



CHRIST CHURCH ANGLICAN

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Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost **October 5, 2025 Holy Eucharist 10:30am**

Presider: The Rev. Brendon Bedford
Lay Reader: John Howard
Organist: Cheryl Ross

Cantor: John Howard
Server: Sarah Howard
Reader: Katharine Peat



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: All Things Bright and Beautiful #415 (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.

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 KYRIE ELEISON

Presider: Lord, have mercy.

All: Christ have mercy.

Presider: Lord, have mercy.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Please be seated.

The Proclamation of the Word

THE FIRST READING

Lamentations 1:1-6

Reader: A reading from the Book of Lamentations

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE, LAMENTATIONS 3:19-26

The psalm refrain is sung once by the cantor and is then repeated by the congregation.



- (1) The thought of my affliction and my homelessness is wormwood and gall!
- (2) My soul continually thinks of it and is bowed down within me.
- (3) But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:
- (3) The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end;
- (4) they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. **R.**

- (1) "The Lord is my portion," says the Lord,
- (2) "therefore I will hope in him."
- (3) The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him.
- (4) It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord. **R.**

THE SECOND READING

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Reader: A reading from the second 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

Intro by pianist; repeated two or three times by the congregation.



Please turn to face the Gospel reader.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 17:5-10

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.

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

John Howard

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: Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness #397

(blue hymn book)

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Church of England – Eucharistic Prayer F

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: You are worthy of our thanks and praise, Lord God of truth,

.....
As we watch for the signs of your kingdom on earth, we echo the
song of the angels in heaven, evermore praising you and saying:

THE SANCTUS (HOLY) sung

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: Lord God, you are the most holy one, enthroned in splendour and light, yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ you reveal the power of your love made perfect in our human weakness.

People: **Amen. Lord, we believe.**

Presider: Embracing our humanity, Jesus showed us the way of salvation; loving us to the end, he gave himself to death for us; dying for his own, he set us free from the bonds of sin, that we might rise and reign with him in glory.

People: **Amen. Lord, we believe.**

Presider: On the night he gave up himself for us all he took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

People: **Amen. Lord, we believe.**

Presider: In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: 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. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

People: **Amen. Lord, we believe.**

Presider: Therefore we proclaim the death that he suffered on the cross, we celebrate his resurrection, his bursting from the tomb, we rejoice that he reigns at your right hand on high and we long for his coming in glory.

People: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Presider: As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of our redemption, Father, by your Holy Spirit let these gifts of your creation be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; form us into the likeness of Christ and make us a perfect offering in your sight.

People: **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Presider: Look with favour on your people and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts.
and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (said) #684 blue hymn book

Presider: 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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD (FRACTION RITE)

Lamb Of God (Agnus Dei) said

**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.

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 Stand Up and Bless the Lord #350 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 Psalter; 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: All Saints, Waterloo; Church of the Holy Saviour, Waterloo; The Staff of Church House.

The Parish: We hold in our prayers: Francis Richardson, Jean Richardson, John Richardson 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.



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 Chancel Guild.

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 12, 2025, Harvest Thanksgiving
The Readings Are Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 100; Phil 4:4-9; John 6:25-35.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

We thank Cheryl Ross for her sharing of her talent at the piano today.

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

We hope you plan to attend our session of a new, ongoing Bible Study which began on Wednesday, October 1st. It is at 1:00pm, just after the Mid-week Eucharist. We are 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.

The “Toonie Tree” is set up at the back of the church. As in the past, we hope you will give generously to this initiative of the Bighead River Foodgrains Project, to help feed the hungry. World Food Day is October 16th.

We hope you will participate in our **COUNTRY KITCHEN & CRAFT SALE**, -- Saturday, October 25th, 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.

The Chancel Guild is a very important ministry for our church. If you are able to team up with a partner (does not have to be a spouse), or are interested and could be placed with someone else, please speak to Fr. Brendon about this. We depend on Chancel Guild for our lovely services – they make a huge difference.

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

PASTORAL CARE: For urgent care, please contact the Rev. Brendon Bedford at brendonbedford@diohuron.org or 226-974-5060.

For all other ministries, please speak to a warden or call the office at 519-538-1330 or office@christchurchanglican.ca.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pipe Organ & Sacred Music Concert, in recognition of the Casavant Freres pipe organ in Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Walkerton being awarded, Pipe Organ of the Year 2025. **Friday, October 10, 2025 at 7:00pm** at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 221 Victoria St. S., Walkerton. Admission by free will offering in support of Saugeen Hospice. Info: organtastic25@hotmail.com. Posters are on bulletin boards.