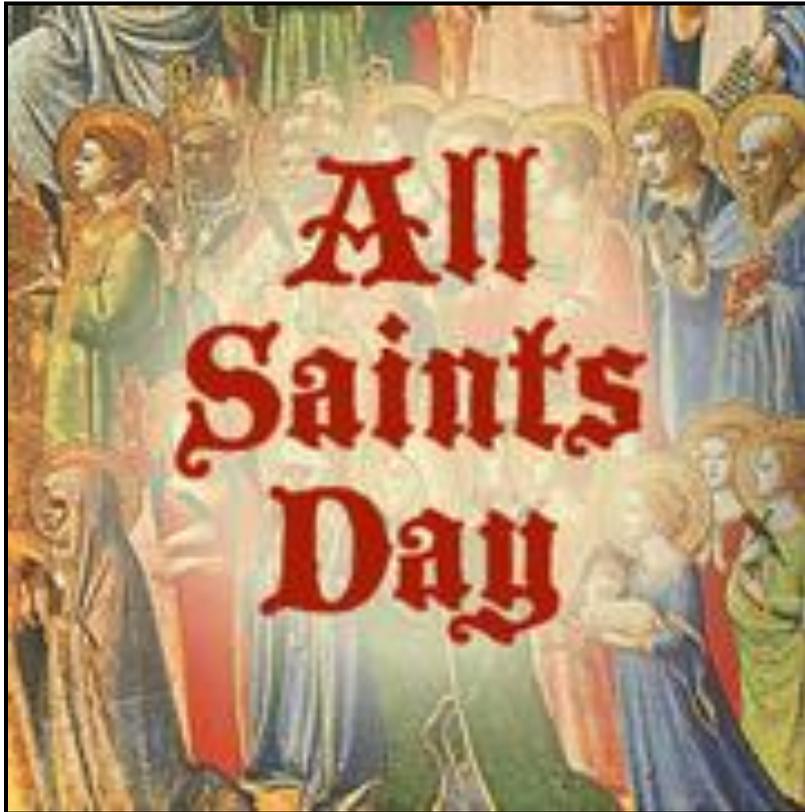


# Twenty Fourth Sunday after Pentecost November 4, 2018



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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.

## A Celtic Eucharist

*We invite you to observe silence before the service begins.*

Salutation and Response

The God of love is with us.

**The Spirit of love is in us.**

Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the breath of God.

**Let the winds and all creation praise you.**

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 Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Let us pray:

**Holy Spirit, giver of life, creative breath of God through whom this world was breathed into existence and is sustained; blow with power and wisdom through our lives and infuse us with your indwelling, that we may be empowered and open to bring your kingdom to earth; through Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Collect of the Day

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Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

Please be seated

### **The Word of God**

A reading from the Wisdom of Solomon

3:1-9

The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,  
the world and all who dwell therein.

For it is he who founded it upon the seas  
and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.

"Who can ascend the hill of the LORD? "  
and who can stand in his holy place?"

"Those who have clean hands and a pure heart,  
who have not pledged themselves to falsehood,  
nor sworn by what is a fraud.

They shall receive a blessing from the LORD  
and a just reward from the God of their salvation."

Such is the generation of those who seek him,  
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O gates;  
lift them high, O everlasting doors;  
and the King of glory shall come in.

"Who is this King of glory?"  
"The LORD, strong and mighty,  
the LORD, mighty in battle."

Lift up your heads, O gates;  
lift them high, O everlasting doors;  
and the King of glory shall come in.

"Who is he, this King of glory?"  
"The LORD of hosts,  
he is the King of glory."

