

THE PARISH OF CHRIST THE REDEEMER PELHAM, NEW YORK



SAINT MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

CHORAL EVENSONG

4:00 PM, SEPTEMBER 28, 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.

TODAY'S SERVICE

Tonight, we offer a sung service of Evening Prayer called Evensong. Evensong has been offered for nearly 600 years in Anglican and Episcopal cathedrals, city churches, and country parishes around the world. The format for Anglican Evensong can be traced directly to the first Book of Common Prayer and Archbishop Thomas Cranmer who crafted robust services of Morning Prayer (Matins) and Evening Prayer (Evensong) from the smaller monastic offices that had been in use before the Reformation. Anglican Evensong is often the last major service on a Sunday and is said or sung by and for the people. Evensong often includes a sermon, familiar evening hymns, and, when possible, a choir. Tonight's service is Rite I from the Book of Common Prayer 1979. Scripture passages used this evening are from the New Revised Standard Version, Updated Edition. All hymns and service music reprinted in this leaflet are either in the public domain or reprinted with permission under OneLicense.net license A-713125.

A WARM WELCOME

Tonight we welcome as our preacher the Rev. Christian Wood, Rector of Saint John's Episcopal Church, Tampa, Florida. Father Chris was born and raised in Queens, NY. A lifelong Episcopalian, he grew up going to his local parish Grace Church Whitestone. Father Chris attended John Jay College of Criminal Justice (CUNY) in New York City. Father Chris worked as a videographer for several years before being called as Youth Minister at

the Church of the Redeemer, Sarasota, FL. He was sent by Redeemer to Neshotah House where he earned his M.Div. Following Seminary Fr. Chris returned as Curate at the Church of the Redeemer. In 2022, Father Chris was called as the Rector of Saint John's Episcopal Church and Parish Day School in Tampa. Father Chris serves on staff at the Saint Michael's Conference with Father Matt, our rector. Chris and Nicole Mead are cousins, and Chris's sister Dawn Ryder is a parishioner at Christ Church.

MICHAELMAS

Michaelmas (rhymes with “nickel” and pronounced like “Christmas”) is the traditional English name for the feast day of Saint Michael and All Angels, observed on September 29. This date was selected because it is the anniversary of the dedication of the 6th Century Church of Saint Michael and All Angels in Rome. In England and in some schools elsewhere, Michaelmas is one of the quarter days, traditionally marked by the election of magistrates, the beginning of the legal and university terms, and the collection of quarterly rents.

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ORGAN PRELUDE & PROCESSIONAL

An organ 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.

At Evensong the organ Voluntary also serves as the processional. Please stand when the procession begins.

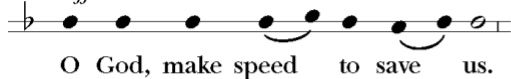
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Johann Sebastian Bach 1685-1750

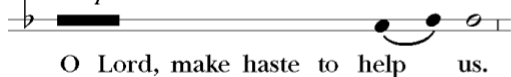
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All remain standing.

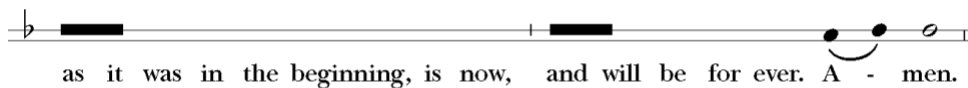
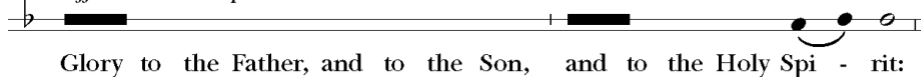
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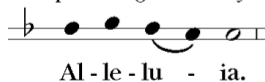
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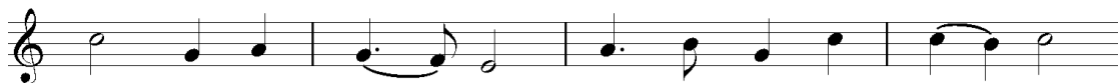


Except during Lent, may be added:



FESTAL HYMN (#282)

The people stand and sing the hymn.



