



**HOLY EUCHARIST – 5:00 P.M.**  
**THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**SUNDAY, AUGUST 31, 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.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen**

*Please be seated.*

**THE FIRST LESSON**

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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

*Please stand*

**THE GOSPEL**

Luke 14:1, 7-14

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

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you

would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ' Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

*Gospeller* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Noelle York-Simmons

*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.*

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING / EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

*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.**

*Continued in The Book of Common Prayer, page 362*

*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 Wilmer and Regina Hepner*

#### WE PRAY FOR THE DEPARTED

*Maria Brown*

#### 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 Groat & family, Lori & family, Mary Crow, Gladys Hook, Jim Murphy, LaVerne Scott-Rayford, Michael Barrett, David Caleb, Gail & Ridge Multop, Ken Barry, Helen Lewis, Susanne O'Neill, Tom Linthicum, Hadley Kimberlin, Ted Gustin, Anthony Graves-Buckingham, Stephen Modlin, Phil Lyons, Judy Meade, Tim Truxell, Benjamin Enszt, Nancy Riggs, Sam Brathwaite, Bud Harvey*