

Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost October 28, 2018



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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: “*Allegro*”

Johann Ernst, arr. J.S. Bach

Processional Hymn: #388, “*O worship the King*”

Salutation and response

BCP 355

Blessed be God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit

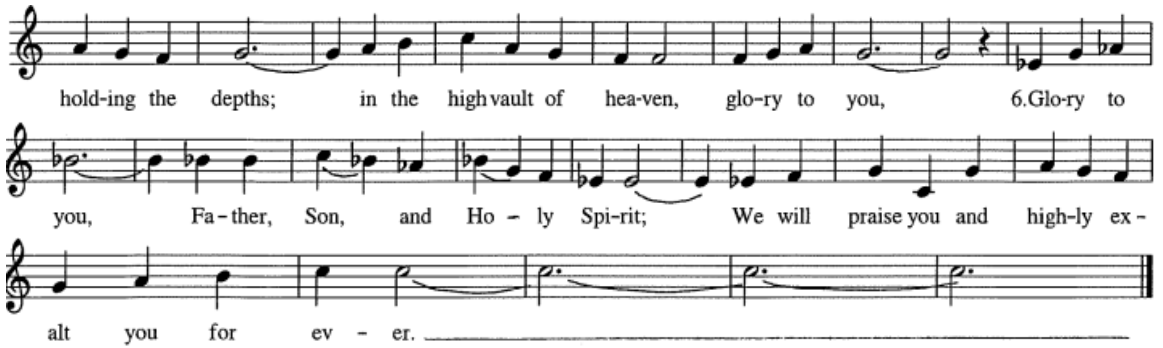
And Blessed be God’s kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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 – S236

Glo-ry to you, Lord God of our peo-ple; you are wor-thy of
praise; glo-ry to you, 2.Glo-ry to you for the ra - diance of your
ho - ly Name; we will praise you and high-ly ex - alt you for ev-er.
3.Glory to you in the splen - dor of your tem-ple; on the throne of your ma - jes-ty,
glo-ry to you. 4.Glory to you, seat-ed be - tween the Cher - u - bim; we will
praise you and high-ly ex - alt you for ev-er. 5.Glory to you be -



hold-ing the depths; in the high vault of hea-ven, glo-ry to you, 6.Glo-ry to
 you, Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi-rit; We will praise you and high-ly ex -
 alt you for ev - er.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

BCP 235

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity;
 and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command;
 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 Job

42:1-6, 10-17

Psalms 34:1-8

BCP 627-629



Taste and see that the LORD is good.

I will bless the LORD at all times;
 his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

I will glory in the LORD;
 let the humble hear and rejoice.

Antiphon

Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD;
let us exalt his Name together.

I sought the LORD, and he answered me
and delivered me out of all my terror.

Antiphon

Look upon him and be radiant,
and let not your faces be ashamed.

I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me
and saved me from all my troubles.

Antiphon

The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him,
and he will deliver them.

Taste and see that the LORD is good;
happy are they who trust in him!

Antiphon

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

7:23-28

Sequence Hymn: #482, "*Lord of all hopefulness*"

verses 1&2

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

10:46-52

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sequence Hymn: #482, "*Lord of all hopefulness*"

verses 3&4

The Sermon

Rev. Bob Meyers

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: Ernest, Charlotte, Mary Helen, Evan, Maria, Mary Irish, Pat, Beth, Candi and for those whom you wish to name either silently or aloud.

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

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

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: *“Rejoice in the Lord Always”*

anon.

Doxology

Ho - ly Fa - ther, fount of light, God of wis - dom, good - ness, might; Ho - ly Son, Who
cam' st to dwell, God with us, Em - man - u - el; Ho - ly Spi - rit, heaven - ly Dove,
God of com - fort, peace, and love; Ev - er more be Thou a - dored, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord.

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:

Schubert

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na
 in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na
 in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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 all 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

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem: Jesus, Lamb of God *Agnus Dei*



Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace. give us your peace.

Distribution of Communion

Communion Anthem: “*Agnus Dei*”

César Franck

Translation: Lamb of God, have mercy on us, give us peace.

Communion Hymn: #439, “*What wondrous love*”

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 LEVAS 189, "Great is thy faithfulness"

1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther,
 2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
 3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

1. There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee;
 2. Sun, moon and stars in their cours - es a - bove,
 3. Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;

1. Thou chang - est not, thy com - pas - sions, they fail not,
 2. Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness,
 3. Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

1. As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 2. To thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy and love.
 3. Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Great is thy faith - ful-ness! Great is thy faith - ful-ness!

Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed,

Great is Thy faith - ful-ness, Lord un - to me!

The Dismissal

Postlude: "Presto"

Johann Ernst, arr. J.S. Bach

Welcome!

Thank you for worshipping with us today!

Our Lay Eucharistic Minister this morning is Deb Jerard.

Our Lectors this morning are the Joan Murray and Richard Herrmann.

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*

Class of 2018

Josh Fitzhugh

Liz Slayton

Ted Long

Class of 2019

Bruce Story

David Blythe

Joan Murray

Class of 2020

Diane Holland

Sarah Hofmann

Shawn Bryan



Psalms 34:1-2

I will praise the LORD at all times. I will constantly
speak his praises. I will boast only in the LORD;
let all who are helpless take heart.

http://cove-bibletalk.blogspot.com/2015/10/the-lectionary-passages-for-sunday_21.html

The Missions & Ministries of Christ Episcopal Church, Montpelier

Altar Guild	Liz Slayton (802-229-0164)
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Social Justice Committee	Marty Roberts (802-223-5506)
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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.