

THE PARISH OF CHRIST THE REDEEMER
PELHAM, NEW YORK



THE FEAST OF SAINT BARTHOLOMEW
APOSTLE

THE HOLY EUCHARIST
10:00 AM, AUGUST 24, 2025

ABOUT CHRIST CHURCH

The Parish of Christ the Redeemer (known as Christ Church) is the Episcopal Church in Pelham, New York. The Episcopal Church is part of the Anglican Communion which is made up of 85 million people in over 165 countries and is the third largest Christian denomination in the world. Christ Church was founded in 1843 and is the first house of worship in Pelham. This building was consecrated on September 15, 1843, the original church building was expanded in 1910, and the sanctuary was reconstructed in 1968 to allow for the current, more intimate worship space. Our congregation draws primarily from Pelham, New Rochelle, Mount Vernon, and the Bronx, and includes people from diverse denominational and cultural backgrounds.

ABOUT SAINT BARTHOLOMEW

Bartholomew is one of the twelve Apostles known in the Gospels according to Matthew, Mark, and Luke only by name. His name means “Son of Tolmai,” and he is sometimes identified with Nathanael, the friend of Philip, the “Israelite without guile” in John’s Gospel, to whom Jesus promised the vision of angels ascending and descending on the Son of Man. There is a tradition that Bartholomew traveled to India, and Eusebius reports that when Pantaenus of Alexandria visited India, between 150 and 200, he found there “the Gospel according to Matthew” in Hebrew, which had been left behind by “Bartholomew, one of the Apostles.” An ancient tradition maintains that Bartholomew was flayed alive at Albanopolis in Armenia. His feast day is always August 24.

ABOUT TODAY’S SERVICE

The Holy Eucharist, the principal act of Christian worship on the Lord’s Day and other major Feasts, and Daily Morning and Evening Prayer, as set forth in the Book of Common Prayer, 1979, are the regular services appointed for public worship in the Episcopal Church. At Christ Church we celebrate the Holy Eucharist every Sunday, and also on Holy Days and other occasions. Today’s liturgy is from the red *Book of Common Prayer* 1979. All hymns are taken from the blue *Hymnal* 1982 or other authorized hymnals for use in the Episcopal Church. All hymns are reprinted with permission under OneLicense.net A713125.

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Children of all ages are always welcome in church. Also, childcare is available in the Nursery every Sunday during the 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist. Sunday School is offered during the academic year from September until June. Sunday School begins at 10:00 AM each Sunday. After the children's service and Sunday School activities, the children join the rest of the congregation for the Holy Communion.



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ORGAN PRELUDE

The prelude is offered before worship as a form of prayer. Once the prelude begins, please refrain from conversation in the church or outside the Sacristy.

Solemn Melody

Henry Walford Davies 1869-1941

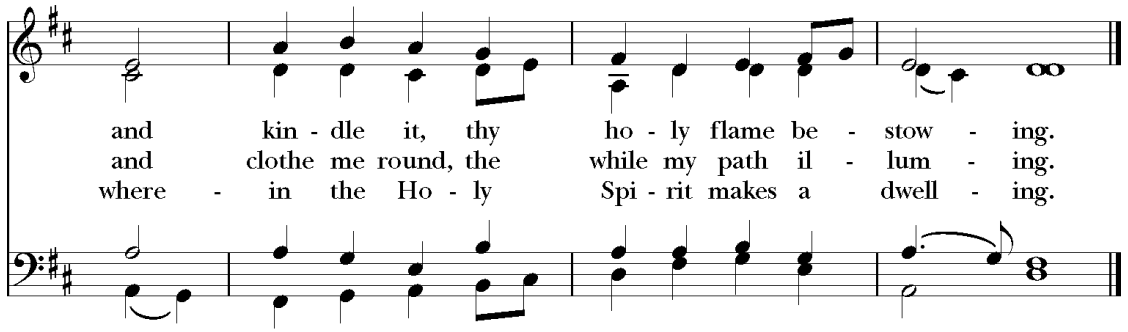
PROCESSION HYMN (#516)

All stand and sing the hymn as the ministers enter.