1 Christ, the fair glo - ry of the ho - ly an - gels,
 2 Send thine arch - an - gel Mi - chael to our suc - cor;
 3 Send thine arch - an - gel Ga - bri - el, the might - y;
 4 Send from the hea - vens Ra - phael thine arch - an - gel,
 5 May the blest mo - ther of our God and Sa - vior,
 6 Fa - ther Al - might - y, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit,



1 ma - ker of all things, ru - ler of all
 2 peace - ma - ker bless - ed, may he ban - ish
 3 her - ald of hea - ven, may he, from us
 4 health - bring - er bless - ed, aid - ing ev - ery
 5 may the ce - les - tial com - pa - ny of
 6 God ev - er bless - ed, hear our thank - ful



1 na - tions, grant of thy mer - cy un - to us thy
 2 from us striv - ing and hat - red, so that for the
 3 mor - tals, drive ev - ery e - vil, watch - ing o'er the
 4 suf - ferer, that, in thy ser - vice, he may wise - ly
 5 an - gels, may the as - sem - bly of the saints in
 6 prais - es; thine is the glo - ry which from all cre -



1 ser - vants steps up to hea - ven.
 2 peace - ful all things may pros - per.
 3 tem - ples where thou art wor - shipped.
 4 guide us, heal - ing and bless - ing.
 5 hea - ven help us to praise thee.
 6 a - tion ev - er a - scend - eth.

Words: Rabanus Maurus (776–856); ver. Hymnal 1940, alt.
Music: Caelites plaudant, melody from Antiphoner, 1728; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)
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PHOS HILARON

The people are seated. The choir sings Phos hilaron by Justin Bischof.

O gracious light,
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven.
O Jesus, Christ, holy and blessed!
Now as we come to the setting of the sun,
and our eyes behold the vesper light,
we sing thy praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,
Son of God, O Giver of Life,
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

PSALM 8 *Domine, Dominus noster*

The Psalm is sung by the choir to an Anglican Chant by Ivor Keys.

O LORD our Governor, *
how exalted is your Name in all the world!
Out of the mouths of infants and children *
your majesty is praised above the heavens.
You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, *
to quell the enemy and the avenger.
When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, *
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
What is man that you should be mindful of him? *
the son of man that you should seek him out?

You have made him but little lower than the angels; *
you adorn him with glory and honor;
You give him mastery over the works of your hands; *
you put all things under his feet:
All sheep and oxen, *
even the wild beasts of the field,
The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, *
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.
O LORD our Governor, *
how exalted is your Name in all the world!
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, *
world without end. Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON: DANIEL 12:1-3

The First Lesson is now read.

Reader A reading from the Book of Daniel.

At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead the many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

MAGNIFICAT

The people stand for the first Gospel Canticle. The choir sings Magnificat in C by Charles Villier Stanford 1852-1924. Incense is offered.

My soul doth magnify the Lord, *
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
For he hath regarded *
the lowliness of his hand-maiden.
For behold from henceforth *
all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me, *
and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him *
throughout all generations.
He hath showed strength with his arm; *
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat, *
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, *
as he promised to our forefathers,
Abraham and his seed, for ever.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

THE SECOND LESSON: REVELATION 12:7-12

All are seated. The Second Lesson is now read.

Reader

A Reading from the Revelation to John

War broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. Then I heard a loud voice in heaven proclaiming, “Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah, for the accuser of our brothers and sisters has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they did not cling to life even in the face of death. Rejoice then, you heavens and those who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, for the devil has come down to you with great wrath because he knows that his time is short!”

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

NUNC DIMITTIS

The people stand for the second Gospel Canticle. The choir sings Nunc Dimitis in C by Charles Villier Stanford 1852-1924.

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, *
according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, *
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, *
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

All remain standing. The Creed is chanted in monotone.

Celebrant

I believe in God, the Father almighty,

All

maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;

who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, dead, and buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven,

and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

All remain standing.

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

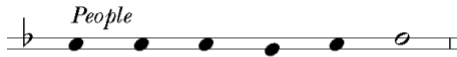
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

SUFFRAGES

All remain standing.

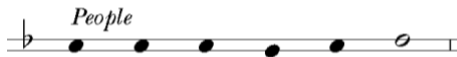


That this evening may be holy, good, and peace - ful,



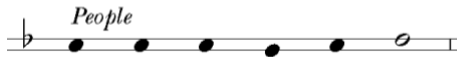
We en - treat thee, O Lord.

