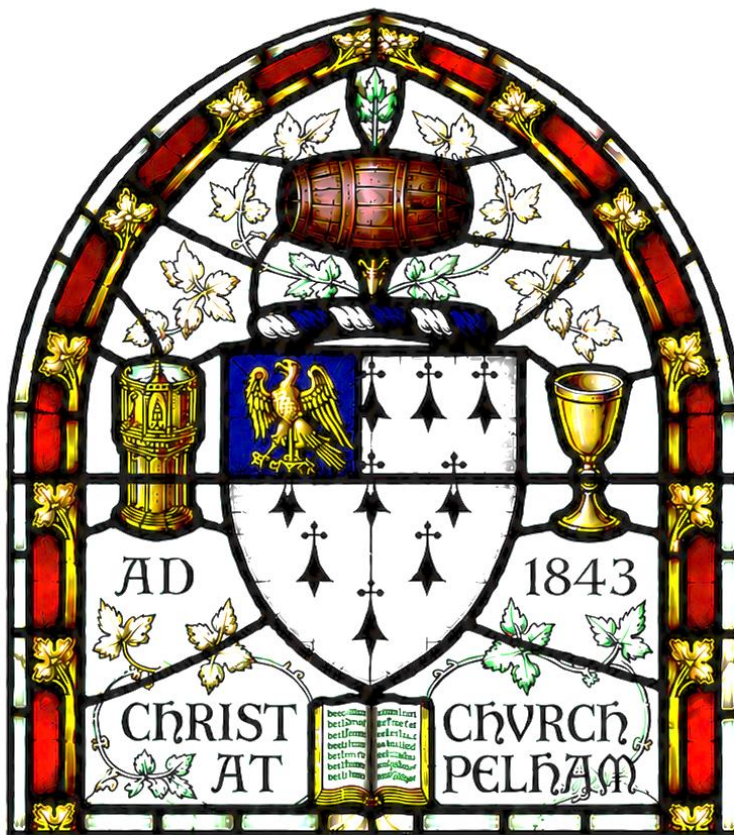


THE PARISH OF CHRIST THE REDEEMER

PELHAM, NEW YORK



THE 13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

(YEAR A, PROPER 16, TRACK 1)

THE HOLY EUCHARIST
10:00 AM, AUGUST 23, 2026

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 THE SEASON AFTER PENTECOST

This period in the Church year is known as “The Season after Pentecost” or “Ordinary Time.” The term “ordinary” refers to how the New Testament passages are generally read in order or in sequence, as opposed to being arranged by specific theme as in other seasons. During this season the Gospel passages focus on Jesus’ ministry, how he is revealed to the world as the Christ, and what he teaches to his followers. In Year A (the first in a three-year cycle: A, B & C) most of the Gospel passages are from the Gospel according to Matthew. When Track 1 is used, the Old Testament Lesson is read in thematic sequence throughout the summer, in Year A we will read from the Pentateuch (first five books of the Bible). The New Testament Lesson is independent of these readings and is almost always taken from one of the Letters in the New Testament that reflects the common life and mission of the first Christian community.

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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2026 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN: PLEDGE TODAY

Our pledge goal this year is \$550,000 which accounts for cost increases. We want every parishioner to pledge. Your continued support ensures we have excellent clergy and staff, keeps our buildings beautiful and safe, and funds our programs and ministries.

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.

Summer Prelude

Justin Bischof b 1967

PROCESSION HYMN (#470)

All stand and sing the hymn as the ministers enter.

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy like the wide-ness of the sea;
2 There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heaven;
3 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea - sure of the mind;

there's a kind-ness in his jus - tice, which is more than lib - er - ty.
there is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment given.
and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.

There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and more gra - ces for the good;
There is plen - ti - ful re - demp - tion in the blood that has been shed;
If our love were but more faith - ful, we should take him at his word;

there is mer - cy with the Sa - vior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
 there is joy for all the mem - bers in the sor - rows of the Head.
 and our life would be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

Words: Frederick William Faber (1814–1863), alt.
 Music: Beecher, John Zundel (1815–1882), alt.
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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)

All sing the song of praise.

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
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON: EXODUS 1:8-2:10

All are seated.

Reader A Reading from Exodus.

