

THE 22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST HOLY EUCHARIST SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2023



This service is the Holy Eucharist, often called Mass or Holy Communion. This period in the Church year is known as “The Season after Pentecost” and begins with the Feast of Pentecost in the Spring and concludes after Thanksgiving Day.

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 morning!

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 the 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. After the service concludes please feel free to join us for Coffee Hour, a reception which generally includes coffee, other refreshments, and lasts about an hour and is a great opportunity to meet members of the congregation. 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.

The Flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God



ORGAN PRELUDE

Prelude on "St. Denio" by Robert Lau (b. 1943)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (#423)

All stand and sing the hymn as the ministers enter.

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,
all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but nought chan - geth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908), alt.

Music: *St. Denio*, Welsh hymn, from *Caniadau y Cyssegr*, 1839; adapt. John Roberts (1822-1877); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.

OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY

All remain standing.

Celebrant ☩ Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

***People* And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

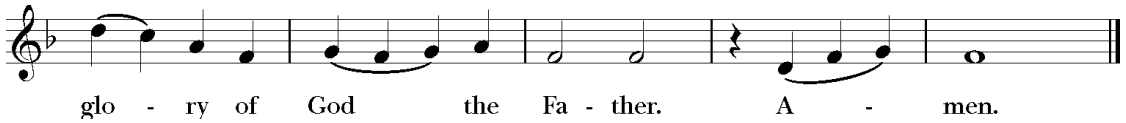
Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

***All* Amen.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (#S 280)

All remain standing and sing "Glory to God in the highest".

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
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the



Title: Cantic 20, Glory to God: *Gloria in excelsis*
Music: Robert Powell (*b.* 1932), rev.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

All remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON: DEUTERONOMY 34:1-12

All are seated as the lesson is read.

Reader A reading from Deuteronomy.

Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the LORD showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The LORD said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants’; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.” Then Moses, the servant of the LORD, died there in the land of Moab, at the LORD’s command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the LORD had commanded Moses. Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the LORD sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 90:1-6, 13-17 *Domine, refugium*

All remain seated as the choir chants the Psalm to an Anglican chant setting by John Bertalot (b. 1931).

- 1 Lord, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another.
- 2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born, *
from age to age you are God.
- 3 You turn us back to the dust and say, *
“Go back, O child of earth.”
- 4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past *
and like a watch in the night.
- 5 You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.
- 6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and withered.
- 13 Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? *
be gracious to your servants.
- 14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; *
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.
- 15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us *
and the years in which we suffered adversity.

- 16 Show your servants your works *
and your splendor to their children.
- 17 May the graciousness of the LORD our God be upon us; *
prosper the work of our hands;
prosper our handiwork.

THE SECOND LESSON: 1 THESSALONIANS 2:1-8

All remain seated as the lesson is read.

Reader

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

The Word of the Lord

People

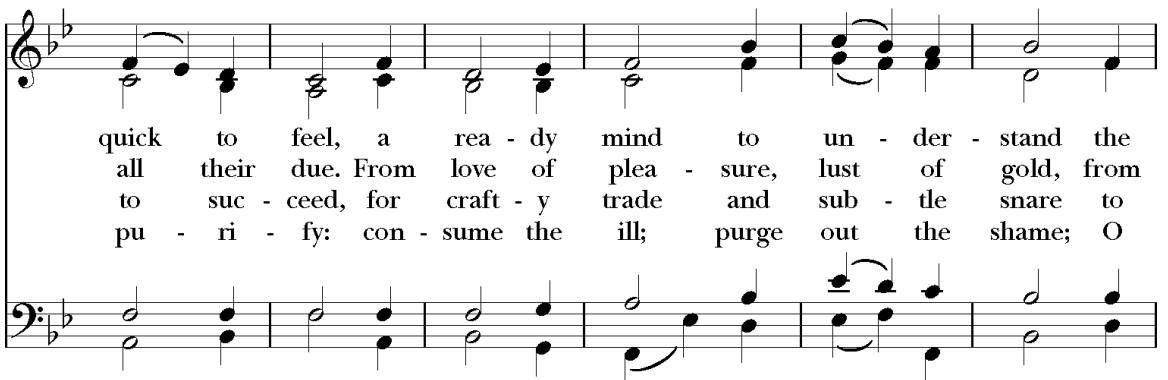
Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN (#574)

