

ASCENSION DAY THE HOLY EUCHARIST MAY 18, 2023 7:30 PM

Today is Ascension Day. According to the Acts of the Apostles, our Lord Jesus Christ was present to his disciples for forty days after his resurrection. On the fortieth day he ascended to heaven and took his place at the right hand of the Father. Today the Church celebrates this event, the Ascension. In the Episcopal Church it is one of our seven "Principal Feasts." Easter, the Church's greatest season, does not end today, but lasts for fifty days and concludes on the Day of Pentecost.

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. This building was consecrated on September 15, 1843, the original church building was expanded in 1910, and the sanctuary was reconstructed in 1968 to allow for the current, more intimate worship space. 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 and praise to God for your presence with us this evening! All hymns and service music reprinted in this leaflet are either in the public domain or reprinted with permission under OneLicense.net license A-713125.

Children of all ages are always welcome in church. A great place for children to see, hear and participate is in the front pews of the church. Also, childcare is available in the Nursery every Sunday during the 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist. Sunday School is offered during the academic year from September until June. Sunday School begins at 10:00 AM each Sunday. After the children's service and Sunday School activities, the children join the rest of the congregation for Holy Communion.

If you believe God may be calling you to a new relationship with him through Jesus Christ we want to be of help. Whether you want to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, receive the laying on of hands by the bishop in the sacramental rite of Confirmation, or transfer your membership from another church or denomination, joining Christ Church is easy, just speak to Father Matthew Mead, Deacon Chisara Alimole, or our Administrator, Ms. Marie Main.

The flowers on the Altar are in given to the Glory of God

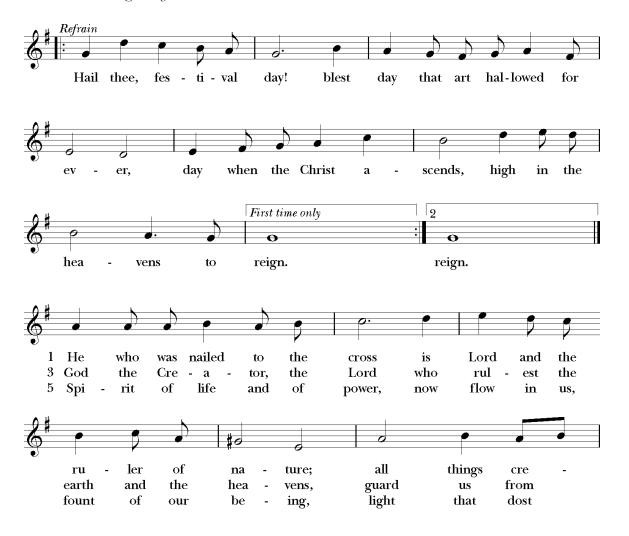


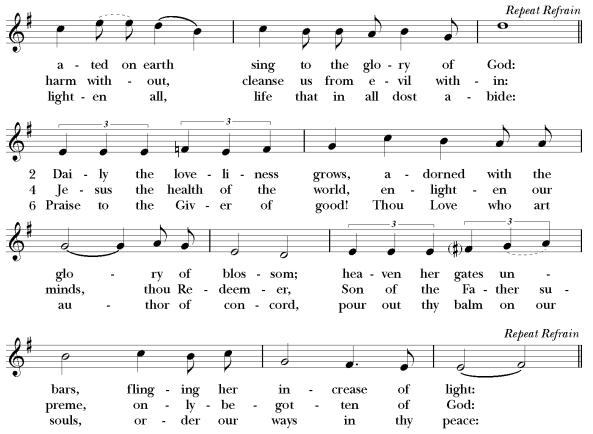
ORGAN PRELUDE

Chorale-Improvisation "Gott des Himmels und der Erden," Op. 65, No. 35 by Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (#216)

All stand and sing the hymn as the ministers enter.





The refrain may be sung once by choir alone and repeated by all. The stanzas may be sung alternately by contrasted groups, or by all.

Words: Venantius Honorius Fortunatus (540?-600?); tr. The English Hymnal, 1906, alt. Music: Sahre festa dies, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

EASTER ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY

All remain standing.

