



# CHRIST CHURCH ANGLICAN

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Burning Bush, Christ Church Anglican, Meaford

## **Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost** **September 28, 2025   Holy Eucharist 10:30am**

Presider: The Rev. Brendon Bedford

Lay Reader: Francis Richardson

Organist: Keiko Yoden-Kuepfer

Cantor: Lynn McTaggart

Server: Lynn McTaggart

Reader: Chris Clark



## 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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## **Welcome and Announcements**

Post-Covid, we have curtailed the “passing of the plate” at Christ Church. There are offering envelopes in the pews and on the table at the back of the church. We thank you for your donation to the ministry and upkeep of the parish which can be placed on the offering plate as you enter the church.

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **OPENING SENTENCE**

**INTROIT HYMN:** Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty #1 (blue hymn book)

## **GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**

**Presider:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**People:** **and also with you.**

**Presider:** In this time and place, we gather on the traditional territory of the Chippewas of Nawash Nation, the Saugeen Ojibway Nation, and the Métis, and we gather on land covered by Treaty 18 – the Simcoe-Nottawasaga Treaty – of 1818, between the Crown and the Chippewas, representing the Anishnaabe people.

**People:** **From many places and peoples we come to this time of prayer.**

**Presider:** We uphold our common stewardship of creation and our common birthplace of God’s earth.

**People:** **We respect our place on this land and move forward in love and peace.**

## **THE COLLECT FOR PURITY**

**Presider:** Almighty God,

**All:** **to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. 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. Amen.**

**THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO (Glory to God in the Highest)**  
(#702 blue hymn book)

**All:**           **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**  
**Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**  
**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.**  
**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**  
**Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth.**

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**Presider:**   The Lord be with you.  
**People:**     **And also with you.**  
**Presider:**   Let us pray.  
**Presider:**   Creator God, Sunkwiyatisu and Gitchi Manitou,  
.....  
Fill us with the wideness and wildness of your Spirit, in the name  
of your Son, Jesus Christ, we ask all this.  
**People:**     **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**The Proclamation of the Word**

**THE FIRST READING**

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

**Reader:**     A reading from the Book of Jeremiah  
**Reader:**     The word of the Lord.  
**People:**     **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 91:1-6, 14-16

*The psalm refrain is played once, sung once by the cantor; then repeated by the congregation.*



- (1) Those who dwell in the shelter of the Most High,  
(2) abide under the shadow of the Almighty.  
(3) They shall say to God, "You are my refuge and my stronghold,  
(4) my God in whom I put my trust." **R.**
- (1) God shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter  
(2) and from the deadly pestilence.  
(3) The wings of God shall cover you, and beneath them you will shelter;  
(4) God's faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler. **R.**
- (1) You shall not be afraid of any terror by night,  
(2) nor of the arrow that flies by day;  
(3) Of the plague that stalks in the darkness,  
(4) nor of the sickness that lays waste at mid-day. **R.**
- (1) Because you are bound to me in love, therefore will I deliver you;  
(2) I will protect you, because you know my name.  
(1) You will call upon me, and I will answer you,  
(2) I am with you in trouble; I will rescue you and bring you to honour.  
(3) With long life will I satisfy you,  
(4) and show you my salvation. **R.**

## THE SECOND READING

## 1 Timothy 6:6-19

Reader: A reading from the First letter of Paul to Timothy

Reader:                   The word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand, as you are able.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia #710** blue hymn book

*Repeated two or three times by the congregation.*



*Please turn to face the Gospel reader.*

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 16:19-31

Gospeller: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

*The Gospel is read.*

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia #710**

blue hymn book

*repeated by congregation.*

*Please be seated.*

## HOMILY

The Rev. Brendon Bedford

Priest & Rector

*Please stand, as you are able.*

## THE NICENE CREED

Lay Reader: Let us confess our faith, as we say,

**All: We believe in one God, 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 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. With the Father and the Son He is worshipped 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.**

*Please sit, stand or kneel, as is your custom.*

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Francis Richardson

Lay Reader

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Lay Reader: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Lay Reader: 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 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.**

Presider: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

## **THE PEACE**

**Presider:** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:** And also with you.

*Members of the congregation greet one another with a sign of peace.*

*Remain standing, as you are able.*

**OFFERTORY HYMN:** For the Healing of the Nations #576

(blue hymn book)

## **THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

### **The Celebration of the Eucharist**

Supplementary Eucharistic Prayer 2

**Presider:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** and also with you.

**Presider:** Lift up your hearts.

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

**Presider:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**Presider:** Eternal God, Source of all being, we give you thanks and praise for your faithful love. ....

.....  
Therefore we raise our voices with angels and archangels, forever praising you and singing:

### **THE SANCTUS (HOLY)**

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord - #735 (blue hymn book)

**All:** Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.



Presider: Blessed are you, O Holy One:  
.....  
When your people were taken into exile you wept with them by the river of Babylon and carried them home.

