



**HOLY EUCHARIST – 5:00 P.M.**  
**THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**SUNDAY, AUGUST 17, 2025**

THE REVEREND NOELLE YORK-SIMMONS, *Rector*  
THE REVEREND ABBOTT BAILEY, *Priest Associate*

THE REVEREND ROBBIE LAUGHTON, *Associate Rector*

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**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**OPENING ACCLAMATION**

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit  
*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

**THE COLLECT FOR PURITY**

**KYRIE**

*Celebrant* Lord, have mercy upon us.  
*People* **Christ, have mercy upon us.**  
*Celebrant* Lord, have mercy upon us.

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

*Please be seated.*

**THE FIRST LESSON**

Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

**THE GOSPEL**

Luke 12:49-56

*Gospeller* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:

father against son and son against father,  
mother against daughter and daughter against mother,

mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

*Gospeller* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## THE SERMON

The Rev. Robbie Laughton

*A period of silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

*The People stand and say*

## THE NICENE CREED

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.

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

***For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.***

For this community, the nation, and the world;

***For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.***

For the just and proper use of your creation;

***For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.***

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

***For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.***

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

***For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.***

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, Mark, Gayle, and Mark, our bishops and for all bishops and other ministers;

***For all who serve God in the Church.***

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Hear us, Lord;

***For your mercy is great.***

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence  
*The People may add their own thanksgivings*

We will exalt you, loving God;  
***And praise your Name for ever and ever.***

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.  
Silence

*The People may add their own petitions*  
Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
***Who put their trust in you.***

*During a time of silent prayer, congregants are invited to light a candle for a prayer intention or come to the altar rail for healing prayer.*

## THE CONFESSION

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*People* Most merciful God, 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.

## THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

## THE OFFERTORY

*We invite you to support the mission and ministries at Christ Church by making an offering.*

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*Celebrant* All things come of thee, O Lord,

*People* **And of thine own have we given thee.**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

*The People stand.*

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*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also 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 our thanks and praise.**

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

**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.**

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*The People stand or kneel.*

*Celebrant* ...Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*People* **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*Celebrant* We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, ....

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*All* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*To receive communion, please follow the ushers to the altar. Upon placing your hands forward, you will receive a wafer. You may consume it and then receive the wine from the chalice or hold onto the wafer and the chalice-bearer will intinct it for you. You may also cross your hands over your chest for a blessing to receive neither element or not to receive the wine.*

### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*After all have received, the People stand or kneel.*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### THE BLESSING

#### THE DISMISSAL

*Leader* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

#### THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE GIVEN

*In memory of Renora Ellicia Brathwaite*

*In memory of Ruth Boston*

*In memory of Mryl Bethune*

*In memory of Margie Gregory*

*In memory of Festus Brathwaite*

#### WE PRAY FOR THE DEPARTED

The Rt. Rev. Hays Rockwell

#### WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SERVE OUR COUNTRY OVERSEAS

Holly Prousalis, Omar Sharif, the Hood, Doherty, Jennings, and Streyder families

#### PRAYERS FOR THE PARISH

Bonnie-Lorraine Thiele, Barbara Cooley, William Groft & family, Lori & family, Mary Crow, Gladys Hook,

Jim Murphy, LaVerne Scott-Rayford, Michael Barrett, David Caleb, Gaby Brown, Gail & Ridge Multop, Ken Barry, Helen Lewis,

Susanne O'Neill, Tom Linthicum, Hadley Kimberlin, Mark Levin, Simon Dickerson, Charlie Flickner, Richard Rohr, Aria, Julia Miller,

Ted Gustin, Anthony Graves-Buckingham, Stephen Modlin