1 Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of mine,
2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn
3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;

O Com - fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,
and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
for none can guess its grace, till Love cre - ate a place



Words: Bianco da Siena (d. 1434?); tr. Richard Frederick Littledale (1833–1890), alt.
 Music: *Down Ampney*, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)
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OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant ✠ Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant 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.

All **Amen.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (S-280)

All sing the song of praise.

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most



Title: Canticle 20, Glory to God: *Gloria in excelsis*
 Music: Robert Powell (b. 1932), rev.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who gave to your apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and to preach your Word: Grant that your Church may love what he believed and preach what he taught; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON: DEUTERONOMY 18:15-18

All are seated.

Reader A Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." Then the Lord replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 91:1-4 *Qui habitat*

The Psalm is recited responsively by whole verse.

Reader He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, *
 abides under the shadow of the Almighty.

People **He shall say to the Lord,**
 "You are my refuge and my stronghold, *
 my God in whom I put my trust."

Reader He shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter *
 and from the deadly pestilence.

People **He shall cover you with his pinions,**
 and you shall find refuge under his wings; *
 his faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler.

THE SECOND LESSON: 1 CORINTHIANS 4:9-15

Reader A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.
I think that God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, as though sentenced to death, because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to mortals. We are fools for the sake of Christ, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we are hungry and thirsty, we are poorly clothed and beaten and homeless, and we grow weary from the work of our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we speak kindly. We have become like the rubbish of the world, the dregs of all things, to this very day. I am not writing this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you might have ten thousand guardians in Christ, you do not have many fathers. Indeed, in Christ Jesus I became your father through the gospel.

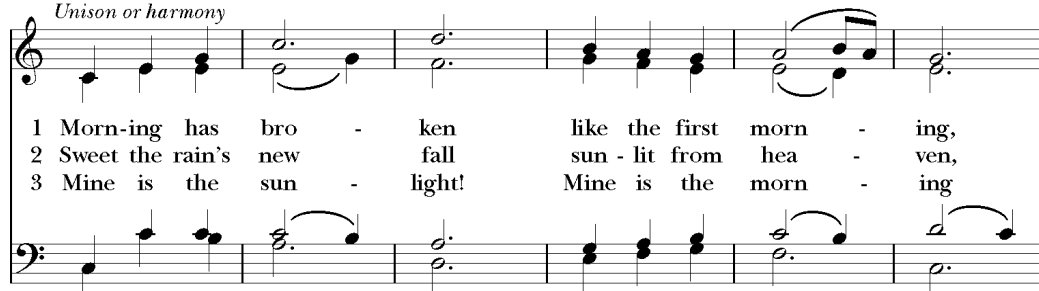
The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

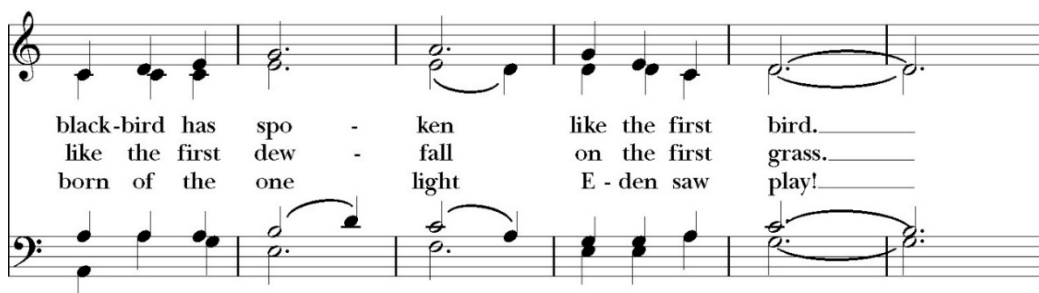
SEQUENCE HYMN (#8)

All stand and sing the hymn.

Unison or harmony



1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing,
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from hea - ven,
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing



black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird.
 like the first dew - fall on the first grass.
 born of the one light E - den saw play!



Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
 sprung in com - plete - ness where his feet pass.
 God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!



