



CHRIST CHURCH ANGLICAN

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Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost **August 16, 2026 Holy Eucharist 10:30am**

Presider: The Rev. Brendon Bedford
Lay Reader: Francis Richardson
Organist: Julian Delf

Server: Sarah Howard
Cantor: Victoria Alcock
Reader: Gail Latour
Greeter: Gene Latour



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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: #384 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
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 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.

Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth.

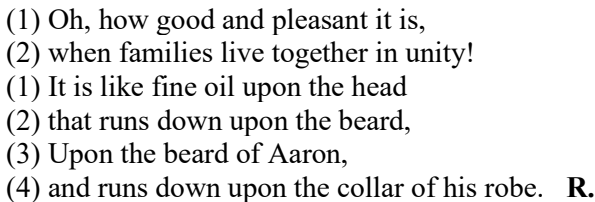
Please be seated.

The Proclamation of the Word

Genesis 45:1-15

People: Thanks be to God.

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



(1) It is like the dew of Hermon
(2) that falls upon the hills of Zion.
(3) For there God has ordained the blessing:
(4) life for evermore. **R.**

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand, as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION #190 Alleluia (from Sing a New Creation)
repeated by congregation, until procession stops

Please turn to face the Gospel reader.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 15:10-28

Gospeller: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

After the reading:

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION #190 Alleluia (from Sing a New Creation)
repeated by congregation, until procession stops

Please be seated.

HOMILY

The Rev. Brendon Bedford
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, kneel or stand, as you're able.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lynn McTaggart

Intercessor

Please stand, if you're 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 stand 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: #606 There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy
blue hymn book

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Eucharistic Prayer # 1– BAS page 193

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: It is indeed right that we should praise you, gracious God, for you created all things

.....

Therefore, with them, and with all your saints who have served you in every age, we give thanks and raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

THE SANCTUS (HOLY)

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord - #212 *Sing a New Creation*

All: **Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed, blessed, blessed is the one
coming in the name, the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!**

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Presider: Holy God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly gives
you praise.
Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith.

All **Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Presider: Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection, and looking for his
coming again in glory,
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Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy
Spirit, all glory is yours, almighty Father, 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) sung

Lamb Of God (Agnus Dei)

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 hosts are available at the altar rail upon request.

COMMUNION HYMN #76 Thee We Adore, O Hidden Saviour, Thee
blue hymn book

Please stand, as you are able.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

THE RETURNING OF SYMBOLS OF MINISTRY

Presider: Dear Siblings in Christ, when I arrived here at Christ Church to serve you as your priest, you presented me with symbols of the ministry to which I had been called to carry out with you and to you on behalf of our bishop. Now, as I lay down this ministry of rector of this parish, I return these symbols of ministry to you, that they might be presented to your next rector, as may be God's will.

The rector presents a vessel of water to a representative of the congregation, saying.

Presider: I return this water. In the waters of baptism we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Remember your baptisms and live the new life in Christ into which you have been reborn.

Representative: We will continue to rejoice in our baptismal fellowship, and in nurturing the community of faith.

The rector returns a bible to a representative of the congregation, saying,

Presider: I return this Bible. Continue to share the story of God's love and mercy and, above all, the Gospel of our Saviour Christ with this community and all the world.

Representative: We will continue to tell of the Gospel of hope and life.

The rector returns a copy of the canons of the Diocese of Huron to a representative of the congregation, saying,

Presider: I return these canons of our diocese. May the work of the vestry, council, and committees of this parish continue to serve Christ and his Gospel.

Representative: We will continue to work for the building up of Christ's Church.

The rector returns the oil of healing to a representative of the congregation, saying,

Presider: I return this oil of healing. Continue to pray for Christ's healing and wholeness for all people, tending to the needs of the sick, the broken, and the dying.

Representative: We will seek Christ's healing, be reconciled to God and one another, and walk with those who suffer.

The rector returns prayerbooks to a representative of the congregation, saying,

Presider: I return these prayerbooks. Continue in worship and prayer, seeking renewal in your life together in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Representative: We will continue to join with the whole Church in regular and constant prayer to God.

The rector returns bread and wine to a representative of the congregation, saying,

Presider: I return this bread and wine. With our bishop, continue in the breaking of the bread, offering your thanks and praise to God. Remember that we, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

Representative: With our bishop, we will make eucharist together, in company with the Church in every age.

The rector returns church keys to the Churchwardens and entrusts them with the parish record books, saying,

Presider: I return these keys. Continue to be a welcoming community. Let the doors of this place be open to everyone.

As the Wardens of this parish, receive also the Vestry Book and records of this parish into your care.

Wardens: We will continue to welcome all who would come into the fellowship of the people of God.

Presider: All these are signs of the ministry which is the bishop's, in which I have shared alongside you, the people of God. I now lay this ministry down. May God equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in you that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen. May the Lord watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth for evermore.**

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 #362 Tell Out, My Soul 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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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. John's-by-the-Lake, Grand Bend • St. Anne's Worshipping Community, Port Franks; St. Paul's, Palmerston; Regional Ministry of Hope • Trinity, Blyth; • St. Paul's-Trinity; Wingham Parish of the Holy Spirit, Seaforth.

The Parish: We hold in our prayers: The Rev'd Brendon & Ashley Bedford, Lillian & Roy, Louis Bernard, Rea Best 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.

Intercessions: For healing and hope we hold up to God: Bev & family, Carole, Charlie, Dave, Marg, Deanie, Fraser, Gord, Katharine, Ted, Tim, Sondra, James and their families, and any others who are in need of our prayers.



Our Prayer List. Please let the priest or wardens know if there is anyone who continues to need our prayers and whose name will continue on the prayer list into the next month.

Memorial Flowers on the Altar

Flowers at the altar today are given to the Glory of God and with grateful thanks for the lives of those from Meaford lost in armed conflicts and peacekeeping missions; and for the clergy and parishioners of Christ Church who have departed this life before us.



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, August 23, 2026, Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Morning Prayer

The readings are: Ex 1:8—2:10; Ps 124; Rom 12:1-8; Mt 16:13-20.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today, following the service, please join us for refreshments and fellowship in the parish hall (or outside under the canopy, weather permitting).

As this is Fr. Brendon's last Sunday serving this parish, if you wish to thank Fr. Brendon for his ministry, please consider giving a donation to the Bishop Appleyard Legacy Trust Fund -- simply include a cheque, or cash in your envelope on the offering plate with Bp Appleyard Legacy Trust in the memo line or you may pay with this notation by any of the methods offered.

Backpack Campaign – won't you help us to fill a backpack? If you're able, you may purchase a backpack with supplies, just a backpack or just supplies – your contribution is greatly needed and appreciated by the students of Georgian Bay Community School (secondary students). See list of supplies sheet at back of church.

Our Backpack service will be September 6th, here at Christ Church, when we bless the backpacks. (There is no waterfront service this year.)

For Pastoral Care, please contact the Rev. Canon Dr. Grayhame Bowcott at grayhamebowcott@diohuron.org or 519-374-4066.

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