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, “Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land.” Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them. The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, “When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live.” But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, “Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?” The midwives said to Pharaoh, “Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the

midwife comes to them.” So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, “Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live.” Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, “This must be one of the Hebrews’ children,” she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh’s daughter, “Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?” Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Yes.” So the girl went and called the child’s mother. Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.” So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh’s daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, “because,” she said, “I drew him out of the water.”

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 124

The Psalm is recited responsively by whole verse.

Reader If the Lord had not been on our side, *
let Israel now say;

People **If the Lord had not been on our side, *
when enemies rose up against us;**

Reader Then would they have swallowed us up alive *
in their fierce anger toward us;

People **Then would the waters have overwhelmed us *
and the torrent gone over us;**

Reader Then would the raging waters *
have gone right over us.

People **Blessed be the Lord! *
he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.**

Reader We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; *
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

People **Our help is in the Name of the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth.**

THE SECOND LESSON: ROMANS 12:1-8

All are seated.

Reader A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God— what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of

another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN (#573)

All stand and sing the hymn.



1 Fa - ther e - ter - nal, Ru - ler of cre - a - tion,
 2 Rac - es and peo - ples, lo, we stand di - vid - ed,
 3 En - vious of heart, blind - eyed, with tongues con - found - ed,
 4 Lust of pos - ses - sion work - eth des - o - la - tions;
 5 How shall we love thee, ho - ly hid - den Be - ing,



1 Spi - rit of life, which moved ere form was made,
 2 and, shar - ing not our griefs, no joy can share;
 3 na - tion by na - tion still goes un - for - given,
 4 there is no meek - ness in the powers of earth;
 5 if we love not the world which thou hast made?



1 through the thick dark - ness cov - ering ev - ery na - tion,
 2 by wars and tu - mults love is mocked, de - rid - ed;
 3 in wrath and fear, by jea - lous - ies sur - round - ed,
 4 led by no star, the ru - lers of the na - tions
 5 Bind us in thine own love for bet - ter see - ing



1 light to our blind - ness, O be thou our aid:
2 his sav - ing cross no na - tion yet will bear:
3 build - ing proud towers which shall not reach to heaven:
4 still fail to bring us to the bliss - ful birth:
5 thy Word made flesh, and in a man - ger laid:



thy king - dom come, O Lord, thy will be done.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL: MATTHEW 16:13-20

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 Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

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

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

Deacon Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
People **That we all may be one.**

Deacon Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
People **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Deacon We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
People **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Deacon 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.**

Deacon Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
People **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Deacon Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
People **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Deacon Give to the departed eternal rest;
People **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Deacon We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
People **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

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

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect. Our prayers are asked for Sean our Presiding Bishop, Matthew and Allen our Bishops, Father Matt our Rector, Mother Meredith, Deacon Chisara, and our Wardens, Officers, and Vestry members. We pray also for: Cathy, Annette, Patricia, M&D, Dan, Heidi, Brian, Marion, Fronda, Coulby, Michael, Jane, and Sandy. We pray for those in our Armed Services. We also pray for those who have died. May their souls, and the souls of the departed rest in peace, Amen. We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays this week: Jill Beathea (August 27), John Hastings (August 26), Katie Lawrence (August 27). Please contact the Parish Office to add names to the prayer list.

CONFESSION OF SIN

All kneel (as able).

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

Silence may be kept.