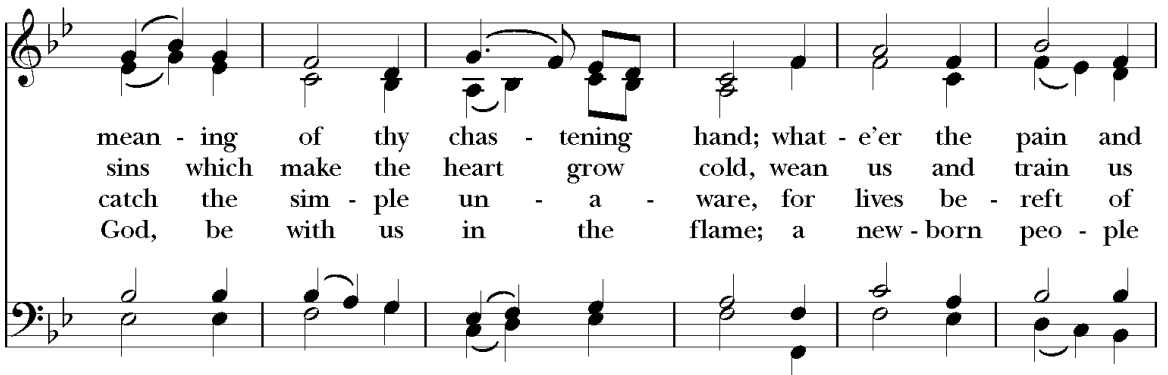
All stand and sing the hymn.



1 Be - fore thy throne, O God, we kneel: give us a con - science
2 Search out our hearts and make us true; help us to give to
3 For sins of heed - less word and deed, for pride am - bi - tious
4 Let the fierce fires which burn and try, our in - most spi - rits



quick to feel, a rea - dy mind to un - der - stand the
all their due. From love of plea - sure, lust of gold, from
to suc - ceed, for craft - y trade and sub - tle snare to
pu - ri - fy: con - sume the ill; purge out the shame; O



mean - ing of thy chas - tening hand; what - e'er the pain and
sins which make the heart grow cold, wean us and train us
catch the sim - ple un - a - ware, for lives be - reft of
God, be with us in the flame; a new - born peo - ple

shame may be, bring us, O Fa - ther, near - er thee.
 with thy rod; teach us to know our faults, O God.
 pur - pose high, for - give, for - give, O Lord, we cry.
 may we rise, more pure, more true, more no - bly wise.

Words: William Boyd Carpenter (1841-1918), alt.
 Music: *St. Petersburg*, Dimitri S. Bortniansky (1751-1825)

THE HOLY GOSPEL: MATTHEW 22:34-46

All remain standing for the Gospel.

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

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

Deacon When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.” Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: “What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, ‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet”’? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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.

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 III)

All remain standing.

Reader Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

***People* That we all may be one.**

Reader Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

***People* That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Reader We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

***People* That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Reader We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

***People* That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Reader Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

***People* That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Reader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

***People* That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Reader Give to the departed eternal rest;

***People* Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Reader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

***People* May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Reader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. I invite you to add your own petitions said silently or aloud.

*If you would like to offer a **special prayer concern**, please contact the Parish Office or complete a Prayer Request Card (found at the entrance to the church) and drop it in the offering plate. Requests include those who are ill, those who have died recently, prayers on the anniversary of someone's death, and thanksgivings. Names remain on the list for one month; please let the office know if you would like someone listed for a longer time.*

The Celebrant adds a final prayer.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All kneel. Silence is observed.

All **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.**

Celebrant 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.

All **Amen.**

THE PEACE

All stand.

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.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

All are seated as the choir sings Draw us in the Spirit's tether by Harold Friedell (1905-1958). During the anthem, the gifts of bread and wine are prepared at the altar and an offering is taken.

