



CHRIST CHURCH ANGLICAN

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Wheat Field with Cypresses, van Gogh, 1889

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Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost **October 19, 2025 Holy Eucharist 10:30am**

Presider: The Rev. Brendon Bedford
Lay Reader: John Howard
Pianist: Camryn Ruthven

Cantor: Victoria Alcock
Server: Sarah Howard
Reader: Lynn McTaggart
Greeter: Garry Minielly



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: Hail to the Lord’s Anointed #101 (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

The Proclamation of the Word

THE FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:27-34

Reader: A reading from the Book of Jeremiah

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 119:97-104

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



- (1) Oh, how I love your law!
- (2) all the day long it is in my mind.
- (3) Your commandment has made me wiser than my enemies,
- (4) and it is always with me. **R.**

- (1) I have more understanding than all my teachers,
- (2) for your decrees are my study.
- (3) I am wiser than the elders,
- (4) because I observe your commandments. **R.**

- (1) I restrain my feet from every evil way,
- (2) that I may keep your word.
- (3) I do not shrink from your judgments,
- (4) because you yourself have taught me. **R.**

- (1) How sweet are your words to my taste!
- (2) they are sweeter than honey to my mouth.
- (3) Through your commandments I gain understanding;
- (4) therefore I hate every lying way. **R.**

THE SECOND READING

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

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 18:1-8

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: Let Streams of Living Justice #575
(blue hymn book)

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Eucharistic Prayer #3 (with preface for the Lord's Day 2) BAS, pg 198

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: (Pg 218) Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth;

.....
As we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

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: (BAS, pg 198) We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the
goodness and love you have made known to us in creation;

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Therefore, Father, according to his command,

**All: we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await
his coming in glory;**

Presider: and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you,

.....
By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy
Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for
ever.

People: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (said)

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.

COMMUNION HYMN Jesus Calls Us Here to Meet Him #59

(blue hymn book)

Please stand, as you are able.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

THE DOXOLOGY (said)

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 God, Whose Almighty Word #560
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: St. James, Paris; Parish of Long Point Bay: • St. John's, Port Rowan • Port Ryerse Memorial Church, Port Ryerse • St. John's, Woodhouse • St. Andrew's-by-the-Lake, Turkey Point.

The Parish: We hold in our prayers: David & Marian Sloss, Garry & Darlene Smith, Heather Speakman 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, as well as bishop Sarah Mullally, Archbishop of Canterbury-designate.

Intercessions: For healing and hope we hold up to God: 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 Ivan Knight and Laurin Bertrand, a gift of Dennis and Joanne.

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 26, 2025, Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

The readings are: Joel 2:23-32; Ps 65; 2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

We thank Camryn Ruthven for sharing 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 sessions of the ongoing Bible Study which occurs on Wednesdays, 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 during the month of October. As in the past, we hope you will give generously to this initiative of the Bighead River Foodgrains Project, to help feed the hungry.

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.

The Free Community Breakfast resumes Monday, October 20th after the Thanksgiving holiday – from 8:30am to 10am. We hope to see you there.

UPCOMING SPECIAL SERVICES:

- † All Hallow's Evening Prayer service will take place on Thursday, October 31st at 4:00PM, followed by a candy shellout.
- † All Saints' Day, will be celebrated at Christ Church on Sunday, November 2nd at 10:30AM.
- † All Souls' Day with the Blessing of the Graves will take place on Monday, November 3rd at Lakeview Cemetery at 10:30 AM. Those who have loved ones buried there may wish to join us.
- † Remembrance Sunday will take place on November 9th at 10AM at the Meaford Community Centre in conjunction with other Meaford churches.

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.

If you have an item to contribute, please speak to Canon Kevin or Victoria Alcock who is keeping a list.

Friday, October 24th is setup day. Please bring in your items to the Parish Hall between 10am and 3pm.

The BAC breakfast meeting is Sunday, October 26th beginning at 8:30am in Memorial Hall.

A big "thank you" to our Gardening committee for such a plentiful harvest, which helped to fill our Little Free Pantry and the Meaford Foodbank on occasion.

Our Repair Cafe continues to be very successful, and is every second Saturday in the month, going from 9am to 12noon. Thank you, volunteers! The next one is November 8th.

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.
