

The Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

August 13, 2017



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8:00 AM

Christ Episcopal Church
Montpelier, VT

Christ Church is a Christian faith community that welcomes all, worships together, transforms lives, and engages in God's work in greater Montpelier and beyond.

The Holy Eucharist – Rite I – 8:00 am

Worship in the Episcopal Church involves body mind and spirit. We stand to praise and pray. We sit to listen and learn. We sometimes kneel in silent meditation. No matter which prayer posture you choose, we want you to feel comfortable in your own style of worship here at Christ Episcopal Church.

Salutation and response

BCP 323

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Gloria

BCP 324

**Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace,
good will towards men.**

**We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee,
we glorify thee,**

we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,

O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God,

**Son of the Father, that takest away the sins
of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.**

**Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.**

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;

thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

BCP 180

Grant to us, Lord, we beseech thee, the spirit to think and do always such things as are right, that we, who cannot exist without thee, may by thee be enabled to live according to thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

The Word of God

A reading from the Book of Genesis

37:1-4, 12-28

Psalms 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b

BCP 738-741

Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name;
make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him,
and speak of all his marvelous works.

Glory in his holy Name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

Search for the LORD and his strength;
continually seek his face.

Remember the marvels he has done,
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,

O offspring of Abraham his servant,
O children of Jacob his chosen.

Then he called for a famine in the land
and destroyed the supply of bread.

He sent a man before them,
Joseph, who was sold as a slave.

They bruised his feet in fetters;
his neck they put in an iron collar.

Until his prediction came to pass,
the word of the LORD tested him.

The king sent and released him;
the ruler of the peoples set him free.
He set him as a master over his household,
as a ruler over all his possessions,
To instruct his princes according to his will
and to teach his elders wisdom.

Hallelujah!

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

10:5-15

The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

14:22-33

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon

Rev. Beth Ann Maier

The Nicene Creed

BCP 326

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.

Prayers of the People

BCP 328

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all people: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to the leaders of your church, and the participants in their ministries, that they may, both by their lives and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially Donald our president and Philip our governor, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. Today we pray for: Mack, Ida, Ernest, Charlotte, Mary Helen, Bob, Joan(Joanne), Sally, Nancy, Jackie, Susan, Evan, Maria, Meagan and Winter and for those whom you wish to name either silently or aloud.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and

service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And with thy spirit.

We encourage you to offer your neighbor a sign of peace!

The Holy Communion

All are welcome to receive communion at our Lord's table!

Gluten free hosts are available upon request.

The Offertory

The Great Thanksgiving

BCP 340

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Hosts:

heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread, and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 336

The Fraction

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us!

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Distribution of Communion

The Postcommunion Prayer

BCP 339

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Blessing

The Dismissal

Welcome!

Thank you for worshipping with us today!

Our Lay Eucharistic Minister this morning is Kathy Preis.

Christ Episcopal Church's team of preachers reflects a variety of styles by bringing the Word of God to life in unique and relevant ways. Your direct feedback is always welcomed and appreciated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNITY EVENTS

Worship Services and Musical Offerings

Third Annual Hymn Sing: The Worship Committee will sponsor the Christ Church Annual Hymn Sing on Sunday, August 20, 2017 at 4:00PM in the Memorial Garden. Marjorie Strong, Organist from Church of the Good Shepherd and Christ Church's Nancy Smith will be our instrumentalists. Summer potluck dinner to follow. You're invited to bring something to share for dinner. Come on out in fun and fellowship, singing joyfully in the summer afternoon air!

Worship & Liturgy 101: For many folks who come to the Episcopal Church from other denominations, our worship services may generate questions as to "why we do what we do." Do you have questions about our liturgies? Are you sometimes confused? If so, you aren't alone! On Sunday, September 17, 2017 immediately following the 10:00AM service, the Worship Committee will sponsor a Q & A session about liturgy in the Episcopal Church. Come to this informal offering and bring your questions!

Choir Rehearsal: Choir rehearsals will again begin this September beginning on Wednesday, September 6th, 2017 at 7:00PM. If you would like to join the choir, you are most welcome and invited to do so. Please speak to Lynnette if you have questions or an interest!

150th Anniversary of Christ Church's Sanctuary: On June 2, 2017, we at Christ Church will celebrate the 150th anniversary of the consecration of our current historic Christ Church building. Throughout this coming year, we will be planning festive services to mark the occasion of our sesquicentennial! 2018 promises to be a big year in the life of Christ Episcopal Church!

Did you know? The congregation of Christ Episcopal Church, Montpelier was first "imperfectly" organized in 1840 and the first Christ Church building was built of wood, located on lower State Street, and consecrated on December 29, 1842? That was 175 years ago!

Ministry News and Community Events

Congratulations! Our warmest anniversary congratulations are extended to two special couples who have been members of the Christ Church family for quite some time. This week, Ed & Sue Skea will celebrate 50 years of marriage on August 12th. Bob & Maria Withey will celebrate 65 years of marriage on August

16th! Please extend your warmest wishes and congratulations to these fine couples.

