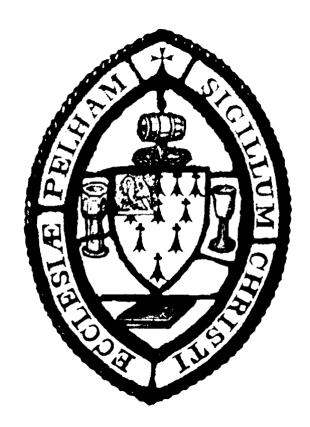
PRAYER VIGIL & HOLY EUCHARIST TO REMEMBER THE LIVES LOST TO GUN VIOLENCE 7:00 PM, AUGUST 5, 2019



WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH

The Parish of Christ the Redeemer (known as Christ Church) is the Episcopal Church in Pelham, New York. The Episcopal Church is part of the Anglican Communion which is made up of 85 million people in over 165 countries and is the third largest Christian denomination in the world. Christ Church was founded in 1843 and is the first house of worship in Pelham. Our congregation draws primarily from Pelham, New Rochelle, Mount Vernon, and the Bronx, and includes people from diverse denominational and cultural backgrounds. Whether you are new to Christ Church or a long-time member, you are invited to pray in our sacred spaces, join in our services of worship, and take an active role in the life and leadership of the parish. We give thanks to God for your presence with us today.

SILENT PRAYER & LIGHTING OF VOTIVE CANDLES

Beginning at 7:00 p.m. silence will be observed in the church. Please take the opportunity to light a votive Candle while you are here. The following prayer has been attributed to Saint Francis.

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

For those who are able to stay and pray as a congregation and community, we will gather for the Holy Eucharist at 7:30 p.m.

Silence will again be observed until 9:00 p.m. after the Eucharist concludes.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

OPENING HYMN (#680)

All stand and sing the hymn as the clergy and acolytes enter.



6 O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.; para. of Psalm 90 Music: St. Anne, melody att. William Croft (1678-1727), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

OPENING SUPPLICATIONS

All remain standing.

Celebrant O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,

People Have mercy upon us.

Celebrant O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

People Have mercy upon us.

Celebrant O God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of the faithful,

People Have mercy upon us.

Celebrant O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God,

People Have mercy upon us.

Celebrant From all blindness of heart; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all

want of charity,

People Good Lord, deliver us.

Celebrant From all violence and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared,

People Good Lord, deliver us.

Celebrant For all first responders, police officers, firefighters, chaplains, nurses,

and all others who work to restore order, heal the wounded, and care for

the needs of the community, we pray to you, O Lord:

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant For all volunteers who give of their time and resources to meet the needs

of those affected by this tragedy, we pray to you, O Lord:

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant For leaders, both in the Church and in the government, who strive for

greater peace, compassion, and understanding in the world, we pray to

you, O Lord:

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant O Lord, arise, help us;

People And deliver us for your Name's sake.

Celebrant From our enemies defend us, O Christ;

People Graciously behold our afflictions.

Celebrant With pity behold the sorrows of our hearts;

People Mercifully forgive the sins of your people.

Celebrant Favorably with mercy hear our prayers;

People Have mercy upon us.

Celebrant Both now and evermore hear us, O Christ;

People Graciously hear us, O Christ; graciously hear us, O Lord Christ.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering,

pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake.

People Amen.

Celebrant Grant, O Lord, to all who are bereaved the spirit of faith and courage,

that they may have strength to meet the days to come with steadfastness and patience; not sorrowing as those without hope, but in thankful remembrance of your great goodness, and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love. And this we ask in the Name of Jesus

Christ our Savior.

All Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON: LAMENTATIONS 3:19-24

All are seated as the lesson is read.

Reader A reading from the Book of Lamentations.

The thought of my affliction and my homelessness is wormwood and gall! My soul continually thinks of it and is bowed down within me. But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The Lord is my portion," says my

soul, "therefore I will hope in him."

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 43 Quemadmodum

All remain seated and join in saying the Psalm responsively by whole verse.

Reader As the deer longs for the water-brooks, * so longs my soul for you, O God.

People My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the living God; *

when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?

Reader My tears have been my food day and night, *

while all day long they say to me,

Where now is your God?"