A reading from the Book of Revelation

21:1-6a

The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John  
**Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

11:32-44

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

The Sermon

Diane Holland

## Statement of Belief

**Our God is the God of all humanity, of heaven and earth, of the seas and the rivers, of the sun and the moon, and all the stars, God of the highest mountains and of the lowest valleys, over heaven, in heaven, and under heaven.**

**God is present in all things in heaven and earth and seas, inspires all things, brings life to all things, is over all things and supports all things. God makes the light of the sun to shine, and surrounds the moon and stars, brings water to the deserts and places dry islands in the sea.**

**God's Son lives as God lives, eternal and holy.**

**The Holy Spirit breathes in the Father and the Son, and the Holy Spirit lives in God the Christ.**

**And God is forever. Amen.**

## Prayers of the People

We now pray for the needs of all people throughout the world, remembering that we are God's people and the hand of love on earth. Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, for your breath at the heart of creation from which the winds of joy and gladness come forth;

**For the gentle breezes that bring coolness and refreshment.**

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As we give thanks for the gift of life and for the comfort we receive in your holy presence, we pray for those places in our world and our lives where there is no joy or comfort; For communities in ruins and war-torn people and nations; for those held captive physically or emotionally. For those who are weary or weakened by troubles;

**And those who are dying or frightened.**

For the sick and the suffering, especially for those we remember today either silently or aloud. Today, we pray for Ernest, Charlotte, Mary Helen, Evan, Maria, Mary Irish, Pat, Beth, Candi, Bob and for those whom you wish to name either silently or aloud. We pray for those who are departed and for those who mourn. We ask for your comfort and your holy presence, O God.

**For all people, for our loved ones, and for ourselves.**

We pray to you, O God, asking that we may know your breath of love within us and that our lives may be a witness to that love and to your glory.

May God guide us with wisdom, help us with mercy, bless us with grace, and empower us with love; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only mediator and advocate. **Amen.**

The Peace

God makes peace within us.

**Let us claim it.**

God makes peace between us.

**Let us share it.**

## **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.*

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to God.**

Let us give thanks to our God.

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

All things are yours, O God of creation.

**And so, we return our gifts of treasure to you.**

Blessed are you, O God of creation, through whose goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made.

**May it become for us the bread of life.**

Blessed are you, O God of creation, through whose goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands.

**May it become for us the cup of blessing.**

Receive these gifts, dear God, and accept in them the sacrifice of ourselves.

**In life and in death may we be an offering forever.**

We offer you praise and hearts lifted high, O God. You breathe into us your Spirit, and by the blowing of the gentle breeze, you remind us of the constancy of your loving presence. Your glory is in the breath of each created thing, and through your creation we see the holiness and wonder of your being. And so, with all the hosts of heaven and earth, with the wind that howls and the gentle breeze that soothes, we join in the praises of your unending greatness as we sing:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed are you, O God, for the great day of salvation prepared from the beginning of the world, when Christ, though rejected on earth, will be seen by all to be chosen and precious in your sight. We bless you for Christ who carried sin's destructive powers to the cross that all people might be set free. Through Christ, you inspire in us the hope that earth's forces of darkness will be scattered, and the angels of glory and principalities of light will bring a new heaven and a new earth.

Just as prophets long before Christ had spoken of the sufferings that would be his, so Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and having blessed it, he broke the bread, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take, eat, this is my body which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, he took wine, and having given thanks for it, he gave the cup to his disciples, saying: "This cup is the New Covenant in my blood. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

**Remembering his eternal self-giving, we proclaim the mystery of Christ among us. Made one with him and one with each other, we offer these gifts and with them ourselves, a single, holy living sacrifice.**

**Bless us with your Holy Spirit, O God, and bless this bread and this wine, that through them we may be made strong again with the strength that only you supply. May our inner selves be nourished that in the outward things of life we may follow the way of Christ and grow more and more into salvation, through Christ, by whom, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, Almighty God, world without end. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread

The Bread of heaven is broken for the life of the world.

**The cup or love is shared with all who seek God. Amen.**

Postcommunion Prayer

**O God, in love you have called us to be your people and in love you have given us this bread and this wine, may this holy meal refresh us as a gentle and steady breeze, that renewed in your Holy Spirit, we may go forth into the world to serve your people; in the name of God, who is love. Amen.**

God of all light, as we go forth into the world, we extinguish the lights that here represents the presence of the Holy in our midst.

**But we will carry the light in our hearts, and we pray that as we go about our work in the world, we will shine with the love of God.**

**Amen.**

The Blessing

The power and peace of the Presence protect you. The grace and goodness of the saints inspire you. The good and gracious God go with you and keep you always. And the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer be with you now and forever. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

**Welcome!**

Thank you for worshipping with us today!