Officiant That thy holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill,



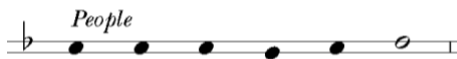
We en - treat thee, O Lord.

Officiant That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,



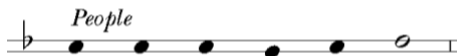
We en - treat thee, O Lord.

Officiant That there may be peace to thy Church and to the whole world,



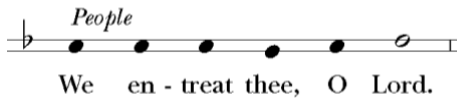
We en - treat thee, O Lord.

Officiant That we may depart this life in thy faith and fear, and not be condemned
before the great judgment seat of Christ,



We en - treat thee, O Lord.

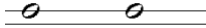
Officiant That we may be bound together by thy Holy Spirit in the communion of Blessed Michael and all Angels and all thy saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,



THE COLLECTS

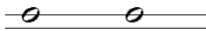
All remain standing.

Officiant Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted in a wonderful order the ministries of angels and mortals: Mercifully grant that, as your holy angels always serve and worship you in heaven, so by your appointment they may help and defend us here on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.



All A - men.

Officiant Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.



All A - men.

Officiant Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give thine angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for thy love's sake.



All A - men.

OFFICE HYMN (#625)

All sing the hymn.

Descant

4 My soul, bear thou thy part, tri - umph in God a - bove: and

1 Ye ho - ly an - gels bright, who wait at God's right hand, or
2 Ye bless - ed souls at rest, who ran this earth - ly race and
3 Ye saints, who toil be - low, a - dore your heaven - ly King, and and
4 My soul, bear thou thy part, tri - umph in God a - bove: and

with a well - tuned heart sing thou the songs of love! Let all thy

through the realms of light fly at your Lord's com - mand, as - sist our
now, from sin re - leased, be - hold the Sa - vior's face, God's prais - es
on - ward as ye go some joy - ful an - them sing; take what he
with a well - tuned heart sing thou the songs of love! Let all thy

days till life shall end, what - e'er he send, be filled with praise.

song, for else the theme too high doth seem for mor - tal tongue.
 sound, as in his sight with sweet de - light ye do a - bound.
 gives and praise him still, through good or ill, who ev - er lives!
 days till life shall end, what - e'er he send, be filled with praise.

Words: Richard Baxter (1615–1691); rev. John Hampden Gurney (1802–1862)
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THE SERMON

All are seated for the sermon by the Rev. Christian M. Wood, Rector of Saint John's Episcopal Church, Tampa, Florida

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

All stand.

Officiant

All

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we thine unworthy servants
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all men.
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for thine inestimable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we beseech thee,
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;
and that we show forth thy praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to thy service,
and by walking before thee
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

All remain standing.

Officiant

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make
our common supplication unto thee; and hast promised through thy well-
beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou
wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions
of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of

thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting.
All **Amen.**

WELCOME & HOW TO GIVE

*All are seated for a brief welcome and announcements. This week's schedule and additional announcements are at the back of the bulletin. Ushers will pass the collection plate during hymn, and you are invited to make a donation to support Christ Church. If you prefer, you can give online by scanning the QR code or texting an amount to **914-351-2001**. Thank you so much for supporting Christ Church!*



OFFERING ANTHEM

The people are seated while the choir sings the anthem and an offering is taken.

The Day draws on with golden light

Edward Bairstow 1874-1946

The day draws on with golden light,
glad songs go echoing through the height,
the broad earth lifts an answering cheer,
the deep makes moan with wailing fear.

For lo, he comes, the mighty King,
to take from death his power and sting,
to trample down his gloomy reign
and break the weary prisoner's chain.

Maker of all, to thee we pray,
fulfil in us thy joy today;
when death assaults, grant, Lord, that we
may share thy paschal mystery. Amen

DISMISSAL & GRACE

All remain standing.

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant Almighty Father, in your providence you send your holy angels to watch over us: Hear our prayers, defend us always by their protection and let us share your life with them for ever, and may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore.

All **Amen.**

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.

Fugue in c BWV 546

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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

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As members of the Body of Christ, we are dedicated to spiritual growth and committed
to serving God through worship and service to our community and the world.*