

THE PARISH OF CHRIST THE REDEEMER

PELHAM, NEW YORK



THE 14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

(PROPER 17A, TRACK 1)

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

10:00 AM, AUGUST 30, 2026

ABOUT CHRIST CHURCH

The Parish of Christ the Redeemer (known as Christ Church) is the Episcopal Church in Pelham, New York. The Episcopal Church is part of the Anglican Communion which is made up of 85 million people in over 165 countries and is the third largest Christian denomination in the world. Christ Church was founded in 1843 and is the first house of worship in Pelham. This building was consecrated on September 15, 1843, the original church building was expanded in 1910, and the sanctuary was reconstructed in 1968 to allow for the current, more intimate worship space. Our congregation draws primarily from Pelham, New Rochelle, Mount Vernon, and the Bronx, and includes people from diverse denominational and cultural backgrounds.

ABOUT THE SEASON AFTER PENTECOST

This period in the Church year is known as “The Season after Pentecost” or “Ordinary Time.” The term “ordinary” refers to how the New Testament passages are generally read in order or in sequence, as opposed to being arranged by specific theme as in other seasons. During this season the Gospel passages focus on Jesus’ ministry, how he is revealed to the world as the Christ, and what he teaches to his followers. In Year A (the first in a three-year cycle: A, B & C) most of the Gospel passages are from the Gospel according to Matthew. When Track 1 is used, the Old Testament Lesson is read in thematic sequence throughout the summer, in Year A we will read from the Pentateuch (first five books of the Bible). The New Testament Lesson is independent of these readings and is almost always taken from one of the Letters in the New Testament that reflects the common life and mission of the first Christian community.

ABOUT TODAY’S SERVICE

The Holy Eucharist, the principal act of Christian worship on the Lord's Day and other major Feasts, and Daily Morning and Evening Prayer, as set forth in the Book of Common Prayer, 1979, are the regular services appointed for public worship in the Episcopal Church. At Christ Church we celebrate the Holy Eucharist every Sunday, and also on Holy Days and other occasions. Today’s liturgy is from the red *Book of Common Prayer* 1979. All hymns are taken from the blue *Hymnal* 1982 or other authorized hymnals for use in the Episcopal Church. All hymns are reprinted with permission under OneLicense.net A713125.



CHILDREN, NURSERY CARE, AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children of all ages are always welcome in church. Childcare is available in the Nursery every Sunday during the 10:00 AM Eucharist. Sunday School is offered during the academic year. Sunday School children join the rest of the congregation for the Holy Communion. Scan the QR code to register for Sunday School.



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2026 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN: PLEDGE TODAY

Our pledge goal this year is \$550,000 which accounts for cost increases. We want every parishioner to pledge. Your continued support ensures we have excellent clergy and staff, keeps our buildings beautiful and safe, and funds our programs and ministries.

ORGAN PRELUDE

Our guest organist today is Brian Holman. Justin is a guest at Christ Church in Bradenton, Florida. The prelude is offered before worship as a form of prayer. Once the prelude begins, please refrain from conversation in the church or outside the Sacristy.

Sarabande in G (French Suite No. 5 BWV 816)

Johann Sebastian Bach 1685-1750

PROCESSION HYMN (#8)

All stand and sing the hymn as the ministers enter.

Unison or harmony

1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing,
2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from hea - ven,
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing

black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird.
like the first dew - fall on the first grass.
born of the one light E - den saw play!

Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - ery morn - ing,

Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word! _____
sprung in com - plete - ness where his feet pass. _____
God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day! _____

Section: Morning

Words: Eleanor Farjeon (1881–1965), alt.

Music: *Bunessan*, Gaelic melody; harm. Alec Wyton (b. 1921)

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OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant ✠ Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: 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.

All Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (S-280)

All sing the song of praise.

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most



Title: Canticle 20, Glory to God: *Gloria in excelsis*
 Music: Robert Powell (b. 1932), rev.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON: EXODUS 3:1-15

All are seated.

Reader A Reading from Exodus.

