



CHRIST CHURCH

in SHORT HILLS

Welcome to Christ Church. We are glad you are here today, affirming our shared faith in Christ, and worshiping 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.

JULY 26, 2026: THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
HOLY EUCHARIST
10:00AM

VOLUNTARY

INTROIT FOR PENTECOST

The people stand, as able.

HYMN 410

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Lauda anima

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

Robert Powell (20thC)

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

God 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

Romans 8:26-39

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.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 119:129-136

Mirabilia

Your decrees are wonderful;
therefore I obey them with all my heart.

When your word goes forth it gives light;
it gives understanding to the simple.

I open my mouth and pant;
I long for your commandments.

Turn to me in mercy,
as you always do to those who love your Name.

Steady my footsteps in your word;
let no iniquity have dominion over me.

Rescue me from those who oppress me,
and I will keep your commandments.

Let your countenance shine upon your servant
and teach me your statutes.

My eyes shed streams of tears,
because people do not keep your law.

The people stand.

HYMN 711 Seek Ye First

See Ye First

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people are seated.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. R. Kevin Johnson

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 leader and people pray responsively.

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying “Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishop, for all the clergy and people, and especially Grace Church, Newark; House of Prayer, Newark; and The Anglican Church of Tanzania, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this township, Millburn/Short Hills, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who travel on land, on water, in the air, or through outer space, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Kim, Sarah, Sophia, Thomas, Veronica, Amy, David, Helen, Butch, Tammy, Dana, Richard, Katie, Melissa, Monte, Tyler, Bill, Jane, Lily, Margot, Peggy, Sara and Brian, Rodean, Alice, Daniel, Natalie, and all those on our ongoing prayer list, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

Silence. The Presider concludes the Prayers with a suitable 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.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

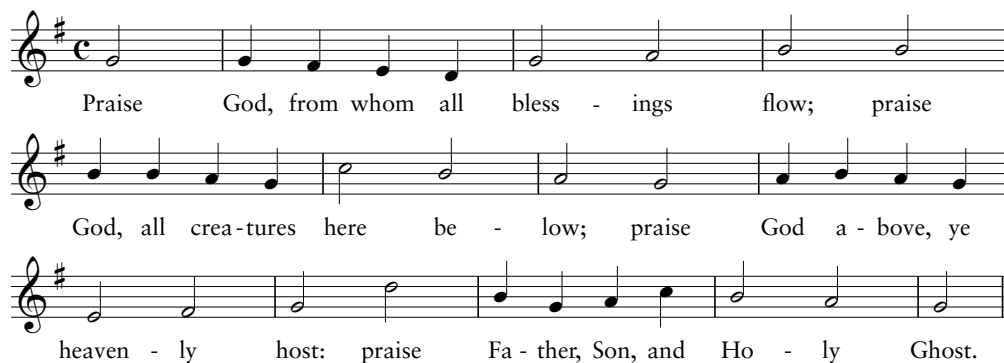
OFFERTORY ANTHEM Let All the World

Calvin Hampton (20thC)

The people stand.

THE DOXOLOGY

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Enriching our Worship, Form I

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.

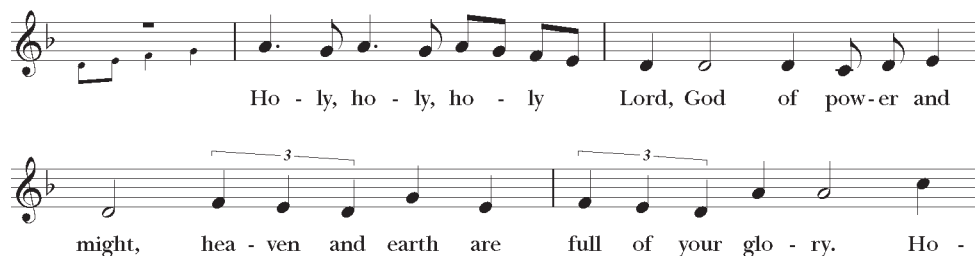
It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God,
source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love;
you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body.
Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