*Pat Dupont is the Lay Eucharistic Minister this morning.*

*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*

### **Vestry**

#### 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

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**“Great is Thy Faithfulness”** God is good and God is faithful to all people all the time! In response to that gracious faithfulness (that we sometimes take for granted), we are invited to “pay it forward” through acts of compassion and generosity. This year, our fall stewardship drive is focusing on God’s graciousness in our lives and our subsequent invitation to respond. “Great is Thy Faithfulness” is a 20<sup>th</sup> century Christian hymn that poetically describes God’s consistent mercy, faithfulness, and generosity of Spirit. We hope you will respond to God’s faithfulness by making a pledge to support Christ Church and her many ministries throughout 2019. As you know, we build our faith budgets based on your faithful, financial pledges which support this church. Thank you in advance and we hope you always give thanks to God for all the mercies and generosity God has shown to you and yours.

**Celtic Liturgies in November:** On the upcoming four Sunday’s during November, the Worship Committee will sponsor Celtic Eucharist’s at the (4)

10:00AM services and also at (1) of the 8:00AM services. Because the language within these liturgies is different from our traditional Eucharistic prayers, the Worship Committee wanted to provide ample notice of this liturgical offering. Celtic liturgies are often focused on Spirit and creation. The Worship Committee thought it would be appropriate to celebrate these liturgies in advance of Advent, which is also a season that prepares us for the coming of Christ into the world. Please see Rev. Paul if you have any questions. Thank you for your willingness to “try something new on.”

**Finance Committee:** There will be a meeting of the Finance Committee on Monday, November 5, 2018 at 6:30PM in the administrative offices.

**Building & Grounds Team:** We are in the process of forming a Building and Grounds Team for 2019 who can help with grounds maintenance and minor upkeep of our building. If you feel that you have a ministry of working with your hands, please speak to Rev Paul for more information. Thanks!

**Armistice Day.** On November 11<sup>th</sup>, we and other churches in Montpelier will remember and honor Armistice Day or Veterans Day by the ringing of church bells at 12:30PM. We at Christ Church will also participate and we invite anyone who is interested to help ring our bell at 12:30 which is located in the bell tower. The ringing of the bells celebrates and signifies the agreement that was reached in 1918 to end the hostilities of World War One.

### **Social Justice News and Announcements:**

**Abrahamic Table Fellowship:** The first Abrahamic Table will be held here at Christ Church on Sunday November 25<sup>th</sup> from 4:00PM-6:00PM in the Parish Hall. Members of the Montpelier Christian community, Beth Jacob Synagogue, and the Islamic Society of Vermont will share a simple supper and fellowship. Please consider joining us! Linda Radtke and the Social Justice Committee are coordinating the event. We will need soup, salads, beverages, and cookies. This is a chance, right after American Thanksgiving, to share our gratitude as members of the family of Abraham. See Linda Radtke for more information. Thank you!

**Social Justice Committee Book Discussion:** Christ Church's parishioners are invited to participate with parishioners from St. John's Episcopal Church in Randolph to explore the book, "The Hate You Give" by Angie Thomas. This is a young adult book about a black teenager who witnesses the shooting of her friend. The discussions will be held on Wednesdays, November 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> at St. John's, beginning with a soup supper at 5:30PM. We will have some books available

if there is interest. Please speak with any member of the Social Justice Committee: Wendy Dale, Roberta Downey, Jean Jersey, Beth Ann Maier, Joan Murray or Marty Roberts.

### **Youth & Family Ministry Updates:**

**BOB Drive (Bag of Basics):** On October 14<sup>th</sup> following the 10:00AM service, we will walk to Rite Aid Pharmacy to help our children select basic (unscented if possible) necessities for this year's drive. The drive will start the following week and end on November 18<sup>th</sup>, with the **Fall Blessings Luncheon**. A second walk is scheduled for Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. Last year, we helped collect hundreds of donated items that were then distributed to local nonprofit agencies. Let's do it again! The official congregation rollout will be Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, during Youth in Church Sunday! We will be collecting items until Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed to staple flyers to the bags. Please contact Denise Womer at 603-545-9488 or [youthandfamilies@christchurchvt.org](mailto:youthandfamilies@christchurchvt.org) if you can help.