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am

the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the Lord said, “I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.” But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” He said, “I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.” But Moses said to God, “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” God said to Moses, “I am who I am.” He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘I am has sent me to you.’” God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you’: This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 105:1-6, 23-26, 45C

The Psalm is recited responsively by whole verse.

Reader Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.

People **Sing to him, sing praises to him, ***
and speak of all his marvelous works.

Reader G lory in his holy Name; *

let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

People **Search for the Lord and his strength; *
continually seek his face.**

Reader Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,

People **O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
O children of Jacob his chosen.**

Reader Israel came into Egypt, *
and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.

People **The Lord made his people exceedingly fruitful; *
he made them stronger than their enemies;**

Reader Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people, *
and dealt unjustly with his servants.

People **He sent Moses his servant, *
and Aaron whom he had chosen.
Hallelujah!**

THE SECOND LESSON: ROMANS 12:9-21

All are seated.

Reader A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if

they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN (#711)

All stand and sing the hymn.

1

Seek ye first the king - dom of God
Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you,
and its right - eous - ness, and all these things shall be
seek, and ye shall find, knock, and the door shall be
add - ed un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
o - pened un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

Refrain

2

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

Words: St. 1, Matthew 6:33; adapt. Karen Lafferty (20th cent.). St. 2, Matthew 7:7

Music: *Seek Ye First*, Karen Lafferty (20th cent.)

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THE HOLY GOSPEL: MATTHEW 16:21-28

All remain standing for the Gospel.

Deacon ✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Deacon Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

All are seated for the sermon by the Rev. Dr. Meredith Hawkins

NICENE CREED

All stand and join in saying the Nicene Creed.

Celebrant We believe in one God,
All 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 again 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 and the Son.
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.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deacon Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
People **That we all may be one.**

Deacon Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
People **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Deacon We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
People **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Deacon We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
People **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Deacon Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
People **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Deacon Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
People **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Deacon Give to the departed eternal rest;
People **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Deacon We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
People **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Deacon Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. I invite you to add your own petitions said silently or aloud.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect. Our prayers are asked for Sean our Presiding Bishop, Matthew and Allen our Bishops, Father Matt our Rector, Mother Meredith, Deacon Chisara, and our Wardens, Officers, and Vestry members. We pray also for: Cathy, Annette, Patricia, M&D, Dan, Heidi, Brian, Marion, Fronda, Coulby, Michael, Jane, and Sandy. We pray for those in our Armed Services. We also pray for those who have died. May their souls, and the souls of the departed rest in peace, Amen. We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays this week: Emily Scherer (August 31), Marie Duman (September 4), Meredith Hawkins (September 3), Andrew Johnson (September 4), Sara Rose (September 3).

CONFESSION OF SIN

All kneel (as able).

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant 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 neighbors 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.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, ✠ forgive you all your sins through our
Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the
Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

All Amen.

THE PEACE

All stand.

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

WELCOME & OFFERTORY SENTENCE

All are seated. The announcements conclude with the offertory sentence.



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HOLY COMMUNION IN THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

All baptized persons, including children, are full members of the Body of Christ and are invited to participate in every aspect of the service and receive the Holy Communion. Members of other Christian churches who are baptized are also invited to receive the Body and Blood of Christ. Persons who do not wish to receive Holy Communion are also invited to come forward with everyone else to receive a blessing (cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you want a blessing and not Holy Communion).