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Section: Morning
Words: Eleanor Farjeon (1881–1965), alt.
Music: *Bunessan*, Gaelic melody; harm. Alec Wyton (b. 1921)
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THE HOLY GOSPEL: LUKE 22:24-30

All remain standing for the Gospel.

Deacon ✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Deacon A dispute arose among the disciples as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But Jesus said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. “You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.”
The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

All are seated for the sermon by the Rev. Claire Woodley-Aitchison.

NICENE CREED

All stand and join in saying the Nicene Creed.

Celebrant We believe in one God,
All **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.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

- Deacon* 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
- People* **Hear our prayer.**
- Deacon* 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
- People* **Hear our prayer.**
- Deacon* 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
- People* **Hear our prayer.**
- Deacon* 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
- People* **Hear our prayer.**
- Deacon* 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.
Lord, in your mercy
- People* **Hear our prayer.**
- Deacon* We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy
- People* **Hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Our prayers are asked for Sean our Presiding Bishop, Matthew, Allen, and Mary our Bishops, Father Matt our Rector, Deacon Chisara, and our Wardens, Officers, and Vestry members. We pray also for: Mike, Bill, Tom, Julie, Anne, Kristen, Ari, Jennifer, Marion, Sam, Elaine, Sheila, Amy, Alice, Barbara, Janet, Sandy, Beth, Ingrid, Didi, Tim, Chris, Marilyn, Alison, Bob, Robert, Allison, Hildy, Jordan, Cathy, Tom, Bill, Mike, Sara, David, Drue, Kevin, Brian, Helen, and M&D. We pray for those in our Armed Services especially: Sean, Dylan, Gus, Chuck, Sam, Helen, Joseph, Philip, Jake, Matthew, Robert, Nicholas, Mitchel, Alec, Jonah, Tia, Tyrese, Terrence. We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays this week especially, Ian Oliveria (8/25), Chris Lahey (8/26), Jill Bethea (8/27), Katie Lawrence (8/27), and Dorothy Yewer (8/30).

CONFESSION OF SIN

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All kneel (as able).

Celebrant Most merciful God,
All **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.**

Celebrant 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.

All **Amen.**

THE PEACE

All stand.

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

WELCOME & OFFERTORY SENTENCE

All are seated. The announcements conclude with the offertory sentence.



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HOLY COMMUNION IN THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

All baptized persons, including children, are full members of the Body of Christ and are invited to participate in every aspect of the service and receive the Holy Communion. Members of other Christian churches who are baptized are also invited to receive the Body and Blood of Christ. Persons who do not wish to receive Holy Communion are also invited to come forward with everyone else to receive a blessing (cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you want a blessing and not Holy Communion).

OFFERTORY ORGAN VOLUNTARY

As the gifts of bread and wine are prepared at the altar and an offering is taken, an organ voluntary is played.

Passacaglia (Death of Falstaff)

William Walton 1902-1983

OFFERTORY DOXOLOGY (#380, VS 3)

All stand and sing the Doxology as the offering is brought to the altar and blessed.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him a-bove, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

Music: *Old 100th*, melody from *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551, alt.; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

All remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

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

The Celebrant continues with the Proper Preface assigned for the day.

Celebrant 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:

All sing "Holy, holy, holy" (#S 130)

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.

Title: The Holy Eucharist II, Holy, holy, holy Lord: *Sanctus*
 Music: From *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Peter Schubert (1797–1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)
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The people stand or kneel.

Celebrant 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:

All

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant

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.

All

AMEN.

Celebrant

All

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

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

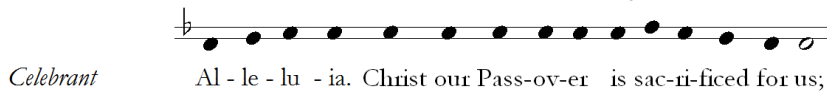
Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

