today for the residents of Boys Home, their Executive Director, Chris Doyle and their chaplain, the Very Rev. Katherine Doyle. 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 16 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 2 people for August 23.**

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, Rives Coleman, Susan Critz, Jay Dickens, Butch Hamlet, Michael Hodges, Steve Keyser, Linda O'Dell, and Ron Probst) 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: Will Zimmer

Chalists: Rives Coleman, Jay Dickens

Organist/Choirmaster: Lynn Gardner

Chorister/Cantor: Raul West

Christ Church Choir: St. Christopher's Choir

Ushers: Trippi Penn, Hank Long

Camera Operator: Vicki Crosby

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