OFFERTORY ORGAN VOLUNTARY

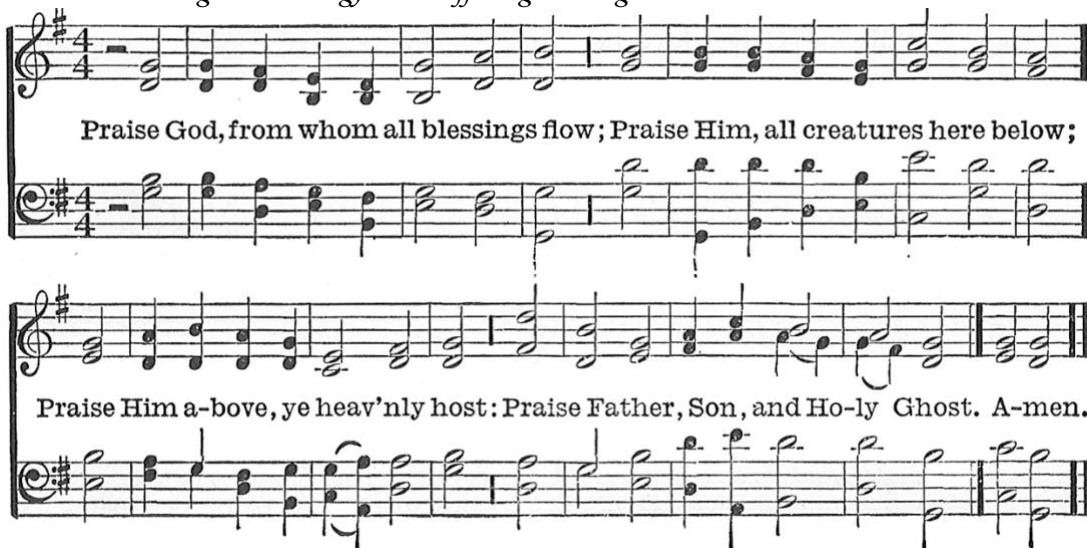
During the organ voluntary the gifts of bread and wine are prepared at the altar and an offering is taken

Improvisation

Brian Holman

OFFERTORY DOXOLOGY (#380, VS 3)

All stand and sing the Doxology as the offering is brought to the altar and blessed.



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow ; Praise Him, all creatures here below ;

Praise Him a-bove, ye heav'nly host : Praise Father, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

Music: *Old 100th*, melody from *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551, alt.; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

All remain standing. The chanted parts may be said at the discretion of the Celebrant.



Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And al - so with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

The Celebrant continues with the Proper Preface assigned for the day.

Celebrant Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

All sing "Holy, holy, holy" (#S 130)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na



Title: The Holy Eucharist II, Holy, holy, holy Lord: *Sanctus*
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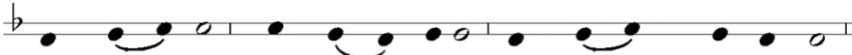
The people stand or kneel.

Celebrant Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Celebrant  There-fore we proclaim the myst-er-y of faith:

People  Christ has died. Christ is ris-en. Christ will come a-gain.

Celebrant

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify ✠ us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By ✠ him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father,

Celebrant



People



Celebrant

All

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

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, and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is observed.

Celebrant Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass-ov-er is sac-ri-ficed for us;

People There-fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

All sing "Lamb of God" (Hymn #S 161).

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Title: The Holy Eucharist II, Fraction Anthem: Lamb of God: *Agnus Dei*
Music: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950)
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INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

The Celebrant invites the people ✠ to receive the Holy Communion. All baptized persons, including children, are invited to receive Holy Communion. Members of other Christian churches who are baptized are also invited to receive the Body and Blood of Christ. Persons who do not wish to receive Holy Communion are invited to come forward with everyone else to receive a blessing (cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you want a blessing).

ORGAN VOLUNTARY AT THE COMMUNION

During the ministration of Holy Communion, an organ voluntary is played.

Improvisation

Holman

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

All kneel as you are able.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

All

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever.**

POST COMMUNION HYMN (#397)

All stand and sing the hymn.

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line with lyrics and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are arranged in three stanzas. The first system covers the first two stanzas, the second system covers the third stanza, and the third system covers the fourth stanza. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

1 Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voice,
2 O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us!
3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;
With ever-joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven,
who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way
and keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,
e - ter - nal, Tri - une God, whom earth and heaven adore;



Words: Martin Rinkart (1586–1649); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827–1878), alt.

Music: *Nun danket alle Gott*, melody Johann Crüger (1598–1662); harm. William Henry Monk (1823–1889), after Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1947)

Meter: 67. 67. 66. 66

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

The Celebrant blesses the people with a seasonal or other blessing, which concludes as follows.

...and the blessing of God Almighty ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

People **Amen.**

Then the Deacon dismisses the Congregation.

