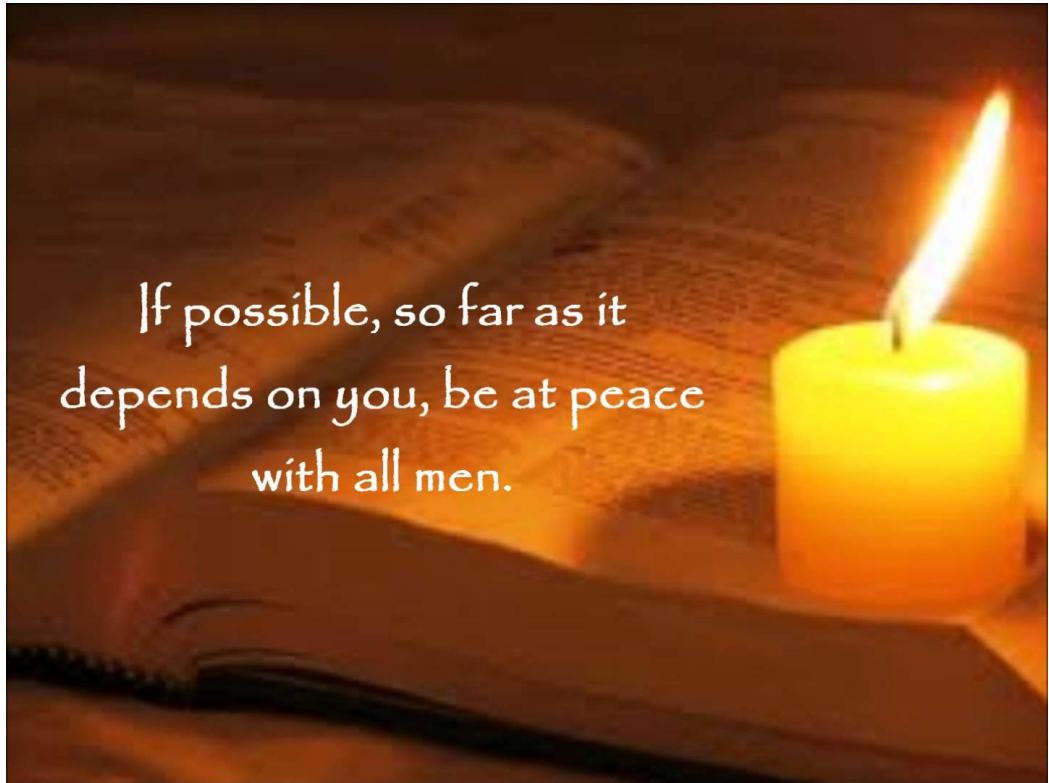


The Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost September 3, 2017



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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: #398 “*I sing the almighty power of God*”

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 233

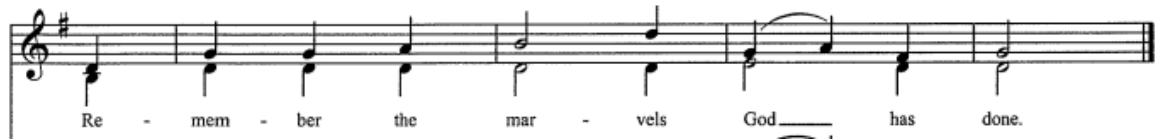
Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

The Word of God

A reading from the Book of Exodus

3:1-15



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

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!

Antiphon

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

12:9-21

Sequence Hymn: #WLP 812, *“I the Lord of sea and sky”* (insert)

verse 1

The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

16:21-28

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sequence Hymn: # WLP 812, *“I the Lord of sea and sky”* (insert)

verse 2

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

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, 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.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For those who rest in Christ, especially Barbara Brown, 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

Confession and Absolution

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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

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

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

BCP 361

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.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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 we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, 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: #586, *“Jesus, thou divine companion”* *verses 1,3*

The Postcommunion Prayer 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 fore ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn #555, *“Lead on O king eternal”*

The Dismissal

Welcome!

Thank you for worshipping with us today!

*Our Lay Eucharistic Minister this morning is Chad Wohlers.
Our Lectors this morning are the Nancy Smith and Bruce Story.*

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.



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

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!



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 Communications Team	Joan Sabens (802-476-2040) 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.