

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Feast of St. Francis



October 4, 2026 | 10 A.M. Service

Christ Church Episcopal

Statue of St. Francis of Assisi, Liguria, Italy

This is the day that the Lord has made.

✠ **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

WORDS OF WELCOME

✠ **Processional Hymn: "All Creatures of Our God and King"**

Laast uns erfreuen, arr. Tan

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voices, let us sing:
O praise him, Alleluia!
Bright burning sun with golden beams,
Pale silver moon that gently gleams,
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia!

Let all things their creator bless,
And worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, Alleluia!
Praise God the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit Three in One:
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia!

Great rushing winds and breezes soft,
You clouds that ride in heaven aloft,
O praise him, Alleluia!
Fair rising morn, with praise rejoice,
Stars nightly shining find a voice,
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia!

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God

✠ **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

The Lord be with you.

✠ **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, we open our hearts to you. Help us focus on you — how you love us, and how you guide us. We wish to delight in you, love you, and walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord. ✠ **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR SAINT FRANCIS

Most high and Holy God, grant your people grace gladly to renounce the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may for love of you delight in your whole creation with perfect joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ✠ **Amen.**

✠ **Song of Praise: "From the Rising of the Sun"**

Deming

From the rising of the sun
(from the rising of the sun)
To the going down of the same
The Lord's name is to be praised.

Praise ye the Lord,
Praise Him, all ye servants of the Lord
Praise the name of the Lord.
Blessed be the name of the Lord,
From this time forth, and forevermore.

✠Antiphon

From "All the Earth" by Hayford / Huiira / Ulugia



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PSALM 121: 1-8 *Please read responsively by whole verse*

I lift up my eyes to the hills —from where will my help come?

My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and for evermore.

✠Antiphon

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

✠ **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

GOSPEL READING – MATTHEW 11:25-30

At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

The Gospel of the Lord

✠ **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

HOMILY

The Rev. Ken Malcolm

THE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Blessed are you, Lord God, maker of all living creatures. You called forth fish in the sea, birds in the air, and animals on the land. You inspired St. Francis to call all of them his brothers and sisters. We ask you to bless these pets. By the power of your love, enable them to live according to your purpose. May we always praise you for all your beauty in creation. Blessed are you, Lord our God, in all your creatures. ✠ Amen.

A PRAYER FOR STEWARDSHIP

The Lord be with you.

✠ And also with you.

Let us pray.

✠ Gracious God, giver of all we have, grant us an abiding awareness that all things come from you. Send your Holy Spirit to remind us that we need each other. Help us to teach each other that generosity leads to the transformation of our hearts. Amen.

✠ THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

✠ And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

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Offertory Anthem: "My Father's World"

Fielding/Tomlin/Ingram/Morgan, arr. Tan

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

✠ Presentation Hymn: "Doxology"

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, and the Son,
Praise Father, and the Son,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Ken/Bourgeois, arr. Tan

(All are invited to come to the Table for the Eucharistic prayer)

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

INVITATION TO PRAYER

God be with you.

✠ And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

✠ We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

✠ It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Thank you, Father, for making us and our wonderful world. Wherever we are in your world, we should always thank you, through Jesus Christ, your Son: Christ is coming to reconcile and forgive. Christ is the new beginning. Christ is with us now. So, with the angels and everyone in heaven, we sing together:

✠ SANCTUS

From Mass for a Soulful People, by Grayson Brown

Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho-ly, ho - ly, ho-ly Lord God of hosts. Hea ven and earth are filled with your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bles sed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the High - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Great and wonderful God, we remember when Jesus had supper with his friends the night before he died: he took the bread, he thanked you, broke it, gave it to his friends and said: Take this and eat it - this is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine; he thanked you, gave it to his friends and said: All of you drink from this cup, because this is my blood - the new promise of God's love. Do this every time you drink it to remember me.