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PROCESSIONAL VOLUNTARY

All remain standing as the altar party processes from the Sanctuary during the Postlude. Once the altar party has departed, please be seated and be courteous to those who are listening to the music by remaining quiet.

Gigue in f BWV 845

Bach

Our guest organist today is Brian Holman. Justin is in Sarasota Florida at Christ Church assisting on an organ and piano recording with Jeremy Filsell.

Dr. J's Music Notes

Johann Sebastian Bach's "Sarabande in G major," from French Suite No. 5, BWV 816, is a graceful and contemplative keyboard movement. Written in slow triple meter, it reflects the stately French court dance while transforming it into an intimate musical meditation. Bach's ornamented melody unfolds over a steady harmonic foundation, with expressive dissonances and suspensions creating tenderness, longing, and quiet resolution. As the suite's emotional center, the Sarabande contrasts with its livelier dances. Its balanced phrases, subtle rhythmic shifts, and carefully weighted notes demand clarity and sensitivity from the performer. The movement beautifully unites elegance, discipline, and profound emotional depth.

"Now Thank We All Our God" is a beloved hymn of gratitude written by German pastor Martin Rinkart and translated into English by Catherine Winkworth. Its three stanzas praise God for countless blessings, seek divine guidance through life's difficulties, and conclude with a Trinitarian doxology. Rinkart's words emerged from a time of war, disease, and hardship, giving the hymn's thanksgiving unusual depth and resilience. Johann Crüger's stately melody, "Nun danket alle Gott," supports the text with confidence and warmth. William Henry Monk's harmonization, influenced by Felix Mendelssohn, gives congregations a majestic setting for joyful praise and enduring trust in God.

The Gigue in F minor, BWV 845, is a lively Baroque keyboard dance traditionally attributed to Johann Sebastian Bach, although modern scholarship considers its authorship doubtful. Written in the energetic compound meter typical of a gigue, the piece features flowing motion, crisp rhythmic patterns, and animated exchanges between musical voices. Its minor key lends the dance a darker, more urgent character than many cheerful giges. Rapid passages and contrapuntal textures require precision, independence, and rhythmic steadiness from the performer. Despite its compact form, the work combines elegance and momentum, bringing the character of a formal dance to a spirited conclusion.

This Week at Christ Church

Sunday, August 30, 14th Sunday after Pentecost

8:00am: Said Eucharist (Church)

10:00am: Said Eucharist with Hymns (Church)

Preacher: Mother Meredith; Fr. Matt is away.

Monday, August 31

8:00pm: Evening Prayer (Zoom)

Tuesday, September 1

10:30am: Morning Prayer (Zoom)

Wednesday, September 2

5:15pm: Said Eucharist (Garden/Bolton)

6:00pm: Men's Group Bagging Lunches & Dinner (Undercroft)

Thursday, September 3

10:00am: Lectionary Bible Study

Sunday, September 6, 15th Sunday after Pentecost

8:00am: Said Eucharist (Church)

10:00am: Said Eucharist with Hymns (Church)

