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Morning Prayer -- Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 10, 2025 10:30am

Officiant/Homilist/Lay Reader: John Howard

Pianist: Cheryl Ross

Reader: Lynn McTaggart

Server: Sarah Howard

Greeter: Francis Richardson



Our Land Acknowledgement

We at Christ Church are gathered together on the territory of the Saugeen Ojibway Nation and commit ourselves to the hard work of reconciliation.



Our Mission Statement

Christ Church is committed to live in a generous and loving spirit in all its relationships.

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OPENING SENTENCE

Please stand, as you are able.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
#393, (blue hymn book)

PENETENTIAL RITE

Officiant Dear friends in Christ, as we prepare to worship Almighty God, let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

All 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 neighbours 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.

Officiant Merciful Lord, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

OPENING RESPONSES

Officiant Lord, open our lips,
People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.

People O Lord, make haste to help us.

All Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia!

THE INVITATORY (Said)

THE VENITE (Come) - From Psalm 95: 1-7

*Read responsively by the half verse, with the officiant reader the plain text and **the congregation responding with the bold text.***

The Lord is in his holy temple: ***O come let us worship.**

Come, let us sing to the Lord; ***let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.**

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving ***and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

For the Lord is a great God, ***and a great king above all gods.**

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, ***and the heights of the hills are his also.**

The sea is his for he made it, ***and his hands have moulded the dry land.**

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, ***and kneel before the Lord our maker.**

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. ***Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
***As it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.**

The Lord is in his holy temple: ***O come let us worship.**

Please be seated.

Psalm 50:1-8, 23-24

The psalm is read responsively, led by a cantor. The congregation's response is in bold.

¹The mighty one, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to its setting.

²**Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.**

³ Our God comes and does not keep silent; before him is a devouring fire and a mighty tempest all around him.

⁴ **He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people:**

⁵ “Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!”

⁶ **The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge. *Selah***

⁷ “Hear, O my people, and I will speak, O Israel, I will testify against you. I am God, your God.

⁸ **Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you; your burnt offerings are continually before me.**

²³ Those who bring thanksgiving as their sacrifice honor me;

²⁴ **to those who go the right way, I will show the salvation of God.”**

FIRST READING - Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Reader: A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Following the reading.

Reader: The word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORY #3

Officiant The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous; * to the brokenhearted the Lord is near.

People **The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous; * to the brokenhearted the Lord is near.**

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

People **To the brokenhearted the Lord is near.**

Officiant Look upon him and be radiant, and let your faces not be ashamed.
People **To the brokenhearted the Lord is near.**
Officiant The righteous cry, and the Lord hears them and delivers them from all their troubles.
People **To the brokenhearted the Lord is near.**
Officiant The Lord ransoms the life of his servants, and none will be punished who trust in him.
People **To the brokenhearted the Lord is near.**
Officiant Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
People **The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous; * to the brokenhearted the Lord is near.**

SECOND READING – Luke 12:32-40

Reader: A reading from the Gospel according to Luke.

Following the reading.

Reader: The word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand, as you are able.

METRICAL CANTICLE – THE BENEDICTUS (Blessed)

From Luke 1:68-79

*The metrical canticle is sung to the tune of “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”
 (Tune: St. Anne – CP #528). Text edited by The Rev. Brendon Bedford.*

Blest be the God of Is-ra-el, Who came to set us free;
 He vi-si-ted and raised us up, A branch from Da-vid’s tree.

Through ho-ly pro-phets long ago, God’s pro-mise was made plain:
 To save us from our en-e-mies, And free us from their chain.

God vowed to show our fa-thers grace, And keep his cov’nant true;
 With A-bra-ham God sealed his oath – The Lord will see it through.

That we, from fear and ha-tred saved, May serve God all our days,
 In ho-li-ness and right-eous-ness, To live before God’s face.

And you, my child, shall be the one, To go before the Lord,
To speak God's mer-cy to the poor, And make his path-ways broad.

You'll teach sal-va-tion's ho-ly way – For-give-ness for our sin;
The light of grace shall shine on those, In death's cold sha-dowed din.

The sun on high shall rise on us, With mer-cy from a-bove,
To guide our feet in peace and truth, And lead us in God's love.

Please be seated.

THE HOMILY

John Howard

Lay Reader

Please stand, as you are able.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Officiant Let us affirm the faith of our baptism in the words of the
Apostles' Creed, as we say:

**All I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven
and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and
born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again
to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

OFFERTORY HYMN The Church of Christ in Every Age #584
(blue hymn book)

THE OFFERTORY – *From 1 Chronicles 29*

Officiant Yours, O Lord, are the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and on the earth is yours. For all things come from you, and of your own do we give you.

Please assume your preferred posture for prayer.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

COLLECT OF THE DAY (Said)

Please stand, as you are able.

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Said)

Officiant And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All 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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Officiant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.

People Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN Be Thou My Vision #505