# THE PARISH OF CHRIST THE REDEEMER PELHAM, NEW YORK



# THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

(PROPER 18C, TRACK 2)

THE HOLY EUCHARIST 10:00 AM, SEPTEMBER 7, 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 THE SEASON AFTER PENTECOST

This period in the Church year is known as "The Season after Pentecost" or "Ordinary Time." The term "ordinary" refers to how the New Testament passages are generally read in order or in sequence, as opposed to being arranged by specific theme as in other seasons. During this season the Gospel passages focus on the beginning of Jesus' ministry and how he is revealed to the world as the Christ. In Year C (the third in a three year cycle: A, B & C) most of the Gospel passages are from the Gospel according to Luke. The Old Testament Lesson reads through the Pentateuch in sequence. The New Testament Lesson is independent of these readings and is almost always taken from one of the Letters in the New Testament that reflects the common life and mission of the first Christian community.

#### **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.

# CHILDREN, NURSERY CARE, AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

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**

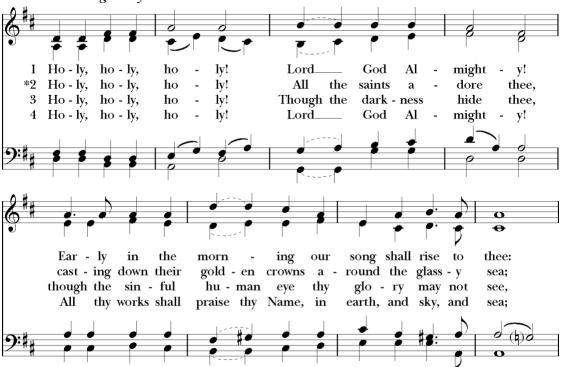
The prelude is offered before worship as a form of prayer. Once the prelude begins, please refrain from conversation in the church or outside the Sacristy.

Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele BWV 654

Johann Sebastian Bach 1685-1750

# PROCESSION HYMN (#362)

All stand and sing the hymn as the ministers enter.





Words: Reginald Heber (1783-1826), alt.

Music: Nicaea, John Bacchus Dykes (1823–1876)

Meter: 11 12. 12 10

### **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)





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.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives

and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

# THE FIRST LESSON: DEUTERONOMY 30:15-20

All are seated.

Reader A Reading from Deuteronomy.

Moses said to all Israel the words which the Lord commanded him, "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

# PSALM 1 Beatus vir qui non abiit

The Psalm is recited responsively by whole verse.

Reader Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, \*

nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

People Their delight is in the law of the Lord,\*

and they meditate on his law day and night.

Reader They are like trees planted by streams of water,

bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; \*

everything they do shall prosper.

People It is not so with the wicked; \*

they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

Reader Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, \*

nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

People For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, \*

but the way of the wicked is doomed.

#### THE SECOND LESSON: PHILEMON 1-21

Reader A Reading from the Letter of Paul to Philemon.

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love-- and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother-- especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this

with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

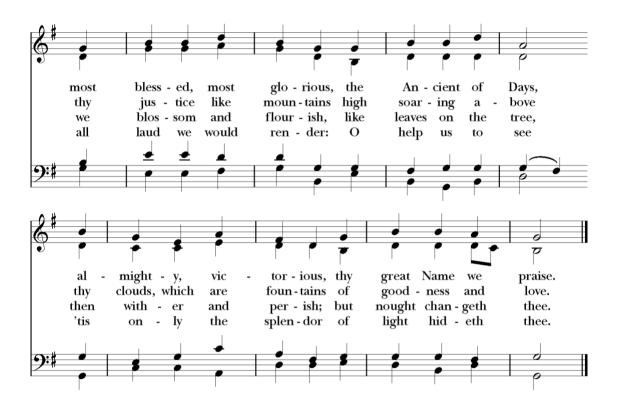
The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

# **SEQUENCE HYMN (#423)**

All stand and sing the hymn.





Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824–1908), alt.

Music: St. Denio, Welsh hymn, from Caniadau y Cyssegr, 1839; adapt. John Roberts (1822–1877); harm. The

English Hymnal, 1906, alt.

Meter: 11 11. 11 11

### THE HOLY GOSPEL: LUKE 14:25-33

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 Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them,

"Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

#### THE SERMON

All are seated for the sermon by the Rev. Matthew Mead.

#### **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:, John, Jenny, 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, Emma Kitay (9/7), Olivia Lawlor (9/8), Dylan Harle (9/10), James Kenworthy (9/10), Aedan Pearl (9/10), Davina Salvatore (9/11), Glenn Wiggins (9/11), Lisa Doughten (9/12), Charles Johnson (9/12), ర Coen Clark (9/13).

#### **CONFESSION OF SIN**

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

All kneel (as able).

Celebrant Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you All

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.

AllAmen.