Celebrant ♣ Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

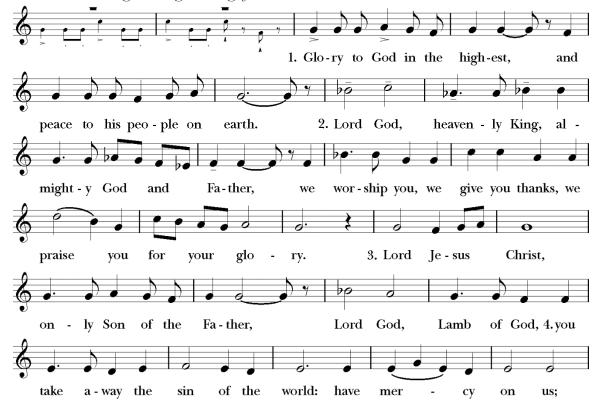
Celebrant

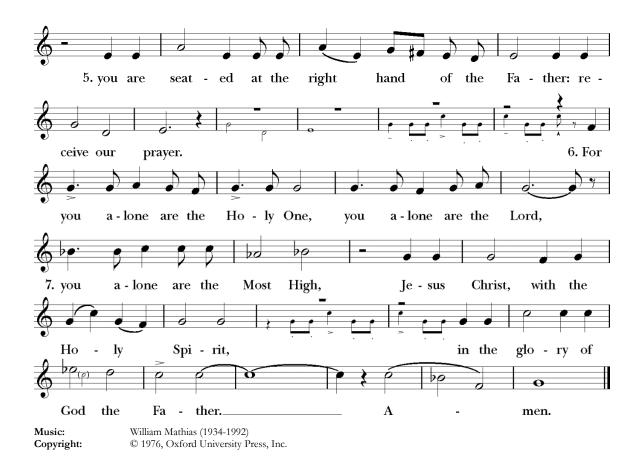
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE (#S-278)

All remain standing and sing the Song of Praise.





COLLECT OF THE DAY

All remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting.

All Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON: ACTS 1:1-11

All are seated. The First Lesson is now read.

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 47 Omnes gentes, plaudite

All remain seated and chant the Psalm to a simplified Anglican Chant. (The organ will play the chant once through before we begin).



Clap your hands, all you / <u>peoples</u>; * shout to God with a cry of / <u>joy</u>. For the Lord Most High is to be / <u>feared</u>; * he is the great King over all the / <u>earth</u>.

He subdues the peoples / <u>under us</u>, * and the nations under our / <u>feet</u>. He chooses our inheritance / <u>for us</u>, * the pride of Jacob whom he / <u>loves</u>.

God has gone up with a / shout, *
the Lord with the sound of the / ram's-horn.
Sing praises to God, sing / praises; *
sing praises to our King, sing / praises.

For God is King of all the / earth; * sing praises with all your / skill.

God reigns over the / nations; *

God sits upon his holy / throne.

The nobles of the peoples have gathered to-/gether * with the people of the God of / Abraham.

The rulers of the earth belong to / God, * and he is highly ex-/alted.

THE SECOND LESSON: EPHESIANS 1:15-23

All are seated. The Epistle is now read.

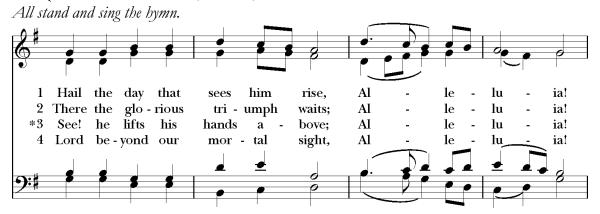
Reader

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all. The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN (# 214)





Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: *Llanfair*, Robert Williams (1781-1821)

THE HOLY GOSPEL: LUKE 24:44-53

All remain standing for the Gospel.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you-- that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the

The Gospel of the Lord.

temple blessing God.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

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

NICENE CREED

All stand and join in saying the Nicene Creed.

Celebrant We believe in one God,

All 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 VI)

All remain standing as the Deacon bids the prayers.

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

Deacon For all people in their daily life and work;

People For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are

alone.

Deacon For this community, the nation, and the world;

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

Deacon For the just and proper use of your creation;

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

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

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

Deacon For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

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

Deacon For Michael our Presiding Bishop, for Andrew, Allen, and Mary our

Bishops, Matthew our Bishop Elect, For Matthew our Rector and

Chisara our Deacon, and for all bishops and other ministers;

People For all who serve God in his Church.

Deacon For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially

(prayer list)

Silence is observed and the People may add their own petitions.

Deacon Hear us, Lord;

People For your mercy is great.

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

(birthday/anniversaries/armed services)

Silence is observed and the People may add their own thanksgivings

Deacon We will exalt you, O God our King;

People And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Deacon We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your

eternal kingdom, especially (departed)

Silence is observed and the People may add their own petitions for departed loved ones.

Deacon Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People Who put their trust in you.