People I pour out my soul when I think on these things; *

how I went with the multitude and led them into the house of God,

Reader With the voice of praise and thanksgiving, *

among those who keep holy-day.

People Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? *

and why are you so disquieted within me?

Reader Put your trust in God; *

for I will yet give thanks to him,

who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

People My soul is heavy within me; *

therefore I will remember you from the land of Jordan, and from the peak of Mizar among the heights of Hermon.

Reader One deep calls to another in the noise of your cataracts; *

all your rapids and floods have gone over me.

People The LORD grants his loving-kindness in the daytime; *

in the night season his song is with me,

a prayer to the God of my life.

Reader I will say to the God of my strength,

"Why have you forgotten me? *

and why do I go so heavily while the enemy oppresses me?"

People While my bones are being broken, *

my enemies mock me to my face;

Reader All day long they mock me *

and say to me, "Where now is your God?"

People Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? *

and why are you so disquieted within me?

Reader Put your trust in God; *

for I will yet give thanks to him,

who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

THE SECOND LESSON: 2 CORINTHIANS 1:2-4

All remain seated as the lesson is read.

Reader A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by

God.

The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN (#660)

All stand and sing the hymn.



Words: Washington Gladden (1836-1918) Music: Maryton, Henry Percy Smith (1825-1898)

THE HOLY GOSPEL: MATTHEW 5:1-12,14A,16B

All remain standing for the Gospel.

Deacon

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you. You are the light of the world. Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

All are seated for the sermon by the Rector, Father Matthew Mead.

LITANY BY BISHOPS UNITED AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE

All stand.

Celebrant

The Bishops of the Episcopal Church have offered this litany to us with the reminder that one does not pray in lieu of summoning political courage, but in preparation for doing so. Our Bishops invite you to join in this litany and join their commitment to take action so that our country can be freed from the epidemic of gun violence.

Hearing this litany will be painful; you do not need to stay in the church if you do not wish to hear it.

God of peace, we remember all those who have died in incidents of mass gun violence in this nation's public and private spaces.

Silence is observed.

Celebrant

Six dead at the Wisconsin Sikh Temple.

Twelve dead at an Aurora, Colorado movie theater.

Twenty-eight dead at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown,

Connecticut.

Six dead at Santa Monica College, California.

Seven dead at a Hialeah, Florida apartment complex.

Thirteen dead at the Washington Navy Yard.

Four dead at Fort Hood, Texas.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

People

And let light perpetual shine upon them.

Celebrant

Seven dead in Isla Vista, near UC Santa Barbara.

Five dead at Marysville Pilchuck High School in Washington.

Six dead in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.

Nine dead at Emanuel AME in Charleston, South Carolina.

Sixteen dead at a San Bernardino, California office. Ten dead at Umpqua Community College, Oregon.

Six dead in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

People

And let light perpetual shine upon them.

Celebrant

Four dead at a Hesston, Kansas office.

Five dead at a Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania backyard party.

Fifty dead at Pulse Nightclub in Orlando, Florida.

Five dead at Cascade Mall in Burlington, Washington.

Five dead at Fort Lauderdale Airport.

Four dead in Fresno, California.

Eight dead in Lincoln County, Mississippi.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

People And let light perpetual shine upon them.

Celebrant Four dead at an Eaton Township, Pennsylvania supermarket.

Nine dead at a Plano, Texas football-watching party.

Fifty-nine dead at a Las Vegas, Nevada concert.

Twenty-seven dead at First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs,

Texas.

Seventeen dead at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in

Parkland, Florida.

Five dead at the Veterans Home in Yountville, California.

Four dead at a Nashville, Tennessee Waffle House.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

People And let light perpetual shine upon them.

Celebrant Ten dead at Santa Fe High School, Texas.

Five dead at the Capital Gazette Newspaper in Annapolis, Maryland.

Four dead at the Fifth Third Center in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Four dead at a Rite Aid distribution center in Aberdeen, Maryland.

Eleven dead at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Thirteen dead at a bar in Thousand Oaks, California.

Five dead at a bank in Sebring, Florida.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

People And let light perpetual shine upon them.