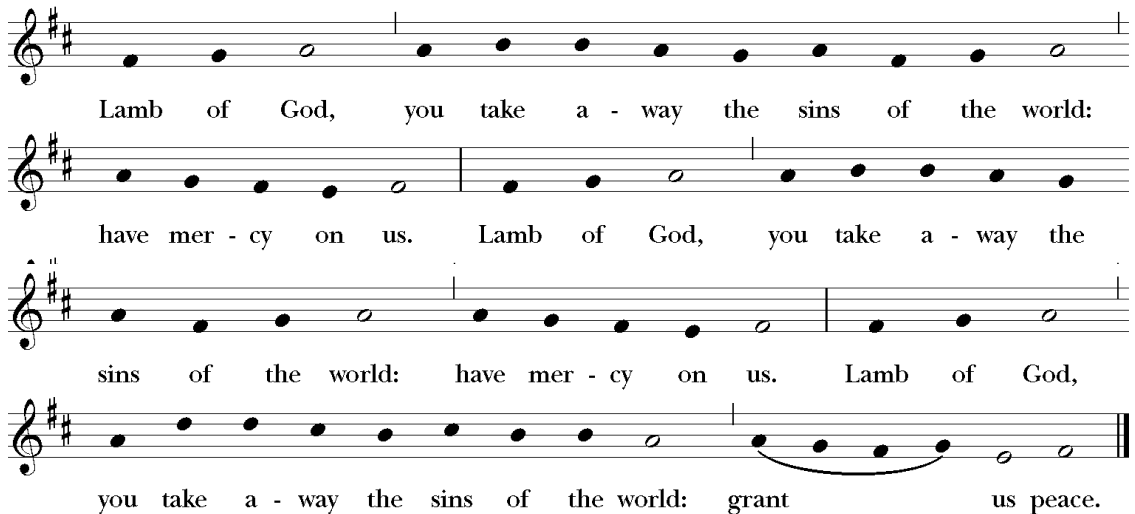
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
 And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
 for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is observed.



All sing "Lamb of God" (Hymn #S 161).



Title: The Holy Eucharist II, Fraction Anthem: Lamb of God: *Agnus Dei*
 Music: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950)
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INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

The Celebrant invites the people to receive the Holy Communion.

All baptized persons, including children, are invited to receive Holy Communion. Members of other Christian churches who are baptized are also invited to receive the Body and Blood of Christ. Persons who do not wish to receive Holy Communion are invited to come forward with everyone else to receive a blessing (cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you want a blessing).

ORGAN VOLUNTARY AT THE COMMUNION

During the ministration of Holy Communion, an organ voluntary is played.

Adagio (Symphony No. 3)

Louis Vierne 1870-1937

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

The people kneel (as able).

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

POST COMMUNION HYMN (#397)

All stand and sing the hymn.

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The first system contains the first three lines of the hymn. The second system contains the next three lines. The third system contains the final three lines. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

1 Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voice - es,
2 O may this boun - teous God through all our life be near us!
3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,

who won - drous things hath done, in whom his world re - joic - es;
With ev - er - joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us;
the Son, and him who reigns with them in high - est hea - ven,

who from our mo - ther's arms hath blessed us on our way
and keep us in his grace, and guide us when per - plexed,
e - ter - nal, Tri - une God, whom earth and heaven a - dore;



Words: Martin Rinkart (1586–1649); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827–1878), alt.

Music: *Nun danket alle Gott*, melody Johann Crüger (1598–1662); harm. William Henry Monk (1823–1889), after Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1947)

Meter: 67. 67. 66. 66

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

The celebrant offers a blessing which concludes as follows.

Celebrant ... and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

People **Amen.**

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PROCESSIONAL VOLUNTARY

All remain standing as the altar party processes from the Sanctuary during the Postlude. Once the altar party has departed, please be seated and be courteous to those who are listening to the music by remaining quiet.

Festival Voluntary

Franciscus Florentinus Peeters 1903-1986

Our guest organist today is Nathan Taylor.

CHRIST CHURCH

Episcopal/Anglican

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The Reverend Deacon Chisara Alimole, *Deacon*
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Worship Schedule

Every Sunday at 8am & 10am: Holy Eucharist
Sundays as announced at 5pm: Holy Eucharist or Evensong
Wednesdays & Holy Days as announced at 5:15pm: Holy Eucharist

The Parish of Christ the Redeemer

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