**Cards of Gratitude and Thanksgiving:** Over the next two weeks, Youth and Family Ministry will be setting up a card writing campaign, to send along with the candy for Operation Gratitude. We are asking everyone to please help us. Blank cards and art supplies will be made available in the parish hall over the next month. Thank you!

**Fall Blessings Luncheon:** Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. Please come celebrate the end of fall, the conclusion of our fall stewardship campaign, and the completion of our BOB Drive. Soup, salad and dessert will be served in the Parish Hall by our youth following the 10:00AM service (11:30PM-12:30PM). Our luncheon is also open to the Montpelier community. Volunteers are needed for set up, clean up and to bring food items such as milk, juice, bread, fruit and salad mixings. Please, don't hesitate to invite a friend or neighbor to join us and contact Denise Womer at 603-545-9488, or at [youthandfamilies@christchurchvt.org](mailto:youthandfamilies@christchurchvt.org) if you have questions or would like to volunteer or donate food.

**"A Mighty Outcry"** St. Michael's Episcopal Church/Brattleboro and their School Choir will present the fourth in Paul Dedell's mystery plays written for young people. "A Mighty Outcry" explores the complex young woman known as 'Joan of Arc' who not only led armies but who wept for those who perished on both sides. The core question of the play may be the one at the heart of human existence: "How does

one discern the rightness of the inner voices that guide our decisions?” Performance will be held in Christ Church’s sanctuary, Sunday, November 18, 2018 at 3:00PM. Tickets are \$4 for students, \$8 for adults and may be purchased at the door. All proceeds will benefit the “AlleluiaFund!” for diocesan outreach. For more information call: 802-323-3631.

### **Other Events and Announcements:**

## **News About Our Search for the 11th Bishop of The Episcopal Church in Vermont**

The Bishop Discernment and Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the launch nationwide of our Profile and website! We invite you to take a look, at [www.bishopsearchvt.org](http://www.bishopsearchvt.org) The Profile is a thorough, accurate and honest summary of The Episcopal Church in Vermont and is the document that potential candidates will read as they discern their call to apply. The BDNC will be accepting applications until November 16, 2018. Feel free to spread the word and share this website among priests you know who may be interested in applying and others who may know potential applicants. The BDNC work of screening and interviewing applicants is confidential. The slate of finalists will be announced in late March. Meanwhile, please keep the applicants and the BDNC in your prayers as we proceed in our mutual discernment. Maggie Thompson, Chair, Bishop Discernment and Nominating Committee

**Tuesday Eucharist’s at 5:30PM:** On Tuesday evenings into the fall, we will continue celebrating informal evening Eucharist’s in the chapel. Please feel welcome to stop by after work for a few minutes of contemplation and reflection. All are welcome.

**Christ Church Connections (CCC):** Christ Church Connections is a ministry of mutual caring within this faith community. We promote connections by helping members in health or other challenging personal situations; e.g., through visits, meals, cards, prayers, errands, home Eucharist. For the month of November, if your family or someone you know could use a visit or other kind of support, please contact Kathy Preis. Kathy may be reached via email at: [verywarmandfuzzy@yahoo.com](mailto:verywarmandfuzzy@yahoo.com)

**Office Hours:** Kathy Preis, our Administrator is in the office on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays 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 Connections</b>	Rev. Beth Ann Maier (802-793-4234)
<b>Communications Team</b>	Kathy Preis (802-522-8219)
<b>Diocesan Representatives</b>	Maggie Thompson (802-454-4635) Deb Barnwell (802-476-7859)
<b>Discretionary Fund for Community Outreach</b>	Virginia Catone (802-229-9898)
<b>Fellowship Ministry</b>	Stephen Dale (802-229-4686)
<b>Finance Committee</b>	John Jaworski (802-476-4942)
<b>Food Shelf</b>	Sharon Wilson (802-244-8037)
<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>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 Committee</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.*