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 ORGAN VOLUNTARY

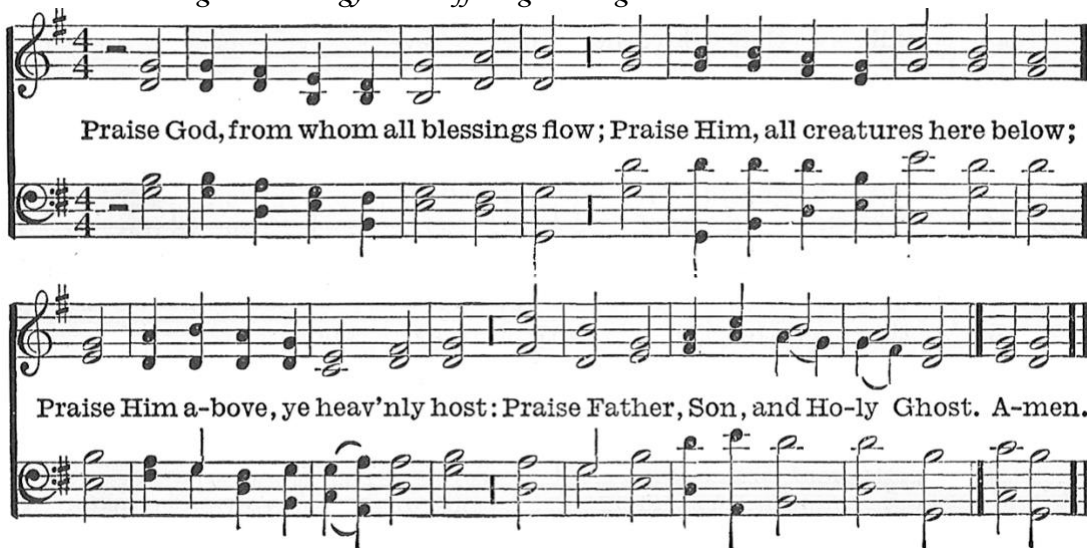
During the organ voluntary the gifts of bread and wine are prepared at the altar and an offering is taken

Improvisation

Bischof

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 a-bove, ye heav'nly host : Praise Father, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

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. The chanted parts may be said at the discretion of the Celebrant.

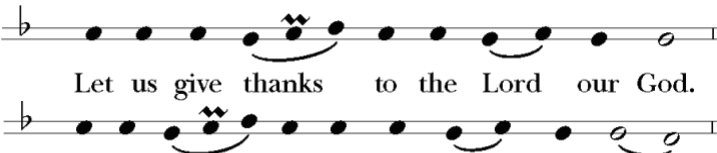


Celebrant The Lord be with you.

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.

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:

All sing "Holy, holy, holy" (#S 130)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na



Title: The Holy Eucharist II, Holy, holy, holy Lord: *Sanctus*
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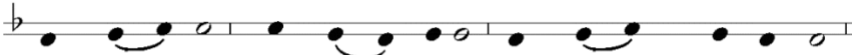
The people stand or kneel.

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

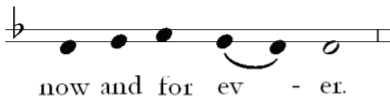
Celebrant

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.

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 - ia.

All sing "Lamb of God" (Hymn #S 161).

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

Title: The Holy Eucharist II, Fraction Anthem: Lamb of God: *Agnus Dei*
Music: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950)
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INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

The Celebrant invites the people ✠ to receive the Holy Communion. All baptized persons, including children, are invited to receive 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 invited to come forward with everyone else to receive a blessing (cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you want a blessing).

ORGAN VOLUNTARY AT THE COMMUNION

During the ministration of Holy Communion, an organ voluntary is played.

Improvisation

Bischof

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.

POST COMMUNION HYMN (#494)

All stand and sing the hymn.

Descant

5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned a - bove;

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne; Hark!
 2 Crown him the Son of God be - fore the worlds be - gan, and
 3 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave, and
 4 Crown him of lords the Lord, who o - ver all doth reign, who
 5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned in worlds a - bove; Crown

crown him to whom is given the won-drous name of Love.

1 how the heaven - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own; a -
 2 ye, who tread where he hath trod, crown him the Son of man; who
 3 rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save; his
 4 once on earth, the in - car - nate Word, for ran-somed sin - ners slain, now
 5 him the King, to whom is given the won-drous name of Love. Crown

Crown him with man-y crowns, as thrones be-fore him

1 wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and
 2 ev - ery grief hath known that wrings the hu-man breast, and
 3 glo - ries now we sing who died, and rose on high, who
 4 lives in realms of light, where saints with an - gels sing their
 5 him with man - y crowns, as thrones be - fore him fall, crown

fall, crown him, ye kings, for he is King of all.

1 hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 2 takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.
 3 died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 4 songs be - fore him day and night, their God, Re - deem - er, King.
 5 him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, for he is King of all.

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BLESSING & DISMISSAL

The Celebrant blesses the people with a seasonal or other blessing, which concludes as follows.

...and the blessing of God Almighty ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

People **Amen.**

Then the Deacon dismisses the Congregation.

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.