Draw us in the Spirit's tether;
For when humbly, in thy name,
Two or three are met together,
Thou art in the midst of them:
Alleluya! Alleluya! Touch we now thy garment's hem.

As the brethren used to gather
In the name of Christ to sup,
Then with thanks to God the Father
Break the bread and bless the cup,
Alleluya! Alleluya! So knit thou our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living
Make as sacraments of thee,
That by caring, helping, giving,
We may true disciples be.
Alleluya! Alleluya! We will serve thee faithfully.
– Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)

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 bless - ings flow; praise
him, all crea-tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

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

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And al - so 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 you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 sing "Holy, holy, holy" (#S 129)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
 might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The image shows a two-staff musical score in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes. There are three triplet markings over the notes 'na in the' and 'Ho - san - na in the'.

Music: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

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."

Celebrant There-fore we proclaim the myst-er-y of faith:

People Christ has died. Christ is ris-en. Christ will come a-gain.

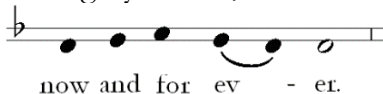
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Celebrant

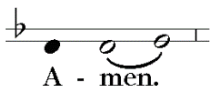
We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending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

Sanctify ✠ 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,



Celebrant



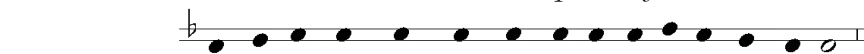
People

Celebrant
All

And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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



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).

COMMUNION MOTET

The choir sings Õnnis on inimene/(Happy is the man) by Cyrillus Kreek (1889-1962) during the ministration of Holy Communion.

Õnnis on inimene,
kes ei käi õelate nõu järele.
Sest Issand tunneb õigete teed,
aga õelate tee läheb hukka.
Teenige Issandat kartusega
ja olge rõõmsad värisemisega.
Väga õndsad on kõik,
kes Tema juurde kipuvad.
Tõuse üles, Issand, päästa mind, mu Jumal.
Au olgu Isale, Pojale ja Pühale Vaimule,
nüüd ja igavest. Aamen.

– Psalmid 1: 1, 6; 2: 11a, 12b; 3: 7, *Piibel (the Estonian Bible)*

*Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked is doomed.
Worship the Lord with reverence, tremble, and kiss the King.
Happy are all who find refuge in Him.
Rise up, O Lord; set me free, O my God.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

– Psalm 1: 1, 6; 2: 11a, 12b; 3: 7, compiled translation,
mostly taken from the *Book of Common Prayer (1979)*

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

All kneel as you are able.

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

BLESSING

All stand.

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 (#451)

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

1 All hail the power of Je - sus' Name! Let an - gels
2 Crown him, ye mar - tyrs of our God, who from his
3 Hail him, the Heir of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid
*4 Ye heirs of Is - rael's cho - sen race, ye ran - somed
*5 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood

1 pros - trate fall; bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem,
2 al - tar call; praise him whose way of pain ye trod,
3 Lord did call, the God in - car - nate, Man di - vine,
4 of the fall, hail him who saves you by his grace,
5 and the gall, go, spread your tro - phies at his feet,

Refrain

and crown him, crown him, crown him, crown him Lord of all!

6 Let every kindred, every tribe,
on this terrestrial ball,
to him all majesty ascribe,

Refrain

Words: Edward Perronet (1726-1792), alt.
Music: Miles Lane, William Shrubsole (1760-1806)

DISMISSAL & ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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

Toccata and Fugue in D minor, BWV 565 *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.