The Celebrant adds a concluding prayer after which the people say 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 & OFFERTORY SENTENCE

All are seated for a brief welcome and announcements from Father Matthew Mead. The announcements conclude with the following or some other offertory sentence. I appeal to you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.



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ORGAN CHORALE AT THE OFFERTORY

Chorale-Prelude on "Heut' triumphiret Gottes Sohn" ("Today God's Son has triumphed"), BWV 630 by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

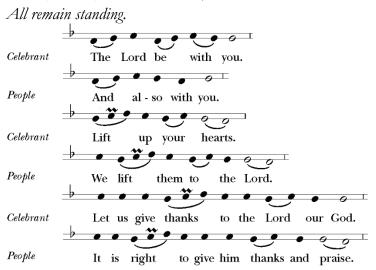
OFFERTORY HYMN (# 215)



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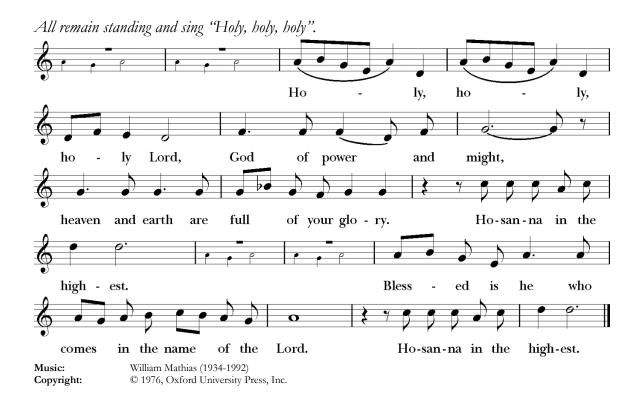
Music: In Babilone, melody from Oude en Nieuwe Hollantse Boerenlities en Contradanseu, 1710; harm. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



Celebrant

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing



The people kneel or stand.

Celebrant

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup,

We praise you and we bless you.

People

We praise you, we bless you,

we give thanks to you,

and we pray to you, Lord our God.

Celebrant

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace. Remember Michael our presiding bishop, Andrew and Allen our bishops and all who minister in your Church. Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth. Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light. And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, martyrs, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

for ev - er and ev - er.

Celebrant

People

Celebrant

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

A11

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

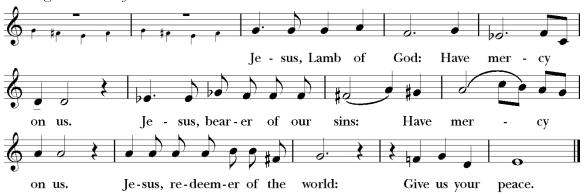
Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass-ov-er is sac-ri-ficed for us;



People

There-fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - 12.





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Invitation to Holy Communion

The Celebrant invites the people to receive the Holy Communion.

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).

ORGAN CHORALE DURING COMMUNION

Chorale-Improvisation "Ach Gott und Herr," Op. 65, No. 34 by Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

The people kneel (as you are able)..

Celebrant Let us pray.

All

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.

EASTERTIDE BLESSING

The people remain kneeling.

Celebrant

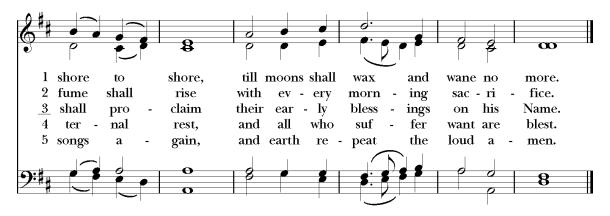
The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty 4 the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

People Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (#544)

All stand and sing the hymn as the ministers process to the back of the church.





Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: Duke Street, John Hatton (d. 1793)

DISMISSAL

All remain standing.

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

If you are staying in your pew for the Organ Voluntary, please be courteous to those who are listening to the music by remaining quiet.

Chorale-Prelude on "Nun freut euch, lieben Christen gemein" (Now rejoice, beloved Christians"), BWV 734 by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

PRAYERS FOR HEALING AT THE BOLTON ALTAR

Following the Eucharist every Sunday prayers for healing with the anointing of Holy Oil are offered by Deacon Chisara or Father Matt. Come to the altar and tell the priest or deacon what you want to pray for.

CHRIST CHURCH

Episcopal/Anglican

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The Reverend Matthew Hoxsie Mead, Rector
The Reverend Deacon Chisara Alimole
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The Holy Eucharist is celebrated on Sundays at 8 and 10 a.m. Morning Prayer is read on, Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. on Zoom

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and committed to serving God through worship and

service to our community and the world.