Together we remember that Jesus is always with us and say:

✠ Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

So loving God, remembering how dearly Jesus loves us, we should love him too. Send your Holy Spirit, gentle as a dove, on us and on these gifts, so that, with everyone who eats and drinks this bread and wine, the body and blood of Jesus, we may be full of your life and goodness. Help us all to walk hand in hand with Jesus and live our lives for Him. All honor and glory belong to you, Loving God, through Jesus, your Son, with the Holy Spirit: one God for ever and ever. ✠ Amen.

✠ THE LORD'S PRAYER

As Jesus taught us, we now pray.

✠ 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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

✠ Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

*Please come forward when invited by the usher if you wish to receive communion or a blessing.
If you would like a blessing please cross your arms across your chest.
Gluten-free wafers are available. The second cup is alcohol-free wine.*

COMMUNION HYMNS:

✠ "Fairest Lord Jesus"

Schlesische Volkslieder

Fairest Lord Jesus! Ruler of all nature!
O Thou of God and man the Son!
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,
Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,
And all the twinkling, starry host.
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer,
Than all the angels Heav'n can boast.

Fair are the meadows; fairer still the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring.
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!
Son of God and Son of man!
Glory and honor, praise adoration,
Now and forevermore be Thine!

✠ "Morning Has Broken"

Bunessan

Morning has broken like the first morning,
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
Born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
Like the first dew fall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness where his feet pass.

✠ “All the Earth”

Hayford/Huirua/Ulugia, arr. Davis

Father into Your courts I will enter
Maker of heaven and earth
I tremble in Your holy presence
Glory, glory in Your sanctuary
Splendor and majesty
Lord before You
All life adores You

All the earth will declare
That Your love is ev'rywhere
The fields will exalt seas resound
Hear the trees' joyful cry
Praising You and so will I
A new song I'll sing
Lord I will glorify
And bless Your holy name

Jesus Lord of all life and salvation
Into Your presence we come
We worship You our precious Savior
Fill us fill us with Your holy power
Set us aflame with Your love
'Til nations all know Your glory

(ENDING)

Glorify and bless Your name
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Glorify and bless Your holy name

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

✠ A Prayer Attributed to St. Francis

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

THE BLESSING

DISMISSAL HYMN

✠ “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

Hymn to Joy

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee,
Praising Thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day.

Thou art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living,
Ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother:
All who live in love are Thine:
Teach us how to love each other,
Lift us to the joy divine.

All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays.
Stars and angels sing around Thee
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Blooming meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain,
Call us to rejoice in Thee.

✠ THE DISMISSAL

Let us bless the Lord. ✠ Thanks be to God.

THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPPING AT CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL!



If you are a visitor, we are honored by your presence. You are always welcome here.
Regular Sunday worship is 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. with Christian Formation at 10 a.m.

What's next?

Mission Sunday

October 11 | 9 a.m. + 11 a.m.

Intergenerational Formation Begins

October 11 | 10 a.m.

Office Closed for Indigenous Peoples' Day

Monday, October 12

Stewardship Dinner

October 14 | 6 p.m.

Drew's Ghost Class

October 21 + 28

More info to come

All Saints Day

Nov. 1 | 10 a.m. service

Daylight Savings Ends

November 1

Mission Sunday - ACTS

Nov. 8 | 9 a.m. + 11 a.m.

"Treasury Notes"

WITH BARRY HAYES, TREASURER

Miss our Treasury Notes from this past Friday's eNews? Scan the QR code to read the latest update from our Treasurer, Barry Hayes.



FORMATION BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY!

Formation begins Sunday, October 11, at 10 a.m. with three different opportunities.

Youth will be in the **Children's Chapel** working on a Pen Pal project with **Hope and Resurrection Secondary School** in South Sudan. Reach out to Miriam for more information.

Planned Giving/Stewardship will be in preschool **Room 202** with Father Ken and Andrew Gillespie.

Intergenerational Stewardship Formation will take place in the **Parlor** with Adam.

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2026 ESTIMATE OF GIVING UPDATE

September 28, 2026: 155 pledges totaling \$874,505

Total Received YTD: \$855,056

2026 Goal: \$1,050,000

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