

**The Parish of Christ Church
Andover, Massachusetts**

For this week's
announcements and
prayer list, please scan:



The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost October 12, 2025
The Holy Eucharist, Rite II at eight and ten o'clock in the morning

Voluntary All Glory Be to God on High, BWV 662 *Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)*

Processional Hymn 375 Give praise and glory unto God *Du Lebensbrot, Herr Jesu Christ*

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

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

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. **Amen.**

The Summary of the Law

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord.
Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all
your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other
commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

Song of Praise

[Hymnal S-280]

Gloria in excelsis (10:00 a.m.)

BCP, page 356

Robert Powell (1932-2025)

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's 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.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Loving God, Creator of all, maker and redeemer of history, you hold the pains and joys of our past, our present, our future; you open us to the gifts of time and to the possibilities of new beginnings, You grant us the confidence to face our sin and loss with hope. Breathe in us the grace to trust in your loving forgiveness, that we may face our histories with courage. Guide us by your Holy Spirit in our walk of repentance, as we turn to embrace the new life you have given to us, through Jesus Christ, your Son, **Amen.**

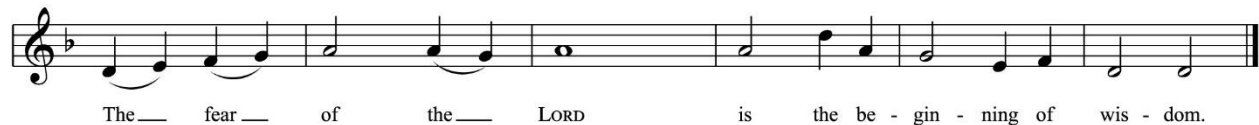
A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to Timothy (2:8-15 NRSV)

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David-- that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful--for he cannot deny himself. Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

At the 10:00 a.m. service, the Congregation remains seated and is invited to sing the ANTIPHON.



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Psalms 111

1 Hallelujah!

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, *
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

2 Great are the deeds of the Lord! *

they are studied by all who delight in them.

[ANTIPHON]

3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, *

and his righteousness endures for ever.

4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; *

the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

[ANTIPHON]

5 He gives food to those who fear him; *

he is ever mindful of his covenant.

6 He has shown his people the power of his works *

in giving them the lands of the nations.

[ANTIPHON]

7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; *

all his commandments are sure.

8 They stand fast for ever and ever, *

because they are done in truth and equity.

[ANTIPHON]

9 He sent redemption to his people;
he commanded his covenant for ever; *
holy and awesome is his Name.

10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; *
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;
his praise endures for ever.

[ANTIPHON]

An excerpt from the Bishops' joint statement issued June 16, 2025

Gradual Hymn 567 (10:00 a.m.)

Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old

St. Matthew

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (17:11-19 NSRV)

At the Announcement, all say **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon The Reverend Michael J. Hodges

The Nicene Creed

BCP, p. 358

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 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 worshiped 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.

A Litany for the Healing and Restoration of our Church¹

Holy Creator, in whom all things in heaven and earth have their being,
Have mercy on us.

¹ From the Anglican Diocese of Rupert's Land, 2017

Risen Christ, through whom the whole creation is reconciled to God,

Have mercy on us.

Life-giving Spirit, whose love and truth fills the world and searches the depths of our lives,

Have mercy on us.

Blessed Trinity, source of both unity and diversity,

Have mercy on us.

From our failure to recognize and respect the revelation of your truth and love in the First Peoples of this land,

Savior, forgive and heal us.

From our participation in the systematic oppression of indigenous sovereignty, language, culture and spirituality,

Savior, forgive and heal us.

From our role in the Indian Residential Schools designed to eliminate the unique society, wisdom and beauty of the indigenous peoples of this land,

Savior, forgive and heal us.

From our complicit tolerance of the decimation of Indigenous family structures, leaving children vulnerable to abuses of every kind,

Savior, forgive and heal us.

From our continued acceptance of unjust legal, educational, health and social structures that continue to oppress and destroy the lives of many indigenous people,

Savior, forgive and heal us.

