



CHRIST
EPISCOPAL
CHURCH



The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist Rite I and II

July 26, 2026

8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Abbreviations

BCP = Book of Common Prayer (Red Book)

H = Hymnal 1982 (Blue Book)

LEVAS = Lift Every Voice and Sing (Red and Black Book)

WLP = Wonder, Love, and Praise (Green Book)



*Please remember to silence your cellphones.
Thank you!*

THE HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I

Announcements / Prayer before Worship (BCP, 834)

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation	BCP 323
Gloria.....	BCP 324
Collect of the Day	BCP 180
First Reading.....	Genesis 29:15-28
Psalm 105:1-11,45b	BCP 738
Second Reading	Romans 8:26-39
Gospel.....	Matthew 13:31-33,44-52
Homily.....	Mtr. Denise Bennett
The Nicene Creed	BCP 326
Prayers of the People	BCP 328
Confession of Sin	BCP 331
Peace.....	BCP 332

The Holy Communion

Offertory

Presentation of Gifts and Doxology

Great Thanksgiving: Prayer IIBCP 340

The Lord's Prayer.....BCP 336

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion.

Please tell an Usher if you want Communion brought to you.

Prayer of Humble Access BCP 337 |

Post Communion Prayer

 BCP 339 |

St. Francis Prayer

 BCP 833 |

Blessing

Dismissal

 BCP 339 |

THE HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

Announcements / Prayer before Worship (BCP, 834) /
Prelude

The Word of God

Opening Hymn	H 542
Opening Acclamation	BCP 355
Song of Praise.....	S-280
Collect of the Day	BCP 231
First Reading.....	Genesis 29:15-28
Psalm 105:1-11,45b	BCP 738
Second Reading	Romans 8:26-39
Sequence Hymn.....	H 554
Gospel.....	Matthew 13:31-33,44-52
Homily.....	Mtr. Denise Bennett
Nicene Creed.....	BCP 358
Prayers of the People (Form III)	BCP 387
Confession of Sin	BCP 360
Peace.....	BCP 360

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem	<i>I Will Sing of My Redeemer'</i>
Presentation of Gifts.....	H 380, v.3
Great Thanksgiving: Prayer B	BCP 367
Holy, Holy, Holy (<i>Sanctus</i>)	Hymnal S-130
The Lord's Prayer.....	BCP 364
Breaking of Bread	Hymnal S-164
Communion	LEVAS 72, LEVAS 106, LEVAS 91
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Post-Communion Prayer.....	BCP 365
St. Francis Prayer	BCP 833
Blessing	
Processional into World.....	H 405
Dismissal	BCP 366
Postlude	

A Reading from the book of Genesis

Laban said to Jacob, “Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?” Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah’s eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, “I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.” Laban said, “It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me.” So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.

Then Jacob said to Laban, “Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed.” So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, “What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?” Laban said, “This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years.” Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife. (29:15-28)

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Confitemini Domino

*Pause at the * and silently say the name Jesus before continuing to the next line.*

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

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

3 Glory in his holy Name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

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

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

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

7 He is the Lord our God; *
his judgments prevail in all the world.

8 He has always been mindful of his covenant, *
the promise he made for a thousand generations:

9 The covenant he made with Abraham, *
the oath that he swore to Isaac,

10 Which he established as a statute for Jacob, *
an everlasting covenant for Israel,

11 Saying, "To you will I give the land of Canaan *
to be your allotted inheritance."

45b Hallelujah!

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Romans

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to

separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our
Lord. (8:26-39)

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

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the

master of a household who brings out of his treasure
what is new and what is old.” (13:31-33,44-52)

People The Gospel of the Lord.
 Praise to you, Lord Christ.

All Baptized Christians are welcome to come to the altar rail and receive Holy Communion. All are welcome to come to the altar rail and receive a blessing.

Serving Today

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Rev. Denise Bennett
<i>Organist/Pianist</i>	Hannah Massey
<i>Lectors</i>	Joseph L. Ilk (8:00) Ann Woolford (OT) (10:30) Bruce Adkins (E) (10:30)
<i>Litanist</i>	Scott Boyd (8:00) Allen Bareford (10:30)
<i>Crucifer/Chalice/Acolyte</i>	Scott Boyd (8:00)
<i>Crucifer/Chalice</i>	Werner Wieland (10:30)
<i>Acolyte/Chalice</i>	Geoff Pomroy (10:30)
<i>Ushers</i>	Steve Smith (8:00) Janet Jennings & Lewis Lopez (10:30)
<i>Streaming</i>	Jeff Massey (10:30)
<i>Altar Guild</i>	O'Neill Team

Additional Liturgies

Weekday Eucharist – Wednesday
12:00 pm Celtic Eucharist (Church)

Online Services

Tuesday through Friday
8:30 am Morning Prayer (Zoom)

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Announcements

Welcome to Christ Church! We are glad to have you worshipping with us this morning. If you would like to be added to our email list, if you have a prayer request, or if you would like to speak with the priest, please fill out a Welcome Card found in the pew and place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher.



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Today's Altar Flowers are given by Calib & Debbie Garland.

The Parish Prayer List can be found in the back of the church.

¹ *I Will Sing of My Redeemer* by James McGranahan