

Twenty Fifth Sunday after Pentecost November 11, 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.

The Holy Eucharist – Rite I – 8:00 am

We invite you to observe silence before the service begins.

Salutation and response

BCP 323

Blessed be God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. 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.

Collect of the Day

BCP 184

O God, whose blessed Son was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant us, we beseech thee, that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that, when he shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like unto him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, he liveth and reigneth ever, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

The Word of God

A reading from the Book of Ruth

3:1-5, 4:13-17

Psalms 127

BCP 782-783

Unless the LORD builds the house,
their labor is in vain who build it.

Unless the LORD watches over the city,
in vain the watchman keeps his vigil.

It is in vain that you rise so early and go to bed so late;
vain, too, to eat the bread of toil,
for he gives to his beloved sleep.

Children are a heritage from the LORD,
and the fruit of the womb is a gift.

Like arrows in the hand of a warrior
are the children of one's youth.

Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them!
he shall not be put to shame
when he contends with his enemies in the gate.

A reading from the Book of Hebrews

9:24-28

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

12:38-44

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

The Sermon

Rev. Steve Reynes

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)

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: Ernest, Charlotte, Mary Helen, Evan, Maria, Mary Irish, Pat, Beth, Candi, Bob, Jody 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, 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.**

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 also with you.

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

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

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 Fraction

**Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us!
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

The 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!

Laurie Labarthe 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*

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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 20th 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.”

Christ Church Connections: The pastoral care team, Christ Church Connections, will meet on Tuesday, November 13th at 5:00PM in the lower conference room. Anyone interested in participating on the team is invited to attend.

Worship Committee: There will be a meeting of the Worship Committee on Tuesday, November 13th at 6:30PM.

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!

Front Porch Forum: Our Communications Team is looking to develop a process whereby we will utilize Front Porch Forum in Montpelier and surrounding towns to notify area residents of special happenings at Christ Church. If you are a member of FPF and would be willing to become part of a team that sends out occasional notices, please contact Kathy Preis in the office via email: administrator@christchurchvt.org
Thank you.

Armistice Day. On November 11th, 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 25th 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 7th and 14th 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:

Christmas Pageant Rehearsals: Please join us in the Parish Hall immediately following the 10:00 AM service, on Sunday November 11th to select a part for the children's Christmas Pageant. Rehearsals will begin on Sunday, December 2nd and December 9th at 10:00AM in the Parish Hall. The final rehearsal will be on Saturday December 15th at 3:00 PM in the sanctuary. All are welcome to participate regardless of age or rehearsal attendance. Please invite your friends and neighbors with children to participate in this lighthearted annual event. Our Christmas Pageant will be held on December 16th during the 10:00AM service and will be followed by a Christmas pot luck luncheon. Please contact Denise Womer, Youth & Families Director at 603-545- 9488 or via email youthandfamilies@christchurchvt.org for more information.

The Missions & Ministries of Christ Episcopal Church, Montpelier

Altar Guild	Liz Slayton (802-229-0164)
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Communications Team	Kathy Preis (802-522-8219)
Diocesan Representatives	Maggie Thompson (802-454-4635) Deb Barnwell (802-476-7859)
Discretionary Fund for Community Outreach	Virginia Catone (802-229-9898)
Fellowship Ministry	Stephen Dale (802-229-4686)
Finance Committee	John Jaworski (802-476-4942)
Food Shelf	Sharon Wilson (802-244-8037)
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)
Prayer Chain	Rev. Beth Ann Maier (802-793-4234)
Prayer Shawl Ministry	Maggie Thompson (802-454-4635) Rilla Murray (802-272-2663)
Social Justice Committee	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.