**People: Restore us, O God, let your face shine!**

Presider: At the right time you sent your Anointed One to stand with the poor, the outcast, and the oppressed. ....  
.....  
Therefore we proclaim our hope.

**People: Dying you destroyed our death,  
rising you restored our life.  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Presider: Pour out your Spirit on these gifts that through them you may sustain us in our hunger for your peace.  
.....  
When we are broken and cast aside, embrace us in your love.

**People: Restore us, O God, let your face shine!**

Presider: Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O Source of all life, now and for ever.

**People: Amen.**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER (sung) #684 blue hymn book**

Presider: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,  
**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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD (FRACTION RITE)

Lamb Of God (Agnus Dei) sung

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

## THE COMMUNION

**Presider:** The gifts of God for the People of God.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

*Please be seated.*

*All baptized Christians, regardless of denomination, are welcome to receive communion at God's altar. If you are not baptized, you are very welcome to come forward to the communion rail for a blessing, indicating so by crossing your arms over your chest.*

***If you are interested in exploring baptism, please speak to the priest after the service.***

*Gluten free host (wafers) are available at the altar rail upon request.*

**COMMUNION HYMN**    Amazing Grace    #352    *(blue hymn book)*

*Please stand, as you are able.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## THE DOXOLOGY (sung)

**All:**        **Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## THE FINAL BLESSING

**RECESSIONAL HYMN**    I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say    #508  
*(blue hymn book)*

## THE DISMISSAL

**Presider:** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

*Please be seated.*

## THE POSTLUDE

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Psalm from George Black Psalms; Lamb of God, David Clark Isele;

### This Week's Prayer List

(We invite you to hold all on our list in your prayers for the coming week.)

**The Diocese:** We hold in our prayers the people and clergy of: St. George's of Forest Hill, Kitchener; St. John the Evangelist, Kitchener; St. George's, New Hamburg; All Saints' Filipino Community Church, Waterloo.

**The Parish:** We hold in our prayers: Robert Richardson, Ed & Janine Robinson, Murray Sarafinchin and their families as well as all those serving in the Canadian Armed Forces at home and overseas.

**The Wider Church:** We hold in our prayers the clergy and people of the Diocese of Jerusalem; the clergy and people of Bath Abbey and St. Giles, Cripplegate, UK.

**Intercessions:** For healing and hope we hold up to God: Bette, Bob, Charlie & Marg, Deanie, Doug, Fraser, Geoff, Gord, Katharine, Kenneth, Lois, Mary, Robert, Ted, and their families, and any others who are in need of our prayers.

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### *Memorial Flowers on the Altar*

*Flowers at the Altar today are given to the Glory of God and with grateful thanks for the life and ministry of past members of the Brotherhood of Anglican Churchmen.*

If you would like to place flowers on the altar in memory of a loved one, please contact Muriel Armitage, with advance notice if possible, at 519-538-2852.

### NEXT WEEK

Sunday, October 5, 2025, Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

The Readings are: Lamentations 1:1-6; Lamentations 3:19-26 As Canticle Or Psalm 137; 2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10.

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**We thank Keiko Yoden-Kuepfer** for her sharing of her talent at the organ today.

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**Our Mid-week Eucharist service is every Wednesday, at 12noon in the chapel -- all are welcome to this said BCP service.**

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**We hope you plan to attend our first session of a new, ongoing Bible Study on Wednesday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at 1:00pm, just after the Mid-week Eucharist.** We will be studying the Letter of James. Bring your Bible if you have one, and a lunch if desired. (You may consider attending both, beginning at 12noon.

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**Bishop's Friends' North Dinner** – takes place **Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at St. George's, Parish of the Blue Mountains (166 Russell St. E., Clarksburg).**

The dinner is prime rib, potatoes, veg, yorkshire pudding and GF/vegan options will be available too. Tickets are \$55 (with a \$30 tax receipt issued) and are available online at [www.parishofthebluemountains.ca](http://www.parishofthebluemountains.ca) or by phone at 519-599-3047 – Silent Auction & entertainment also.

This event is in support of the Bishop's Discretionary Fund. Posters are at the back of the church -- feel free to take one.

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**We hope you will participate in our COUNTRY KITCHEN & CRAFT SALE, -- Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, from 10am to 1pm.** Items suggested, are: soups, bread, bake table items such as pies, cookies, GF items, and pickles or preserves, crafts, etc. NEW THIS YEAR, a light lunch will be available for a freewill offering.

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**The Chancel Guild** is looking for new team members and invites you to become part of a team. Please consider this important ministry and if interested, speak to Jean Richardson or Fr. Brendon after the service.

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**After-church Coffee & Fellowship Ministry** – there is a **new schedule** posted on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall for aspiring hosts to sign up to help us with providing some cookies/treats for Coffee Time. Thank you for your consideration.

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