THE PARISH OF CHRIST THE REDEEMER PELHAM, NEW YORK



SAINT MATTHEW'S DAY

THE HOLY EUCHARIST 10:00 AM, SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

ABOUT 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.

ABOUT SAINT MATTHEW'S DAY

Saint Matthew is remembered as being one of the Twelve called by Jesus, as well as the author of the Gospel according to Matthew. Post-biblical traditions claim that Saint Matthew travelled as a missionary to Ethiopia and Persia. His bones were supposedly brought from Ethiopia to Salerno, and the Cathedral of Salerno was built over his tomb there. That Cathedral was dedicated on September 21, 1084. Saint Matthew's Gospel provides of a wealth of material that is not found in the other Gospels, such as Jesus' Sermon on the Mount (including the Beatitudes), the Parable of the Last Judgement ("Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these, you did it to me."), the story of Magi following the Star, and much more. We are told by Christ in Saint Matthew's Gospel to "be perfect as your Father in heaven is perfect".

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

The Holy Eucharist, the principal act of Christian worship on the Lord's Day and other major Feasts, and Daily Morning and Evening Prayer, as set forth in the Book of Common Prayer, 1979, are the regular services appointed for public worship in the Episcopal Church. At Christ Church we celebrate the Holy Eucharist every Sunday, and also on Holy Days and other occasions. Today's liturgy is from the red *Book of Common Prayer 1979*. All hymns are taken from the blue *Hymnal 1982* or other authorized hymnals for use in the Episcopal Church. All hymns are reprinted with permission under OneLicense.net A713125.



CHILDREN, NURSERY CARE, AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children of all ages are always welcome in church. Childcare is available in the Nursery every Sunday during the 10:00 AM Eucharist. Sunday School is offered during the academic year. Sunday School children join the rest of the congregation for the Holy Communion. Scan the QR code to register for Sunday School.



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ORGAN PRELUDE

The prelude is offered before worship as a form of prayer. Once the prelude begins, please refrain from conversation in the church or outside the Sacristy.

Prelude in D BWV 532

Johann Sebastian Bach 1685-1750

PROCESSION HYMN (#518)

All stand and sing the hymn as the ministers enter.





Words: Latin, ca. 7th cent.; tr. Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1861, after John Mason Neale (1818-1856), alt.

Music: Westminster Abbey, Henry Purcell (1659-1695), adapt; desc. James Gillespie (b. 1929)

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OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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

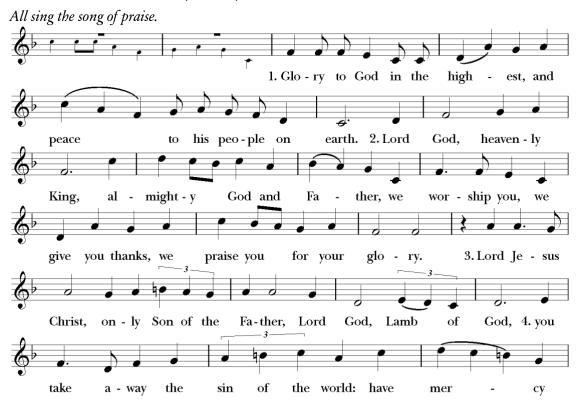
COLLECT FOR PURITY

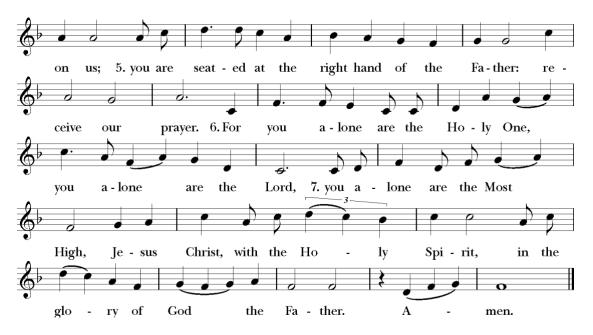
Celebrant

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)





Title: Canticle 20, Glory to God: Gloria in excelsis

Music: Robert Powell (b. 1932), rev.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

We thank you, heavenly Father, for the witness of your apostle and evangelist Matthew to the Gospel of your Son our Savior; and we pray that, after his example, we may with ready wills and hearts obey the calling of our Lord to follow him; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON: PROVERBS 3:1-6

All are seated.

Reader A Reading from the Proverbs.

My child do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments; for length of days and years of life and abundant welfare they will give you. Do not let loyalty and faithfulness forsake you; bind them round your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. So you will find favour and good repute in the sight of God and of people. Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 119:33-40 *Legem pone*

The Psalm is sung by the Parish Choir to an Anglican chant by John Jones.

Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, *

and I shall keep it to the end.

Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; *

I shall keep it with all my heart.

Make me go in the path of your commandments, *

for that is my desire.

Incline my heart to your decrees *

and not to unjust gain.

Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; *

give me life in your ways.

Fulfill your promise to your servant, *

which you make to those who fear you.

Turn away the reproach which I dread, *

because your judgments are good.

Behold, I long for your commandments; *

in your righteousness preserve my life.

THE SECOND LESSON: 2 TIMOTHY 3:14-17

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

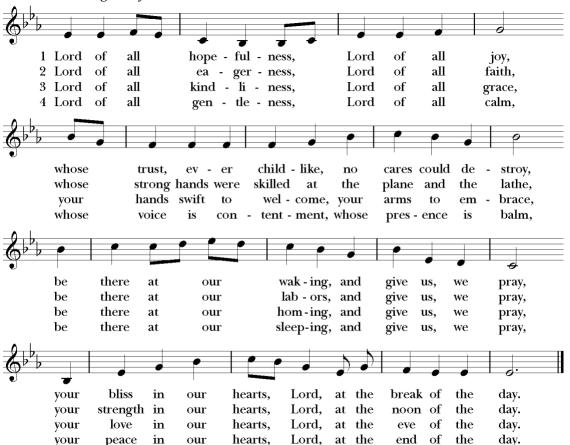
As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN (#482)

All stand and sing the hymn.



Words: Jan Struther (1901–1953)

Music: Slane, Irish ballad melody; adapt. The Church Hymnary,1927; harm. Hymnal 1982

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THE HOLY GOSPEL: MATTHEW 9:9-13

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 As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax

booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

All are seated for the sermon by the Rev. 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

Priest Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

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

your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

Priest Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice

and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

Priest Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use

its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

Priest Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve

Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

Priest Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them

courage and hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

Priest We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may

be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your

eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Our prayers are asked for Sean our Presiding Bishop, Matthew, Allen, and Mary our Bishops, Father Matt our Rector, Deacon Chisara, and our Wardens, Officers, and Vestry members. We pray also for:, John, Jenny, Mike, Bill, Tom, Julie, Anne, Kristen, Ari, Jennifer, Marion, Sam, Elaine, Sheila, Amy, Alice, Barbara, Janet, Sandy, Beth, Ingrid, Didi, Tim, Chris, Marilyn, Alison, Bob, Robert, Allison, Hildy, Jordan, Cathy, Tom, Bill, Mike, Sara, David, Drue, Kevin, Brian, Helen, and M&D. We pray for those in our Armed Services especially: Sean, Dylan, Gus, Chuck, Sam, Helen, Joseph, Philip, Jake, Matthew, Robert, Nicholas, Mitchel, Alec, Jonah, Tia,

Tyrese, Terrence. We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays this week especially, especially Luke Carberty (9/21), Chapman Jones (9/21), Adeline McKee (9/21), William Micciche (9/23), and Mikaela Lavendero (9/26).

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

All kneel (as able).

Celebrant Most merciful God,

All 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. The announcements conclude with the offertory sentence.



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HOLY COMMUNION IN THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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).

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The gifts of bread and wine are prepared at the altar, and an offering is taken while the Parish Choir sings an anthem.

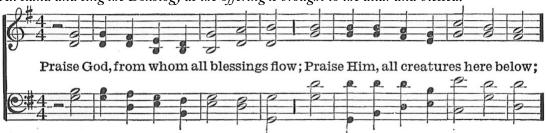
Awake the Trumpet's Lofty Sound

George Frederic Handel 1685-1759

Awake the trumpet's lofty sound! The joyful sacred festival comes round, When Dagon king of all the earth is crown'd.

OFFERTORY DOXOLOGY (#380, VS 3)

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





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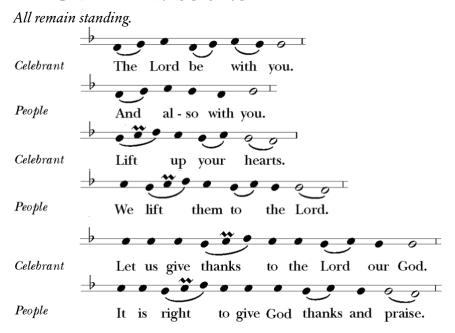
Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

Music:

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

1561?)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

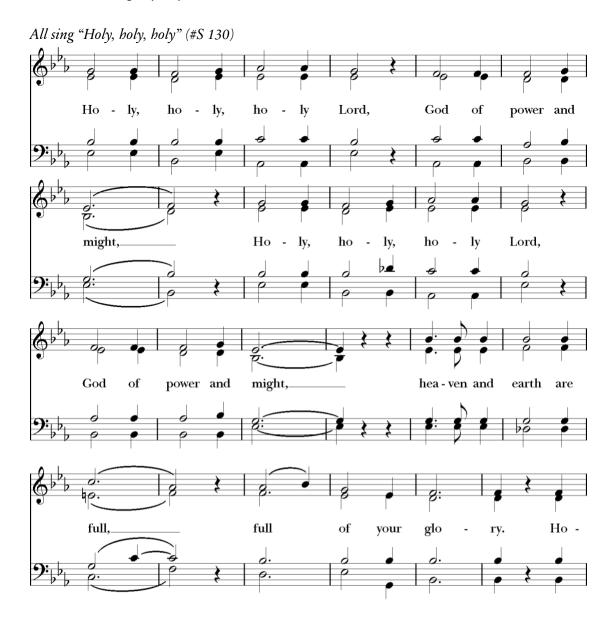


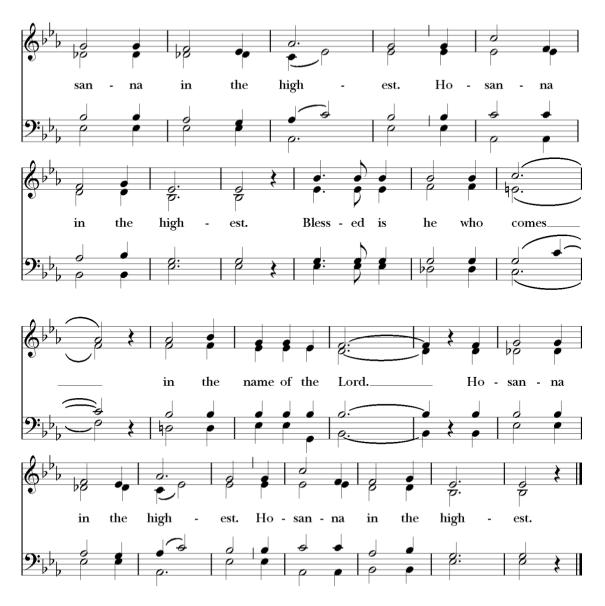
Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

The Celebrant continues with the Proper Preface assigned for the day.

Celebrant

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:





Title: The Holy Eucharist II, Holy, holy, holy Lord: Sanctus

Music: From Deutsche Messe, Franz Peter Schubert (1797–1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

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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:



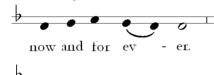
People

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 \(\frac{\mathbf{x}}{2}\) 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 \(\mathbb{P}\) him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father,



People A - MEN

Celebrant

Celebrant

And now, as our Savior Christ has 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.

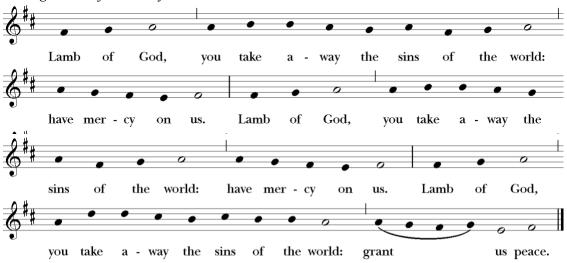
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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



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





Title: The Holy Eucharist II, Fraction Anthem: Lamb of God: Agnus Dei

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Invitation to Holy Communion

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ANTHEM AT THE COMMUNION

During the ministration of Holy Communion, the Parish Choir sings an anthem.

O Taste and See

Ralph Vaughan Williams 1872-1958

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

The people kneel (as 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.

POST COMMUNION HYMN (#460)

All stand and sing the hymn.





Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837–1898)

Music: Hyfrydol, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811–1887)

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BLESSING & DISMISSAL

The celebrant offers a blessing which concludes as follows.

Celebrant ... and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy

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

People Amen.

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

PROCESSIONAL VOLUNTARY

All remain standing as the altar party processes from the Sanctuary during the Postlude. Once the altar party has departed, please be seated and be courteous to those who are listening to the music by remaining quiet.

Fugue in G BWV "Gigue" BWV 577

Bach

CHRIST CHURCH

Episcopal/Anglican

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The Reverend Meredith Hawkins, Priest Associate
The Reverend Deacon Chisara Alimole, Deacon
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Worship Schedule

Every Sunday at 8am & 10am: Holy Eucharist Sundays as announced at 5pm: Holy Eucharist or Evensong Wednesdays & Holy Days as announced at 5:15pm: Holy Eucharist

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