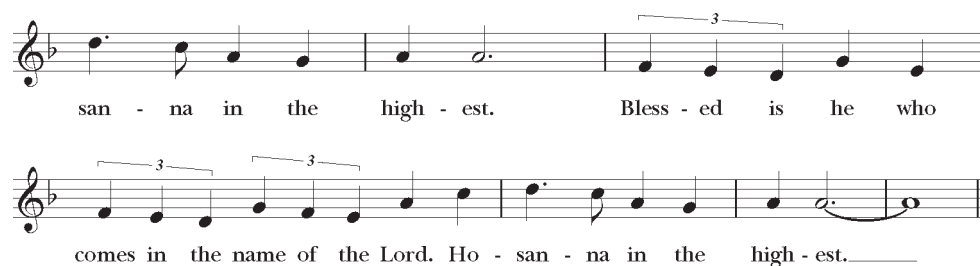
Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels
and with the faithful of every generation,
we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

SANCTUS

Powell



Sanctus continues on the next page.



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (CONT.)

Blessed are you, gracious God,
 creator of the universe and giver of life.
 You formed us in your own image
 and called us to dwell in your infinite love.
 You gave the world into our care
 that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.
 But we failed to honor your image
 in one another and in ourselves;
 we would not see your goodness in the world around us;
 and so we violated your creation,
 abused one another, and rejected your love.
 Yet you never ceased to care for us,
 and prepared the way of salvation for all people.
 Through Abraham and Sarah
 you called us into covenant with you.
 You delivered us from slavery,
 sustained us in the wilderness,
 and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.
 Then, in the fullness of time,
 you sent your eternal Word,
 made mortal flesh in Jesus.
 Born into the human family,
 and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory.
 Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil,
 opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us,
 Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread,
 and when he had given thanks to you,
 he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat:
 This is my Body which is given for you.
 Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks,
 he gave it to them, and said:
 "Drink this, all of you:
 This is my Blood of the new Covenant,
 which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection,
we now present to you from your creation
this bread and this wine.

By your Holy Spirit may they be for us
the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit
and live as Christ’s Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage
of your daughters and sons,
that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come,
we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
to you be honor, glory, and praise,
for ever and 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

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Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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.*

COMMUNION SOLO

Eric Roper

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.**

HYMN 674

Forgive our Sins

Detroit

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

**Please join us for coffee hour in the Parish Hall
immediately after the 10am service.
All are welcome!**

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Celebrant	The Rev. Bowie Snodgrass
Preacher	The Rev. Dr. R. Kevin Johnson
Organist & Choirmaster	Dr. Andrew Moore
Reader	Sandra Johnson
Intercessor	Gary Walz
Sidesperson	Patricia Shewmaker
Soloist	Eric Roper
Ushers	Elaine Power, Gary Walz, Peter Bredlau, and John Van Der Tuin
A/V Tech	Chris Whitaker
Altar Guild	Adrienne Harrison-Surgeon, Alison Corbin, Maria Goriachi, and Kristen Segal
Coffee Hour	Cynthia Kane

PRAYER LIST

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

Special Prayers: Kim, Sarah, Sophia, Thomas B., Veronica B., Amy C., David C., Helen D., Butch G., Tammy G., Dana K., Richard L., Katie M., Melissa P., Monte P., Tyler P., Bill R., Jane R., Lily S., Margot S., Peggy S., Sara and Brian S., Rodean W., Alice Z., Daniel Z., and Natalie Z.

Ongoing Prayers: Celine, Grady, Lovenia, River, Tom, Nathan, Jack A., Amanda B., Andree B., Elena B., Joy B., Lynn B., Cindy D., Delois D., Dione D., Liz D., Sofia D., Claire H., Inese H., Gregg L., Helen M., Miller M., Andy O., Graham P., and Gary S.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Grace Church, Newark, and House of Prayer, Newark

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Tanzania.

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 Catherine Flynn, Pastoral Assistant, if you have any prayer requests or would like a pastoral visitation. Email: pastoral@christchurchshorthills.org.



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