O God, we pray for the gifts of your grace and your love which never gives up on us and is forever faithful. Inspire our minds with a vision of the reconciliation of your kingdom in this time and place.

Hear us, O Christ.

Touch our eyes, that we may see the sacredness in all creation.

Hear us, O Christ.

Touch our ears, that we may hear from every mouth of every peoples the hunger for hope and stories of refreshment.

Hear us, O Christ.

Touch our lips, that we may speak of the beauty of every tongue and dialect proclaiming the wonderful works of God.

Hear us, O Christ.

Touch our hearts, that we may discern your mission in which you call us to be immersed, particularly in partnership with the First Peoples of this land.

Hear us, O Christ.

Touch our minds that we may witness to your Good News in our neighbourhoods, communities, and all parts of the world.

Hear us, O Christ.

Touch our hands, that we may forever shun violence and embrace the work you give us to do.

Hear us, O Christ.

Draw your Church together, O Lord, into one great company of disciples, together following our Lord Jesus Christ into every walk of life, together serving you in your mission in the world, and together witnessing to your love on every continent and island of your creation. We ask this in the name of the Risen Christ in whom we are one. **Amen.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Peace

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

The Offertory

Celebrant Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory Hymn 397 (8:00 a.m.) Now thank we all our God *Nun danket alle Gott*

Offertory Anthem (10:00 a.m.) Thee We Adore *T. Frederick H. Candlyn (1892-1964)*

Hymn at the Presentation: 380, v. 3 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow *Old 100th*

The Great Thanksgiving

Oneida/Muncey²

Celebrant The Creator is with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Open up your hearts.

People **We ask Jesus to fill them.**

Celebrant Deep thanks to the Creator.

People **For the web of all creation.**

GREAT SPIRIT, All Providing One, we sense your presence in the cooling breeze, in the slowly emerging colors of Fall and in the morning mists. We give you heart-felt thanks that through Mother Earth you give us the fruits of the Summer growth and nourish us with many grains. We thank you for the rich harvest of blessings in our lives and most of all, we thank you for Jesus. His life unfolded to reveal a new way of living that brought healing, forgiveness, freedom and hope. He followed your sacred way, walking with those in pain, renewing those who were pushed aside by injustice and touching others with the fruits of compassion. He showed us the Creator's generosity, asking us to become a harvest of thanksgiving in relationship to one another. As we come to you aware of the sacredness of your creation, we join our voices with all who have gone before us, saying, (singing)

Holy, holy, holy Lord [Hymnal S-129] *Sanctus (10:00 a.m.)*

Robert Powell

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Then the Celebrant continues

Creator, Great Mystery, You sent your prophets and elders to color up our lives but we missed the rainbow and so you sent Jesus whose life, death and resurrection radiated your love like the

² The Rev'd Gaye Whippley, priest serving the Oneida Settlement and Chippewa of the Thames First Nation near London, Ontario

dancing colors of the Northern lights. The world was not ready for such an amazing look at thankful living in your presence. On the night before he died, Jesus called his friends together to share a special meal. He thanked the Creator for bread, blessed, broke and gave it to them saying: This is my Body given for you. Then Jesus took a cup of wine, blessed it and after giving thanks said to them: This is the cup of the new relationship, my blood shed for you. In Christ you make us one Body, a community for you. Send your Holy Spirit on these gifts and make them holy. Take the pieces of our lives so that as we gather at your table, we will all become a harvest thanksgiving. May we remain rooted in Christ, grow daily in your compassion, and be the bearers of your blessings to others through the Holy Spirit. **AMEN.**

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

Celebrant and People

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Christ, the Creator suffered a broken body so that ours might be made whole.

People **Make our broken bodies whole in his offering this day.**

Fraction Anthem: Lamb of God [Hymnal S-163] *Agnus Dei (10:00 a.m.)*

Robert Powell

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.

Invitation to Communion

Celebrant This is Christ's table of love and forgiveness. 'The Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation' provide food for our souls. All are welcome to draw near and share these holy mysteries. Take Christ within your bodies and become the Body of Christ.

