



CHRIST CHURCH ANGLICAN

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Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost **August 23, 2026 Holy Eucharist 10:30am**

Presider: The Ven. Canon Judy Walton
Lay Reader: John Howard
Organist: Ashton Dunk

Server: Lynn McTaggart
Cantor: Lynn McTaggart
Reader: Linda Emptage
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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: #7 New Every Morning Is the Love
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.

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

Please be seated.

Children's Talk

The Proclamation of the Word

THE FIRST READING

Exodus 1:8-2:10

Reader: A reading from the Book of Exodus

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 124

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



Our help is in the name of our God, who made hea - ven and earth.

- (1) If God had not been on our side,
- (2) let Israel now say;
- (3) If God had not been on our side,
- (4) when enemies rose up against us; **R.**
- (1) Then would they have swallowed us up alive
- (2) in their fierce anger toward us;
- (3) Then would the waters have overwhelmed us and the torrent gone over us;
- (4) Then would the raging waters have gone right over us. **R.**
- (1) Blessed be God!
- (2) who has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.
- (1) We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler;
- (2) the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
- (3) Our help is in the name of God,
- (4) the maker of heaven and earth. **R.**

THE SECOND READING

Romans 12:1-8

Reader: A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

Reader: The word of the Lord.

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

190 Alleluia



Please turn to face the Gospel reader.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13-20

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 Lure Of The Easy Way

The Ven. Canon Judy Walton
Archdeacon Emeritus

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

John Howard

Lay Reader

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: #388 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken
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!**

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 #619 Fairest Lord Jesus

blue hymn book

Please stand, as you are able.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

THE DOXOLOGY

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 #435 Take My Life, and Let It Be 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: Rondeau Bay Transfiguration Partnership • Trinity, Blenheim • St. Paul's, Erieau • St. John's-in-the-Woods, Aughrim • Christ Church, Dresden; • St. Matthew's, Florence • Church of the Advent, Ridgetown.

The Parish: We hold in our prayers: Terry Best, Esther Boles, Rev'd Canon Kevin & Toni Bothwell 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.

The Souls of the Departed: Gayle

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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 life and ministry of Louise and Gordon Page and Son, Sandy, a gift of Francis Richardson.

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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 30, 2026, Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

The readings are: Ex 3:1-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c; Rom 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

We thank Archdeacon Judy Walton for filling in as priest today, during Fr. Brendon's vacation time.

On behalf of Bishop Townshend, his Commissary, Archdeacon Stephen McClatchie, appoints the Venerable Judy Walton as the interim priest-in-charge of Christ Church Meaford, effective, 1 September 2026.

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.)

Keeping our Sunday School Going - We have found a way to continue to welcome and offer a program for children who attend Christ Church on Sundays. There will be ready to use plans and materials available on the Sunday School shelves for use on short notice.

As we require two adults to deliver the program, we are seeking people that are interested in helping with this important ministry. Please speak to Chris at the office or Janet Carvalho if you require more information or are interested.

For Pastoral Care, until September 1st, please contact the Rev. Canon Dr. Grayhame Bowcott at grayhamebowcott@diohuron.org or 519-374-4066.

For all other questions, concerns or ministries, please contact office@christchurchanglican.ca or 519-538-1330.