Preacher: Father Matt

Coming Events

Mark your calendar for these future events

9/11 | **25th Anniversary Requiem Mass for 9-11** | 5:15pm

9/12 | **James Kenworthy Funeral** | 10:00am

9/13 | **Blessing of Backpacks** | 10am

9/13 | **Ministry Fair** | 9am-12:30pm
 9/14 | **Holy Eucharist for Holy Cross Day** | 5:15pm
 9/15 | **Car Show Planning Meeting** | 6:39pm
 9/20 | **Choir Sunday, Sunday School & Walter's Hotdogs** | 10am-1pm
 9/21 | **Holy Eucharist for Saint Matthew's Day** | 5:15pm
 9/27 | **Michaelmas Evensong & Pizzeria Night** | 4pm-7pm
 9/28 | **Holy Eucharist for the Feast of Saint Michael & All Angels** | 5:15pm
 10/4 | **Pet Adoption and Blessing of the Animals** | 11am-3pm
 10/18 | **Oktoberfest** | 5pm-8pm
 10/18 | **Saint Luke's Day** | Normal Sunday Schedule
 10/21 | **Friends of Music - Orchestra Concert for USA 250th Anniversary** | 7pm-9pm
 10/23 | **Holy Eucharist for Saint James of Jerusalem Day** | 10am
 10/25 | **Children's Halloween Party** | 11am-12pm
 10/28 | **Holy Eucharist for Saints Simon & Saint Jude Day** | 5:15pm
 11/1 | **All Saints' Day** | Normal Sunday Schedule
 11/1 | **Coat Drive Begins** | Continues until 12/31/26
 11/2 | **Holy Eucharist for All Souls 'Day** | 5:15pm
 11/7 | **Classic Car Show** | 10am
 11/15 | **Friends of Music - Mozart Requiem with Choir & Orchestra** | 4pm -6pm
 11/20 | **Thanksgiving Dinner** | 6pm-9pm
 11/23 | **Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at the Pelham Jewish Center** | 7pm
 11/26 | **Holy Eucharist for Thanksgiving Day** | 10am
 11/30 | **Holy Eucharist for Saint Andrew's Day** | 5:15pm
 12/5 | **Christmas Quiet Day** | 9am-4pm
 12/9 | **Seniors Christmas Party** | 12pm-2pm
 12/13 | **Christmas Pageant** | 4pm-5pm
 12/20 | **Outreach Dessert Auction** | 11am-12pm
 12/20 | **Christmas Lessons and Carols** | 4pm
 11/30 | **Holy Eucharist for Saint Thomas's Day** | 5:15pm
 12/24 | **Christmas Eve Family Mass with Choir & Orchestra** | 4pm
 12/24 | **Christmas Eve Midnight Mass with Choir & Orchestra** | 10pm
 12/25 | **Christmas Day Mass with Carols** | 10am

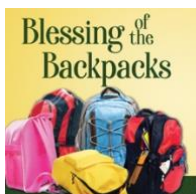
12/31 | **Coat Drive Concludes** | Begins 11/1/26
 1/1 | **Holy Eucharist for the Feast of the Holy Name** | 10am
 1/6 | **Holy Eucharist for the Feast of the Epiphany** | 5:15pm
 1/18 | **Holy Eucharist for the Confession of Saint Peter** | 5:15pm
 1/25 | **Holy Eucharist for the Conversion of Saint Paul** | 5:15pm
 1/31 | **Blessing of Throats by Saint Blaise** | 10am
 1/31 | **Annual Meeting of the Parish** | 11am
 1/6 | **Holy Eucharist for the Feast of the Presentation** | 5:15pm
 2/7 | **Scout Sunday Pancake Breakfast** | 8am-12:30pm
 2/7 | **Evensong for Candlemas & Pizzeria Night** | 4pm
 2/9 | **Shrove Tuesday and Pancake Supper/Trivia Night** | 6pm-7pm
 2/10 | **Ash Wednesday Masses** | 7am, 12pm, 6pm (choral)
 2/14 | **Super Bowl and Chili Fest** | 6:30pm
 2/21 | **Friends of Music Concert: Justin Bischof, Organ** | 7-8:30pm
 2/24 | **Holy Eucharist for Saint Mathias' Day** | 5:15pm
 2/27 | **Lenten Quiet Day: The Passion Narratives** | 9:30am-4pm
 3/14 | **Friends of Music: Film Music Favorites: Justin Bischof, Organ** | 4pm-5pm
 2/24 | **Holy Eucharist for Saint Joseph's Day** | 10am
 3/21 | **Palm Sunday: Sunday of the Passion Masses** | 8am, 10am
 3/25 | **Maundy Thursday Agape Feast** | 5:30pm-7:30pm
 3/25 | **Maundy Thursday Liturgy and Watch of the Blessed Sacrament** | 7:30pm
 3/26 | **Good Friday Liturgy** | 12pm
 3/27 | **Holy Saturday Prayers & Blessing of the Garden of Resurrection** | 10am
 3/27 | **The Great Vigil of Easter** | 7:30pm
 3/28 | **Easter Sunday Masses** | 9am, 11:15am
 3/28 | **Easter Egg Hunt** | 10:15am-11:15am
 4/5 | **Holy Eucharist for the Feast of the Annunciation** | 5:15pm
 4/18 | **Friends of Music Concert: Monica Berney, Organ** | 4pm
 4/26 | **Holy Eucharist for Saint Mathias' Day** | 5:15pm
 5/1 | **Holy Eucharist for Saints Philip & James' Day** | 10am
 5/6 | **Ascension Day Service and Father Matt's Steakhouse Night** | 6pm
 5/23 | **Trinity Sunday and Recognition Sunday** | 10am