ABOUT THE MUSIC

Choral selections:

Harold W. Friedell (1905-1958) was born in Jamaica, Queens, New York City. Educated at the Juilliard School, Friedell began his professional career as organist for the First United Methodist Episcopal Church in Jamaica, Queens at the age of sixteen while studying organ with David McK. Williams, the organist and choirmaster of St. Bartholomew's Church in Manhattan. In 1927, he was appointed organist for Calvary Church in Manhattan and also began to serve St. James the Less Church in Scarsdale by training the children's choirs there on weekday afternoons and playing for Sunday afternoon liturgies in the church. He served St. John's Church in Jersey City, New Jersey (an historic parish, now closed, where several of our past and current Christ Church choir members once worshipped) as organist and choirmaster in 1931 and returned to Calvary Church in 1939 in that same capacity. In 1945, he was appointed a professor at the Institute of Sacred Music of Union Seminary (now a part of Yale), and in 1946 he was also appointed the organist and choirmaster of St. Bartholomew's Church in Manhattan in 1946 following the sudden resignation of David McK Williams amidst a scandal, and he served that parish until his untimely death (of a heart attack) in February of 1958, while walking to the train station from his home in Hastings on Hudson during a snowstorm.

Friedell was a practical composer, and much of his output was music written for his parish choirs to sing. His orisons (brief choral "kneeling prayers") were composed for the choirs at both Calvary Church and St. Bartholomew's Church. Friedell adapted another of these orisons, originally composed for Calvary's choir as an a cappella hymn tune (which now appears in some hymnals under the tune name *Union Seminary*), as an anthem with organ accompaniment, setting the Rev'd Percy Dearmer's communion hymn text "Draw us in the Spirit's tether" in 1957. It remains one of his most-performed and best-loved works.

Cyrillus Kreek (1889-1962), born Karl Ustav Kreek, was the ninth child of an Estonian schoolteacher on the island of Vormsi. Vormsi is in the northwest of Estonia and was settled largely by coastal Swedes, who were Lutherans. While Estonia transferred from Swedish rule to Russian rule in the early 18th century, Estonians enjoyed autonomy of religion and culture until the late 19th century, around the time of Kreek's birth, when the Czar began a program of Russification of the country. Part of this Russification was a requirement for Estonians to convert to Russian Orthodoxy, with which the Kreek family complied, and during which Karl Ustav took the name of St. Cyril as his patron. He received his early musical instruction within his family and as a student in the Russian Orthodox School of St. Nikolaus in nearby Haapsalu. In 1908, he enrolled in the St. Petersburg conservatory, where he studied trombone and composition.

In 1917, Kreek was forced to return to Haapsalu, his music degree unfinished, at the outbreak of the Russian Revolution. He spent the rest of his life in his native Estonia, working as a music teacher. After the Russian Revolution and before the Soviet Occupation, Estonia enjoyed a period of independent self-rule and an Estonian nationalist movement grew seeking to preserve a uniquely Estonian heritage. Cyrillus Kreek was influential within this movement as a collector of folk songs and church melodies, which form the basis for many of his compositions. His collection of Psalms, of which *Õnnis on inimene* is one example, are a cappella arrangements of old Estonian church melodies. It takes its text from selected verses from Psalms 1, 2, and 3. A hauntingly attractive melody, this piece is part of a recent acquisition for our choir library in loving memory of Robert Doughty Weeks, longtime parishioner of Christ Church and beloved member of our choir, who particularly loved singing the a cappella choral music of the Easter Orthodox Churches.

Organ selections:

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) likely composed his famous *Toccata and Fugue* in D minor – the most famous organ piece ever written – as a young, ambitious organist in Thuringia, possibly in Arnstadt. The oldest surviving source of this piece is a manuscript copy by Johannes Ringk from his teacher's collection. His teacher, Johann Peter Kellner, had studied organ with Bach himself, and so likely also made his own copy from Bach's original manuscript or a fair copy of the same. It is from Ringk or perhaps from Kellner that we get the name for the piece, which is written in fantasy style, and does, as the name suggests, require the organist to explore various articulations in interpretation. The piece takes the form of an extended fantasy-prelude followed by a fanciful four-voice fugue which devolves into a fantasy-recitativ-style Coda. I took Leopold Stokowski's orchestral transcription of this work for the Disney film *Fantasia* as a point of departure for my own interpretation. Few people know that Stokowski himself began his musical career as an organist, notably as organist for St. Bartholomew's Church in Manhattan.

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