The Congregation is invited to join the choir in singing the communion hymn.

Communion Hymn 791 [WL&P] (10:00 a.m.) Peace before us (based on a Navaho prayer)

Words and Music by David Haas (b. 1957)

Postcommunion Prayer

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Celebrant Let us pray.

Holy One, you feed us with bread from heaven and the gifts of mother earth. In this communion, you have drawn us into your embrace and you call us to friendship with one another. You have given us the gift of reconciliation. May we who have tasted that gift from you, offer ourselves in peace and humility to one another. And may you always walk among us as friend. We pray this in your name. Amen.

The Blessing

May the Creator watch over you. May the Spirit guide and lead you. May Jesus be present in all that you do. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you, within you and surrounding you and those you love, this day and always. **Amen.**³

³ John Morrell – Mark Loyal

Announcements

Hymn 397 (10:00 a.m.)

Now thank we all our God

Nun danket alle Gott

Dismissal

Celebrant God is before us.

People **God is behind us.**

Celebrant God is above us.

People **God is below us.**

Celebrant God's words shall come from our mouths.

People **For we are all God's essence, a sign of God's love.**

Celebrant All is finished in beauty.

People **All is finished in beauty.⁴**

Voluntary Triumphal March on "Now Thank We All Our God" *Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)*

Everyone is Welcome at God's Table ~ Christ Church Andover

Serving at Today's Service

Celebrant and preacher	The Reverend Michael J. Hodges
Organist	Barbara A. Bruns
Parish Choir	
Lectors	(8:00) Steve Taylor (10:00) Michael Hassanpour
Eucharistic Ministers	(8:00) Chris Wagner (10:00) Nancy Taber
Ushers	(8:00) Janice Parent (10:00) Matt Calnan, Jay Donovan
Flowers	Heather Dowty
Altar Guild	(8:00) Debbie Kelley (10:00) Beth Rufo
Verger	Chris Wagner
Crucifer	Caitlin Nason
Torchbearers	Helen Barrett, Matthew Marcinelli
Videographer	Ross Morgan

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⁴ Navajo prayer tradition

Welcome to Christ Church!

We're delighted you have found us! We are blessed by your presence here today and want to do everything possible to make you feel at home. In our celebration of Holy Communion, we believe that everyone is welcome at God's table. Our welcome extends to all people without preference for age, ability, gender, race, ethnic or religious background, sexual orientation, marital or family status. We desire to know ourselves and one another as God knows us - as beloved children of God - and to embody Jesus' own example of radical hospitality. If you have questions about this parish specifically, or about the Episcopal Church in general, please ask someone seated near you. There's a lot of wisdom in the helpful people in the pews. You may also talk with the Rev. Michael Hodges, our Rector.

Children: Children's activity bags for borrowing are available on the children's bookshelf in the back of the church. Our service is enriched by the presence of children; they learn liturgical behavior by observation. Let them see you participate in and enjoy the service!

Accessibility: Plastic magnifying sheets are available at the rear of the church. There are also hearing assistance devices located in the rear of the church. Please ask an usher for assistance.

Restrooms: Restrooms, including one with a changing table, are located behind the Parish Hall at the end of the long hallway on the left.

Land Acknowledgement: We acknowledge that Christ Church is located on the ancestral lands of the Pennacook tribal nation, an Algonquian-speaking tribe of the Wabanaki Confederacy composed of the Pennacook, Pawtucket, and other Indigenous people. This was their home for more than 10,000 years. We acknowledge these caretakers of the land and waters: the elders who lived before, the Indigenous people today and the generations to come. We are guests on this land and have used it and its people for our betterment, often at their expense. We commit to doing our part to become better stewards of this land, understanding the impact of present and past exploitation, and working toward a more just and equitable future.

Our Weekday Services: Our weekday services of Morning Prayer take place on Zoom on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 7:00 a.m. Our Wednesday morning Eucharists take place in person in the North Chapel at 7:00 a.m. Our services of Compline are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:00 p.m. on Zoom. All are welcome! To join any of our online services, go to our homepage for the Zoom links.



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