

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
MORNING PRAYER RITE II

NOVEMBER 16, 2025

THE EPISCOPAL RIVER PARISHES

8:30 am - St. John’s, Cape Vincent 10:30 am Christ Church, Clayton

The Word of God

ENTRANCE HYMN	<i>O Christ, the word incarnate</i>	1982 Hymnal #632
OPENING SENTENCE	<i>Standing as able.</i>	BCP p. 78
CONFESSION OF SIN		BCP p. 79
THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER		BCP p. 80
JUBILATE		BCP p. 82
PSALM Psalm 98	<i>Read responsively by whole verse.</i>	BCP p. 727

¹Sing to the LORD a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.
²**With his right hand and his holy arm ***
has he won for himself the victory.
³The LORD has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
⁴**He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, ***
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
⁵Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
⁶**Sing to the LORD with the harp, ***
with the harp and the voice of song.
⁷With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the king, the LORD.
⁸**Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, ***
the lands and those who dwell therein.
⁹Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
when he comes to judge the earth.
¹⁰**In righteousness shall he judge the world ***
and the peoples with equity.

The Lessons

FIRST READING	A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.	Isaiah 65:17-25
For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight.	I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;	

for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.

They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

They shall not labor in vain,
or bear children for calamity;

for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD
and their descendants as well.

Before they call I will answer,
while they are yet speaking I will hear.

The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,
the lion shall eat straw like the ox;
but the serpent — its food shall be dust!
They shall not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain,
says the LORD.

<i>Reader</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

FIRST CANTICLE *Officiant and People together, standing.* **Canticle 13: A Song of Praise** BCP p. 90

SECOND READING A reading from Paul’s second letter to the Thessalonians. **2 Thessalonians 3:6-13**

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone’s bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

<i>Reader</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

SECOND CANTICLE *Officiant and People together, standing.* **Canticle 21: You are God** BCP p. 95

THIRD READING A Reading from the Gospel according to Luke. **Luke 21:5-19**

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, “As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.”

They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them.

“When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

“But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

<i>Reader</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

HYMN	<i>Help us, O Lord</i>	1982 Hymnal #628
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THE SERMON	The Rev. Mark Pierce
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The Prayers

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

PEACE *The Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

CHOIR ANTHEM(10:30)

If Anybody asks you who I am

R. Hughes

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Officiant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. Ephesians 5:2

OFFERTORY HYMN

Come, we that love the Lord

1982 Hymnal #392

DOXOLOGY

1982 Hymnal #380, v 3

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Believers, do not be weary in doing what is right. It is right to give God thanks and praise; therefore, let us say, “Sing to the Lord a new song: **O God, you have done marvelous things!**”
O God, remember your mercy and faithfulness to your Church. Give us your words and your wisdom. May we have the strength to bear the name of Jesus in all circumstances.
O God, you have done marvelous things!

O God, remember your mercy and faithfulness to this nation. Save us from arrogance and self-reliance. Grant us to be a nation that favors peace over war, life rather than death.
O God, you have done marvelous things!

O God, remember your mercy and faithfulness to all of creation. May the seas and their creatures noisily praise you; may the rivers clap their hands and the hills ring out with joy before you, their Creator.
O God, you have done marvelous things!

O God, remember your mercy and faithfulness to our city. We pray that there may be work enough for all our citizens, that they might earn a living that promotes dignity and health.
O God, you have done marvelous things!

O God, remember your mercy and faithfulness to all your children, especially those on our prayer list and those we name silently or aloud. Come to them, Lover of Souls, with healing in your wings.
Sing to the Lord a new song:
O God, you have done marvelous things!

O God, remember your mercy and faithfulness to all who have died. Bless them for their endurance. May they forever rest in that land where the sound of weeping is heard no more.
O God, you have done marvelous things!

DISMISSAL & CLOSING SENTENCE

CLOSING HYMN

O God of every nation

1982 Hymnal #607

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*A special thank you to Ann Rexford and Todd Marshall
for their ministry in leading Morning Prayer today
and thank you to The Rev. Mark Pierce for serving as preacher.*

*The altar flowers at Christ Church are given by Sharon Cantwell
in thanksgiving for Kelly Cantwell.*

TODAY’S MINISTERS

8:30 am	Lay Worship Leader Preacher Lector, Psalmist & Prayer Leader Acolyte Usher Video Technician Musician	Ann Rexford The Rev. Mark Pierce Kathy Pierce Colleen Mercer Diane Sanders Stephen Cougler Helen Timerman
10:30 am	Altar Guild Lay Worship Leader Preacher Lector, Psalmist & Prayer Leader Video Technician Usher Musician	Tracy Brabant Todd Marshall The Rev. Mark Pierce Marty Yenawine James Glynn Sharon Campbell Helen Timerman

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOOD SENSE: November order delivery is **Thursday, November 20, 2:30-4:00. IMPORTANT:** The program has some funds available to pay for items for those in need. Let Sharon Campbell know.

CHRIST CHURCH RAFFLE: Christ Church is holding a raffle fundraiser. Cash prize is \$2500, depending on ticket sales. See Wardens, Vestry members, other parishioners or email episcopalriverparishes@gmail.com for tickets or for further information.

CHRIST CHURCH PLEDGE CAMPAIGN 2026: The campaign is underway. Letters with information and pledge cards are available at the church entrance and on the small table at the entrance to the parish hall. Please return the cards or pledge online (<https://onrealm.org/ChristEpiscopal35600/-/form/pledge/pledgedgiving>) as soon as possible.

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