#### 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

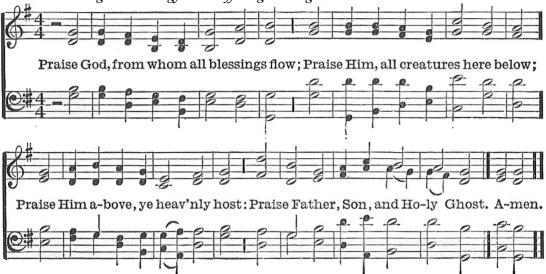
All baptized persons, including children, are full members of the Body of Christ and are invited to participate in every aspect of the service and receive the Holy Communion. Members of other Christian churches who are baptized are also invited to receive the Body and Blood of Christ. Persons who do 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.

# OFFERTORY DOXOLOGY (#380, VS 3)

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



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.

CelebrantThe Lord be with youPeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift 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.

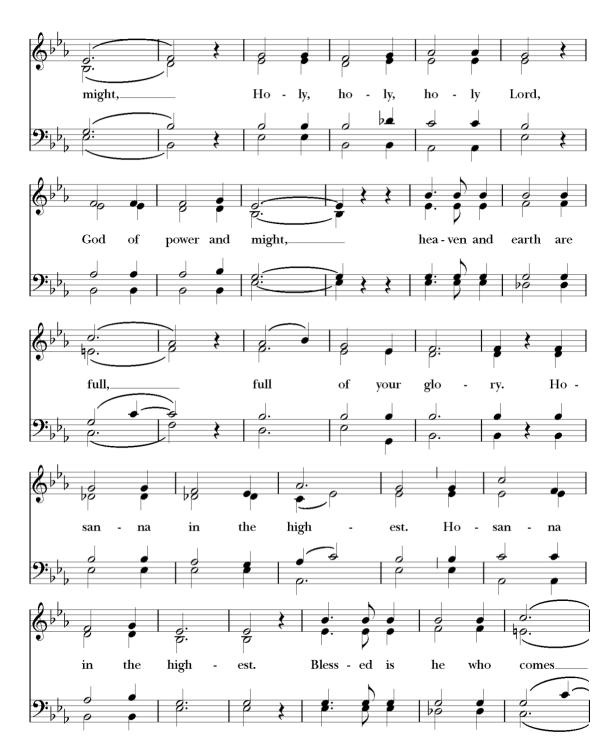
Celebrant Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and

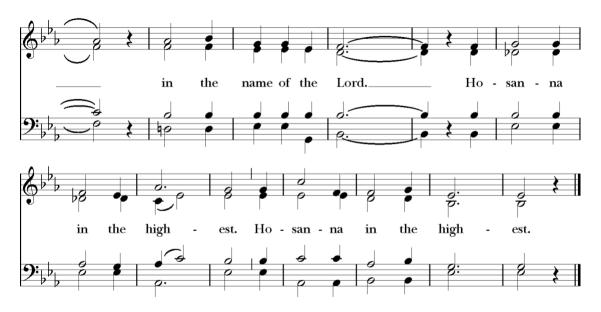
with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the

glory of your Name:

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







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 \(\frac{\pi}{2}\) 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 \$\mathbb{\pi}\$ 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

And now, as our Savior 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,

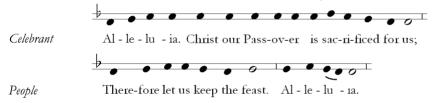
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

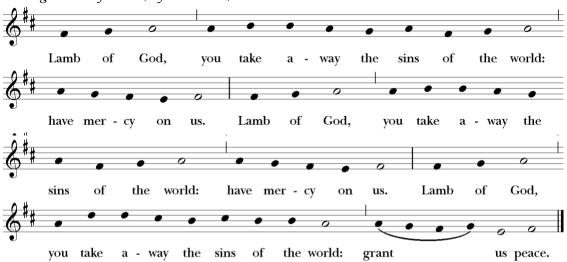
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

#### 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

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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.

#### 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

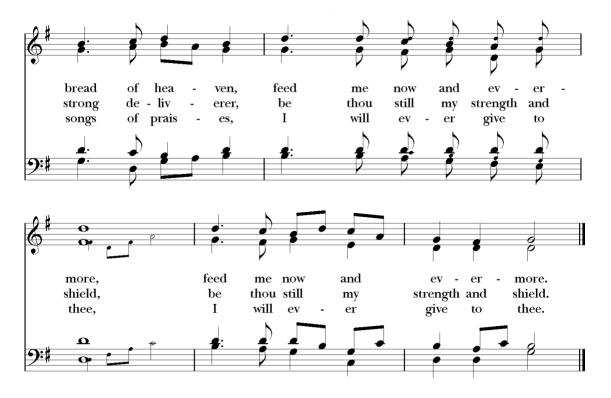
to love and serve you

with gladness and singleness of heart;

through Christ our Lord. Amen.

# POST COMMUNION HYMN (#690)





Words: William Williams (1717–1791); tr. Peter Williams (1722–1796), alt.

Music: Cwm Rhondda, John Hughes (1873–1932)

Meter: 87. 87. 877

#### **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.

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# **CHRIST CHURCH**

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The Reverend Deacon Chisara Alimole, Deacon
Ms. Marie Main, Parish Administrator
Dr. Justin Bischof, Director of Music & Organist
Mr. Michael Moynihan, Director of Adult Christian Formation
Mr. Walter Roberts, Verger and Sexton
Mr. Ed Blue, Sexton

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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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