Alleluia! Open Golf Event: On Saturday, September 9, 2017 the Right Reverend Thomas Ely and the Episcopal Church in Vermont will sponsor a golf open at Basin Harbor Golf Club in Vergennes. Information for registration can be found at: www.diovermont.org. All proceeds from this golf open will support the Alleluiafund! which supports many ministries throughout the Episcopal Church in Vermont.

Christ Church Connections (CCC)

Christ Church Connections is a new ministry of mutual caring within this faith community. We promote connections by helping members in health or other personal crises (e.g., visits, meals, cards, prayers, home Eucharist). For the month of August, if your family or someone you know could use a visit or other help, please contact Sharon Wilson. Sharon may be reached via phone at: 802-244-8037 or via email: sharonw52@comcast.net

The Altar Guild is looking for help! If you have a half hour on Sundays or Saturdays to help with "set up" for the 8:00AM service, or "clean up" following the 10:00AM service, please call Liz Slayton at 802-229-0164. You do not have to commit to every Sunday or every month, but your help will be greatly appreciated!!

Central Vermont Home Health & Hospice: On Sunday, August 27, 2017 at 3:00PM, Central Vermont Health & Hospice will hold a memorial service for all the souls they've helped to transition throughout the past year. The service will be at 1:30PM in the Christ Church sanctuary and the Christ Church choir will offer their musical gifts for this memorial service.

Food Shelf Needs Donations: The Christ Church Food Shelves are nearly bare again due to food insecurity in the greater Montpelier area. If you are able to make non-perishable donations to the Food Shelf, proteins like peanut butter and tuna would be helpful. Also, canned vegetables and fruit is also appreciated. Thank you.

Summer Vacation? We hope you will be able to fully enjoy the Vermont summer now that it's finally here. If you go away for an extended period, please kindly remember that our bills never take a vacation! Your pledge dollars help us

to keep a balanced budget through the year even when many folks may be away. Thank you!

Brown Bag Concert Series: Montpelier Alive is again hosting another summer concert series to be held in the Christ Episcopal Church courtyard. The following is a listing of dates and performers. Come on out and enjoy a musical summer day in our courtyard!

AUGUST 17th Starline Rhythm Boys

AUGUST 24th Patti Casey

AUGUST 31st Dave Keller

Altar Flowers: Would you like to dedicate fresh altar flowers to celebrate a milestone or remember a loved one? If so, just contact the office and we can help you select a date that's best for you.

Estate Planning? Is God in your will? If you are thinking about drawing up a will or planning for your future estate settlement, please consider including Christ Church in your will. This is way in which your lasting legacy will help us continue doing God's work in the neighborhood. Thank you.

Email Distribution List: If you would like to be added to our weekly email distribution list, please contact Kathy Preis in our office to add your address to the weekly communications. Thank you.

Church Office Hours: Kathy Preis, our Administrator is in the office on Monday's, Tuesday's, and Thursday's from 9:00AM-1:00PM. If you would like to make an appointment with Kathy or with Rev. Paul, please contact the office by phone or via email: administrator@christchurchvt.org
Thank you!

Christ Church Staff and Leadership

Paul Habersang, *Priest-in-Partnership*

Beth Ann Maier, *Regional Deacon*

Lynnette Combs, *Organist and Choirmaster*

Bruce Story, *Senior Warden*

Ted Long, *Junior Warden*

Denise Womer, *Youth and Families Director*

Kathy Preis, *Administrator*

The Missions & Ministries of Christ Episcopal Church, Montpelier

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| Altar Guild | Liz Slayton (802-229-0164) |
| Choir/Music | Lynnette Combs (802-371-5066) |
| Christ Church Tours | Joan Sabens (802-476-2040) |
| Communications Team | Kathy Preis (802-522-8219) |
| Diocesan Representatives | Virginia Catone (802-229-9898) Dave Simpson (802-859-9060) |
| Discretionary Fund for Community Outreach | Virginia Catone, (802-229-9898) |
| Finance Committee | John Jaworski (802-476-4942) |
| Food Shelf | Bill Beard (802-223-2137) |
| Full Ladle Soup Kitchen | Sharon Wilson (802-244-8037) |
| Hospitality Committee | Aldora Chamberlin (802-461-5527) |
| Lay Eucharistic Ministers/Chalice Bearers/Lectors | Steamer Walke (802-223-3632) |
| Christ Church Connections | Rev. Beth Ann Maier (802-793-4234) |
| Prayer Chain | Rev. Beth Ann Maier (802-793-4234) |
| Prayer Shawl Ministry | Maggie Thompson (802-454-4635) Rilla Murray (802-272-2663) |
| Social Justice Ministry | Marty Roberts (802-223-5506) |
| Stewardship Committee | Bruce Story (802-225-6343) |
| Sudan Communion | Deb Jerard (802-223-0531) Martha Holden 802-229-9036) |
| Youth and Families Ministry | Denise Womer (603-545-9488) |
| Vestry (elected leadership team) | Bruce Story (802-225-6343) |
| Usher/Greeter Ministry | Jody Pettersen (802-522-6171) |
| Worship Committee | Rev. Paul Habersang (802- 223-3631) |

Would you like to get involved or learn more about these ministries? If so, please contact the persons listed so you can become active in our ministries.