



# CHRIST CHURCH

in SHORT HILLS

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Welcome to Christ Church. We are glad you are here today, affirming our shared faith in Christ, and worshipping in the Episcopal tradition. If you are new to Christ Church, be at peace here, find God at work here, and know that we are grateful to pray with you today.

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JULY 27, 2025: THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
HOLY EUCHARIST  
8:00AM

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*The people stand, as able.*

## ACCLAMATION

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

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY *The collect is said in unison*

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.

## A SONG OF PRAISE

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his 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

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The people are seated.*

## THE FIRST LESSON

Hosea 1:2-10

When the Lord first spoke through Hosea, the Lord said to Hosea, “Go, take for yourself a wife of whoredom and have children of whoredom, for the land commits great whoredom by forsaking the Lord.” So he went and took Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son.

And the Lord said to him, “Name him Jezreel; for in a little while I will punish the house of Jehu for the blood of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel. On that day I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel.”

She conceived again and bore a daughter. Then the Lord said to him, “Name her Lo-ruhamah, for I will no longer have pity on the house of Israel or forgive them. But I will have pity on the house of Judah, and I will save them by the Lord their God; I will not save them by bow, or by sword, or by war, or by horses, or by horsemen.”

When she had weaned Lo-ruhamah, she conceived and bore a son. Then the Lord said, “Name him Lo-ammi, for you are not my people and I am not your God.”

Yet the number of the people of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which can be neither measured nor numbered; and in the place where it was said to them, “You are not my people,” it shall be said to them, “Children of the living God.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 85

Benedixisti, Domine

**You have been gracious to your land, O Lord,  
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.**

**You have forgiven the iniquity of your people  
and blotted out all their sins.**

**You have withdrawn all your fury  
and turned yourself from your wrathful indignation.**

**Restore us then, O God our Savior;  
let your anger depart from us.**

**Will you be displeased with us for ever?  
will you prolong your anger from age to age?**

Will you not give us life again,  
that your people may rejoice in you?

Show us your mercy, O Lord,  
and grant us your salvation.

I will listen to what the Lord God is saying,  
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people  
and to those who turn their hearts to him.

Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him,  
that his glory may dwell in our land.

Mercy and truth have met together;  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Truth shall spring up from the earth,  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

The Lord will indeed grant prosperity,  
and our land will yield its increase.

Righteousness shall go before him,  
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

*The people stand.*

## THE GOSPEL

Luke 11:1-13

The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come.  
Give us each day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our sins,  
for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.  
And do not bring us to the time of trial."

And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your

child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*The people are seated.*

## SERMON

The Rev. Canon Robert Griner

*A moment of silence is kept following the sermon.*

*The people stand.*

## 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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Form IV, adapted

*The leader and people pray responsively.*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence.*

Lord of love,

**Hear our prayer.**

In the diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for Church of the Atonement, Tenaflly; St. Mark's Church, Teaneck; and Grace Church, Union City. In the Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea.

*Silence.*

Lord of love,  
**Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence.*

Lord of love,  
**Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence.*

Lord of love,  
**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for our Choir as they journey to Scotland and serve St. Mary's Epsicopal Cathedral as Choir-in-Residence. Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence.*

Lord of love,  
**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for Sus, Cindy, Helen, Suzanne, Anne, Kerri, Zack, Laura, Nathan, Jennifer, Lynn, Miller, Jane, and all those for whom ongoing prayers are asked. Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence.*

Lord of love,  
**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence.*

Lord of love,  
**Hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Let us confess our sins to God.

*A moment of silence is kept.*

**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.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

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# THE HOLY COMMUNION

*The people stand.*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Enriching Our Worship, Eucharistic Prayer 3

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

All thanks and praise  
are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God;  
through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word,  
the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things.  
You laid the foundations of the world  
and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb;  
You brought forth all creatures of the earth  
and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing,  
all you create is a sign of hope for our journey;  
And so as the morning stars sing your praises  
we join the heavenly beings and all creation  
as we shout with joy:

## SANCTUS

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people stand or kneel.*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (CONT.)

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all,  
your Word has never been silent;  
you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations,  
you delivered them from bondage  
and led them to a land of promise.  
Of your grace, you gave Jesus  
to be human, to share our life,  
to proclaim the coming of your holy reign  
and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin,  
brought us into your life,  
reconciled us to you,  
and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us  
Jesus took bread,  
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it,  
gave it to his friends and said:  
“Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine,  
said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said:  
“Drink this, all of you:  
this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood,  
poured out for you and for all  
for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so, remembering all that was done for us:  
the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension,  
longing for Christ’s coming in glory,  
and presenting to you these gifts  
your earth has formed and human hands have made,  
we acclaim you, O Christ:

**Dying, you destroyed our death.  
Rising, you restored our life.  
Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us  
and upon these gifts of bread and wine  
that they may be to us  
the Body and Blood of your Christ.  
Grant that we, burning with your Spirit’s power,  
may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ,  
and in the fullness of time gather us  
with all your people  
into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
we worship you our God and Creator  
in voices of unending praise.

**Blessed are you now and for ever. Amen.**



## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

**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.**

## FRACTION

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

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*All members of God's household are welcome to receive Communion.*

*Come forward and extend your hands, palms up to receive the bread.  
If you wish to receive a blessing, but not communion, please approach with your arms  
across your chest.*

*Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.  
If you would like a Eucharistic visitation, please contact the Parish Office.*

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*The people stand.*

## POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSING

Let us pray.  
**Loving God,**  
**we give you thanks**  
**for restoring us in your image**  
**and nourishing us with spiritual food**  
**in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.**  
Now send us forth  
**a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;**  
**that we may proclaim your love to the world**  
**and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## DISMISSAL

Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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Please join us for our Coffee Hour in the St. Mark's Room  
immediately after the 8am service.  
All are welcome!

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## PRAYER LIST

Each week, we continue to remember those in need of prayer.

**Special Prayers:** Sus G., Cindy D., Helen M., Suzanne M., Anne W., Kerri S., Zack, Laura B., Nathan, Jennifer R., Lynn B., Miller M., and Jane H.

**Ongoing Prayers:** Charlie M., Graham P., Judy P., River, Emmanuel, Lin K., Devorah, Joy B., Marianna L., Dione D., Allie B., Elsie F., Susie, Hilary S., Byron M., Arlene K., Kathy G., Diana B., Leonor D., Paul J., Sofia D., Celine, Angelo B., Peter M., Katia G., Priscila F., Elena B., Graham, and Shuling G.

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** We pray for Church of the Atonement, Tenaflly; St. Mark's Church, Teaneck; and Grace Church, Union City.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** We pray for The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea.

**We pray for:** For Peace in the world and an end to war, especially in Iran, Ukraine, Russia, Israel, Palestine, Lebanon, and Yemen; for Haiti; for Sudan; for the Democratic Republic of Congo. For immigrant communities. For the LGBTQ+ community, and especially transgender people.

Please contact the Rev. Paul Keene if you have any prayer requests or would like a pastoral visitation. Email: [pkeene@christchurchshorthills.org](mailto:pkeene@christchurchshorthills.org).



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