Celebrant Five dead at their homes in Ascension and Livingston parishes, Louisiana.

Six dead at an industrial park in Aurora, Illinois.

Four dead at a home in Clinton, Mississippi.

Four dead in Solon Township, Michigan.

Thirteen dead at a municipal building in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Four dead at the Gilroy Garlic Festival in Gilroy, California.

Twenty-two dead at a Walmart in El Paso, Texas.

Ten dead in the Oregon District of downtown Dayton, Ohio.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

People And let light perpetual shine upon them.

Celebrant All those who have died in any incident of gun violence.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

People And let light perpetual shine upon them.

Celebrant For survivors of gun violence.

Grant them comfort and healing.

People Hear us, Lord.

Celebrant For those who have lost loved ones to gun violence.

Grant them peace.

People Hear us, Lord.

Celebrant For those first responders who care for victims of gun violence.

Protect and strengthen them.

People Hear us, Lord.

Celebrant Lord, have mercy.

People Celebrant Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, whose only Son came to preach peace to the nations: Hear us, we beseech you, and comfort us with your steady hand, as we come before you this night in the wake of unspeakable violence. In a world that seems hopeless, help us to remember that our hope rests always in you, and in the resurrection of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one

God, forever and ever.

People Amen.

Celebrant O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through

Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on

earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

Celebrant Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us

sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born

to eternal life.

People Amen.

THE PEACE

All remain standing.

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Then the ministers and people greet one another in the name of the Lord.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

All are seated for a brief welcome from the Rector, Father Matthew Mead.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

The Celebrant or the Rector concludes the announcements with the following or some other offertory sentence.

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

VOLUNTARY DURING THE OFFERTORY

During the voluntary the gifts of bread and wine are prepared at the altar.

OFFERTORY DOXOLOGY (#380 vs. 3)

All stand and sing the doxology as the offering is brought to the altar and blessed.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

Music: Old 100th, melody from Pseaumes octante trois de David, 1551, alt.; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

All remain standing.

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 God thanks and praise.

Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. 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:

All 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.

The people stand or kneel.

Celebrant

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify \(\mathbb{\text{\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$}}}}\) us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By # him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

All AMEN.

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

All 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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is observed.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

The Celebrant invites the people to receive the Holy Communion saying this or some other invitation.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the people of God. [Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with

thanksgiving.]

All baptized persons, including children, are full members of the Body of Christ and are invited to participate in every aspect of the service and receive the Holy Communion. Members of other Christian churches who are baptized are also invited to receive the Body and Blood of Christ. Persons who do not wish to receive Holy Communion are also invited to come forward with everyone else to receive a blessing (cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you want a blessing and not Holy Communion).

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

All kneel as you are able.

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Almighty God,

we thank you that in your great love

you have fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ,

and have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet.

Grant that this Sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction,

and a pledge of our inheritance

in that kingdom where there is no death,

neither sorrow nor crying,

but the fullness of joy with all your saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

BLESSING

Celebrant The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and

minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty # the Father, the Son, and

the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

People Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (#671)

All remain standing and sing the hymn as the clergy, acolytes, and choir process from the sanctuary.



Words: John Newton (1725-1807), alt.; st. 5, from *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790; compiled by Richard Broaddus and Andrew Broaddus Music: *New Britain*, from *Virginia Harmony* 1831; adapt. att. Edwin Othello Excell (1851-1921); harm. Austin Cole Lovelace (b. 1919)

DISMISSAL

All remain standing.

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING AT THE BOLTON ALTAR

Following the Eucharist Father Matt and Deacon Katie are available to offer prayers of healing with the anointing of holy oil. Come to the altar and tell the priest or deacon what you want to pray for.

SILENCE

After the service has concluded silence will be observed in the church, except for healing prayers offered by the clergy. Please take the opportunity to light a votive Candle while you are here. The following prayer has been attributed to Saint Francis.

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Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.

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The Holy Eucharist is celebrated on Sundays at 8 and 10 a.m.

Prayers for healing are offered at the Bolton Altar every Sunday following both the
8 and 10 o'clock liturgies.

Morning Prayer is read on Tuesday's, at 10:00 a.m. in the Library.

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and committed to serving God through worship and

service to our community and the world.