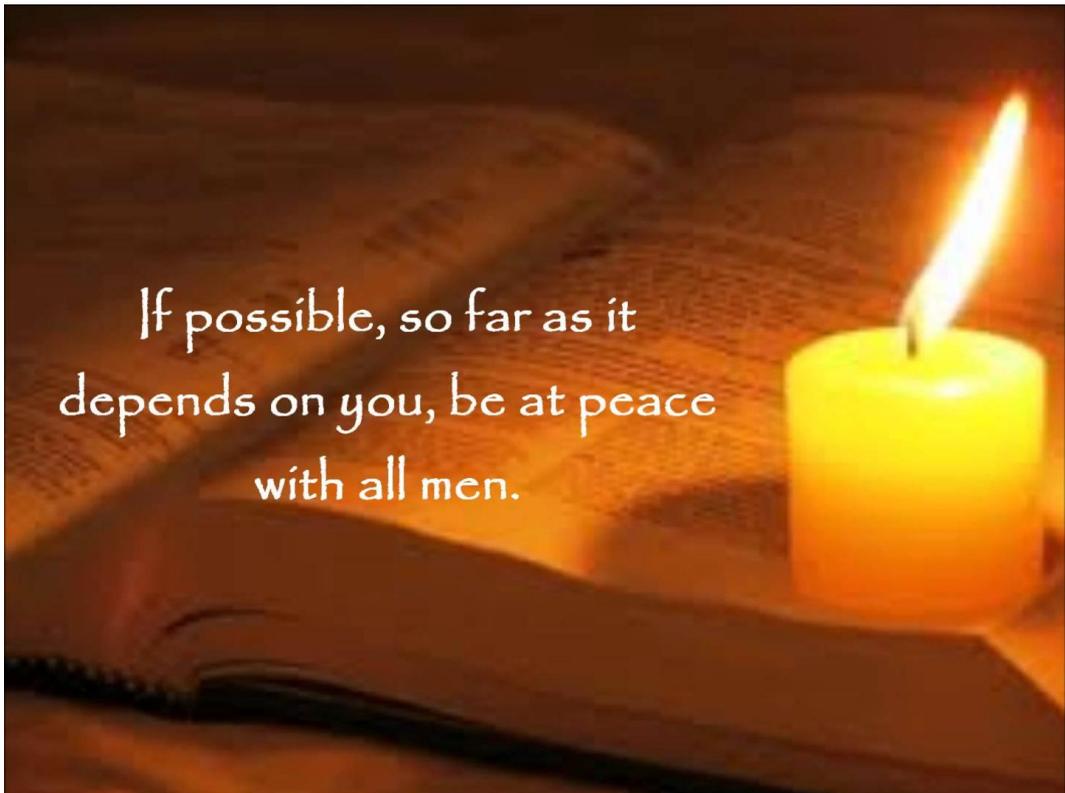


The Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost September 3, 2017



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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.

Lord of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things:
Graft in our hearts the love of thy Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us
with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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 Exodus

3:1-15

Psalms 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c

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.

Israel came into Egypt,
and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.

The LORD made his people exceedingly fruitful;
he made them stronger than their enemies;

Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people,
and dealt unjustly with his servants.

He sent Moses his servant,
and Aaron whom he had chosen.

Hallelujah!

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans 12:9-21

The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 16:21-28
Glory be to thee, O Lord.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon Rev. Steve Reynes

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: Jackie and Peter Mills-Brown and family, Mack, Ida, Willem, Ernest, Charlotte, Mary Helen, Bob, Joan(Joanne), Sally, Nancy, Jackie, Susan, Evan, Maria, Geoffrey, 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, especially Chris Mills-Brown and Barbara Brown, 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.**

Confession and Absolution

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

Almighty God, our heavenly father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 Pat Dupont.

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

All Parish Meeting: On Sunday, **September 17, 2017** immediately following the 10:00AM service, the Christ Church vestry & leadership teams will hold an important all-parish meeting to share with you updates and information both on the proposed housing project and on the physical condition and necessary repairs needed for our historic sanctuary building. Please put this date on your calendars and attend this informative meeting if you are able. Light refreshments will be served. Thank you.

Episcopal Relief and Development for “Harvey”: Episcopal Relief & Development is the compassionate response of The Episcopal Church to human suffering in the world. ERD provides relief in times of disaster and is now accepting donations to provide aid to those impacted by Hurricane Harvey. If you would like to donate to ERD, please visit: <http://www.episcopalrelief.org>

Or send checks to:
Episcopal Relief & Development
P.O. Box 7058
Merrifield, VA 22116-7058

Worship Services and Musical Offerings

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 24, 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!

Ministry News and Community Events

First Day of Church School, Sunday, September 10th: Registration and the first day of Church School will begin on Sunday, September 10th during the 10:00 AM service, with registration beginning at 9:45 AM. All children and teenagers are encouraged to attend. Drinks and snacks will be provided. A full school year calendar is available in the lobby of the church along with registration forms.

We will make every effort to follow the same schedule as last year.

2nd Sunday of the month: Church School

3rd Sunday of the month: Church School

4th Sunday of the month: Youth in Church Sunday

Please do not hesitate to contact Denise Womer @ 603-545-9488 or youthandfamilies@christchurchvt.org with any thoughts, ideas, questions or concerns. Can't wait to see you all there!

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.

Good Samaritan Haven Fundraiser: Please join Good Samaritan Haven, Central Vermont's only homeless shelter, on Friday, September 15 from 7PM-11PM at Vermont College of Fine Arts for LOCAL SOLUTIONS TO END HOMELESSNESS. This will be a fun-filled evening of music, dancing, a live auction, craft beer by Three Penny Taproom and great local food. Good Samaritan Haven needs your support and participation to help make our biggest fundraising event of the year a success. Our goal is to raise \$30,000 for the shelter and sell 400 tickets. Tickets are \$25 each and are available online at www.goodsamaritanhaven.org under "Events" or by calling 479-2294. For more information or questions, please contact Brooke at 802-479-2294 or bjenkins@goodsamaritanhaven.org.

Meetings:

Finance Committee - Monday, September 11, 2017 at 6:30PM

Worship Committee - Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at 6:30PM

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 September, if your family or someone you know could use a visit or other help, please contact Rilla Murray. Rilla may be reached via phone at: 802-271-2663.

Bee Moulton Flower Fund: 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!

Labor Day Weekend: The church offices will be closed on Monday, September 4, 2017 in honor of Labor Day. We hope that everyone has a safe and pleasant Labor Day holiday weekend!

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

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.