Sunday School Resumes on Sunday September 13. Sunday School meets at 10am every Sunday during the academic year. Our Sunday School welcomes children age 4 and through 7th grade for Sunday School. Sunday School students join the main service each week for Holy Communion. Nursery Care is provided each Sunday for younger children. Confirmation Class is offered for young people in 8th grade or high school.



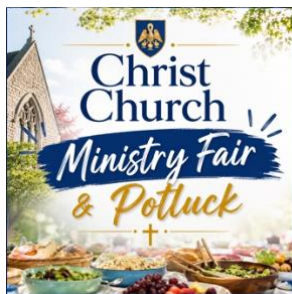
Scan the QR Code to register your children for Sunday School. Teachers and children will gather in the Parish Hall at 9:55am on Sundays September 13, and 20 so that all of our families and children can have an opportunity to meet our teachers and learn where their classrooms will be for the 2026-2027 Sunday School Year.



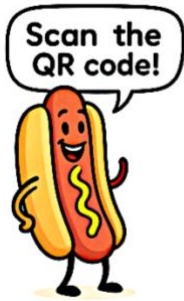
On Sunday September 13 we are also offering our annual Blessing of Backpacks! Students of all ages are encouraged to bring their backpacks to church on September 13. Backpacks will be blessed at the conclusion of the 10am service. And we will offer a prayer for all our Sunday School Teachers and Students!



On September 13 we will have a Ministry Fair & Potluck after services featuring all of our Parish Ministries – Contact Michael Moynihan to reserve your ministry table (after 8am and 10am) Contact Jackie Kraft to sign up your dish (10am only)!



Our Choral Season begins on September 20, at 10:00am. Our Parish Choir sings at the 10am service each week. **Children's Choir Resumes in October!** Our Children's Choir sings once a month and meets one weekday rehearsing fun anthems and playing musical games together. Please be in touch with Dr. Justin Bischof, our Director of Music, at justin@christchurchpelham.org or 646-206-7638. Grades 2-6. You can also scan the Sunday School QR code and register for Children's Choir.



Walters Hot Dogs! Sunday September 20, 11am-1pm filled with all kinds of hot dogs, fries, beverages, and ice cream.

Children under 18 are free; \$30 per Adult.
RSVP via the QR Code.



Pizza-Evensong-Angels! Sunday, September 27, at 4:00pm. Our Parish Choir will sing Evensong for Michaelmas. After we will have Pizza & Games in the Undercroft with members of the Saint Michael's Conference. Michaelites – mark your calendars. All are welcome! **Adult \$10 / Children & Teens free.**



Classic Car Show Planning Meeting: September 15 at 6:30pm in the Library: Volunteers Needed. If you have questions or need more information, contact Carla Carroll at 646--245-5618.



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The Reverend Deacon Chisara Alimole, *Deacon*
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Dr. Justin Bischof, *Director of Music & Organist*
Mrs. Dawn Ryder, *Director of Children's & Family Ministries*
Mr. Michael Moynihan, *Director of Adult Education*
Mr. Walter Roberts, *Verger and Sexton*; Mr. Ed Blue, *Sexton*



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The Rev. David Hoag, *Rector Emeritus*
The Reverend Deacon Katie Lawrence, *Deacon Emerita*



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Margaret Bailey Cardwell, Curtis Chase, Stephen Dolan,
Charlotte Finch, Robert Landis.



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Every Sunday at 8am & 10am: Holy Eucharist
Sundays as announced at 4pm: Holy Eucharist or Evensong
Wednesdays & Holy Days as announced at 5:15pm: Holy Eucharist



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