

# The Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

## August 13, 2017



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**10:00 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 II – 10:00 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.*

Prelude

Processional Hymn: #390, “Praise to the Lord”

Salutation and response

BCP 355

Blessed be God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit

**And Blessed be God’s kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity

**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: S280 - (service music is found in the front of the hymnal)

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Collect of the Day.

BCP 232

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.**

*Please be seated.*



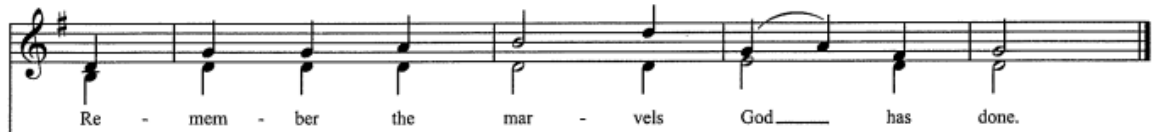
## The Word of God

A reading from the Book of Genesis

37:1-4, 12-28

Psalm 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. Antiphon

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. Antiphon

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. Antiphon

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!

Antiphon

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

10:5-15

Sequence Hymn #677, *“God moves in a mysterious way”*

Verse 1-3

The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew  
**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

14:22-33

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

Sequence Hymn #677, *“God moves in a mysterious way”*

Verse 4-6

Sermon

Rev. Beth Ann Maier

### **South African Affirmation of Faith**

It is not true that this world and its inhabitants are doomed to die and be lost;

**This is true: For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son so that everyone who believes in him shall not die but have everlasting life.** (John 3:16)

It is not true that we must accept inhumanity and discrimination, hunger and poverty, death and destruction;

**This is true; I have come that they may have life, and have it abundantly.** (John 10:10)

It is not true that violence and hatred shall have the last word, and that war and destruction have come to stay forever;

**This is true; For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given in whom authority will rest and whose name will be Prince of Peace.** (Isaiah 9:6)

It is not true that we are simply victims of the powers of evil that seek to rule the world;

**This is true: To Me is given all authority in Heaven and on Earth, and lo, I am with you always to the end of the world.** (Matthew 28:18)

It is not true that we have to wait for those who are specially gifted, who are the prophets of the church, before we can do anything;

**This is true: I will pour out My Spirit on all people, and your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your young people shall see visions, and your old folk shall dream dreams.** (Acts 2:17)

It is not true that our dreams for the liberation of humankind, our dreams of justice, of human dignity, of peace, are not meant for this earth and this history;

**This is true: The hour comes, and it is now, that true worshippers shall worship God in spirit and in truth.** (John 4:23)

Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the church and for the world.

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.

Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

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.

Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

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.

Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

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.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal 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.

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.

Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

For those who rest in Christ, for all the dead, and for those persons you wish to remember either silently or aloud.

*(After a brief silence, the leader and people respond.)*

Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

And in conclusion, let us together pray the prayer to end homelessness.

**An open door,**

**A roof above,**

**Safe homes for all,**

**In the power of love.**

The Concluding Collect

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*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!*

*In addition to traditional consecrated bread and wine,  
consecrated gluten free hosts and grape juice are available upon request.*

The Offertory

Offertory Anthem

Doxology : Hymn: #618

Verse 6

O friends, in gladness let us sing, supernal anthems echoing,  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One,  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Great Thanksgiving

EOW3

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; you brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; and so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout for joy:

Sanctus: S128 - (service music is found in the front of the hymnal)

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you have Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the New Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

**Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory! Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a**

**people of hope, justice, and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.**

**Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise. Blessed are you now and for ever. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem: S155 - (service music is found in the front of the hymnal)

Distribution of Communion

Communion Anthem

Communion Hymn: #676: *"There is a balm in Gilead"*

The Postcommunion Prayer

BCP 365

**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 Blessing

Recessional Hymn: #539: *"O Zion haste"*

The Dismissal

Organ Postlude

**Welcome!**

*Thank you for worshipping with us today!*

*Sarah Baker is the Lay Eucharistic Minister this morning.*

*Our Lectors this morning are Ellen McCulloch-Lovell and Sarah Hofmann.*

*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.*



## **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*

## **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 and 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!

**150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Christ Church's Sanctuary:** On June 2, 2017, we at Christ Church will celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup>. Bob & Maria Withey will celebrate 65 years of marriage on August 16<sup>th</sup>! 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](http://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](mailto: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 17<sup>th</sup> Starline Rhythm Boys

AUGUST 24<sup>th</sup> Patti Casey

AUGUST 31<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:administrator@christchurchvt.org)  
Thank you!

## **The Missions & Ministries of Christ Episcopal Church, Montpelier**

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