Summer Toccata

Bischof

Dr. J's Notes

Improvisation is one of the oldest and most fascinating traditions in music, predating many of the masterpieces we now regard as fixed and unchangeable. For centuries, musicians were expected not only to perform written music but also to create music spontaneously, drawing upon their imagination, technical skill, and deep understanding of musical style. Composers such as Johann Sebastian Bach, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, and Ludwig van Beethoven were celebrated in their own lifetimes as extraordinary improvisers, often astonishing audiences with music invented entirely in the moment. Among all instruments, the organ has maintained perhaps the richest improvisational tradition. With its vast range of colors, dynamics, and textures, the organ allows a skilled performer to create everything from intimate meditations to grand symphonic structures without the aid of a written score. In churches especially, improvisation serves both artistic and practical purposes, providing music that reflects the character of a particular service, season, scripture reading, or hymn while offering a unique musical experience that can never be repeated in exactly the same way. Organ improvisation combines creativity, craftsmanship, and inspiration, transforming the instrument into a living voice that responds to the moment and continues a tradition that has enriched worship and concert life for centuries.

Coming Events

In addition to our regular weekly events, we are planning the following special events

- 8/24 | **Holy Eucharist for Saint Bartholomew's Day** | 5:15pm
- 9/11 | **25th Anniversary Requiem Mass for 9-11** | 5:15pm
- 9/13 | **Blessing of Backpacks** | 10am
- 9/13 | **Ministry Fair** | 9am-12:30pm
- 9/14 | **Holy Eucharist for Holy Cross Day** | 5:15pm
- 9/15 | **Car Show Planning Meeting** | 6:39pm
- 9/20 | **Choir Sunday, Sunday School & Walter's Hotdogs** | 10am-1pm
- 9/21 | **Holy Eucharist for Saint Matthew's Day** | 5:15pm
- 9/27 | **Michaelmas Evensong & Pizzeria Night** | 4pm-7pm
- 9/28 | **Holy Eucharist for the Feast of Saint Michael & All Angels** | 5:15pm
- 10/4 | **Pet Adoption and Blessing of the Animals** | 11am-3pm
- 10/18 | **Oktoberfest** | 5pm-8pm
- 10/18 | **Saint Luke's Day** | Normal Sunday Schedule
- 10/21 | **Friends of Music - Orchestra Concert for USA 250th Anniversary** | 7pm-9pm
- 10/23 | **Holy Eucharist for Saint James of Jerusalem Day** | 10am
- 10/25 | **Children's Halloween Party** | 11am-12pm
- 10/28 | **Holy Eucharist for Saints Simon & Saint Jude Day** | 5:15pm
- 11/1 | **All Saints' Day** | Normal Sunday Schedule
- 11/1 | **Coat Drive Begins** | Continues until 12/31/26
- 11/2 | **Holy Eucharist for All Souls 'Day** | | 5:15pm
- 11/7 | **Classic Car Show** | 10am
- 11/15 | **Friends of Music - Mozart Requiem with Choir & Orchestra** | 4pm -6pm
- 11/20 | **Thanksgiving Dinner** | 6pm-9pm
- 11/23 | **Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at the Pelham Jewish Center** | 7pm
- 11/26 | **Holy Eucharist for Thanksgiving Day** | 10am
- 11/30 | **Holy Eucharist for Saint Andrew's Day** | 5:15pm
- 12/5 | **Christmas Quiet Day** | 9am-4pm
- 12/9 | **Seniors Christmas Party** | 12pm-2pm
- 12/13 | **Christmas Pageant** | 4pm-5pm
- 12/20 | **Outreach Dessert Auction** | 11am-12pm
- 12/20 | **Christmas Lessons and Carols** | 4pm
- 11/30 | **Holy Eucharist for Saint Thomas's Day** | 5:15pm

12/24 | **Christmas Eve Family Mass with Choir & Orchestra** | 4pm
 12/24 | **Christmas Eve Midnight Mass with Choir & Orchestra** | 10pm
 12/25 | **Christmas Day Mass with Carols** | 10am
 12/31 | **Coat Drive Concludes** | Begins 11/1/26
 1/1 | **Holy Eucharist for the Feast of the Holy Name** | 10am
 1/6 | **Holy Eucharist for the Feast of the Epiphany** | 5:15pm
 1/18 | **Holy Eucharist for the Confession of Saint Peter** | 5:15pm
 1/25 | **Holy Eucharist for the Conversion of Saint Paul** | 5:15pm
 1/31 | **Blessing of Throats by Saint Blaise** | 10am
 1/31 | **Annual Meeting of the Parish** | 11am
 1/6 | **Holy Eucharist for the Feast of the Presentation** | 5:15pm
 2/7 | **Scout Sunday Pancake Breakfast** | 8am-12:30pm
 2/7 | **Evensong for Candlemas & Pizzeria Night** | 4pm
 2/9 | **Shrove Tuesday and Pancake Supper/Trivia Night** | 6pm-7pm
 2/10 | **Ash Wednesday Masses** | 7am, 12pm, 6pm (choral)
 2/14 | **Super Bowl and Chili Fest** | 6:30pm
 2/21 | **Friends of Music Concert: Justin Bischof, Organ** | 7-8:30pm
 2/24 | **Holy Eucharist for Saint Mathias' Day** | 5:15pm
 2/27 | **Lenten Quiet Day: The Passion Narratives** | 9:30am-4pm
 3/14 | **Friends of Music: Film Music Favorites: Justin Bischof, Organ** | 4pm-5pm
 2/24 | **Holy Eucharist for Saint Joseph's Day** | 10am
 3/21 | **Palm Sunday: Sunday of the Passion Masses** | 8am, 10am
 3/25 | **Maundy Thursday Agape Feast** | 5:30pm-7:30pm
 3/25 | **Maundy Thursday Liturgy and Watch of the Blessed Sacrament** | 7:30pm
 3/26 | **Good Friday Liturgy** | 12pm
 3/27 | **Holy Saturday Prayers & Blessing of the Garden of Resurrection** | 10am
 3/27 | **The Great Vigil of Easter** | 7:30pm
 3/28 | **Easter Sunday Masses** | 9am, 11:15am
 3/28 | **Easter Egg Hunt** | 10:15am-11:15am
 4/5 | **Holy Eucharist for the Feast of the Annunciation** | 5:15pm
 4/18 | **Friends of Music Concert: Monica Berney, Organ** | 4pm
 4/26 | **Holy Eucharist for Saint Mathias' Day** | 5:15pm
 5/1 | **Holy Eucharist for Saints Philip & James' Day** | 10am
 5/6 | **Ascension Day Service and Father Matt's Steakhouse Night** | 6pm
 5/23 | **Trinity Sunday and Recognition Sunday** | 10am



SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:00am: Said Eucharist (Church)
10:00am: Said Eucharist with Hymns (Church)
Preacher: Father Matt



MONDAY, AUGUST 24, SAINT BARTHOLOMEW'S DAY

5:15pm: Said Eucharist (*Garden/Bolton*) | 8:00pm: Evening Prayer (Zoom)



TUESDAY, AUGUST 25

10:30am: Morning Prayer (Zoom)



WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

5:15pm: Said Eucharist (*Garden/Bolton*)



THURSDAY, AUGUST 27

10:00am: Lectionary Bible Study



SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:00am: Said Eucharist (Church)
10:00am: Said Eucharist with Hymns (Church)
Preacher: Mother Meredith



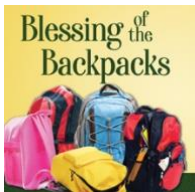
We hope you will join us!
For the latest updates, visit our website.



Sunday School Resumes on Sunday September 13. Sunday School meets at 10am every Sunday during the academic year. Our Sunday School welcomes children age 4 and through 7th grade for Sunday School. Sunday School students join the main service each week for Holy Communion. Nursery Care is provided each Sunday for younger children. Confirmation Class is offered for young people in 8th grade or high school.



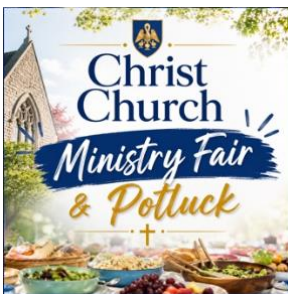
Scan the QR Code to register your children for Sunday School. Teachers and children will gather in the Parish Hall at 9:55am on Sundays September 13, and 20 so that all of our families and children can have an opportunity to meet our teachers and learn where their classrooms will be for the 2026-2027 Sunday School Year.



On Sunday September 13 we are also offering our annual Blessing of Backpacks! Students of all ages are encouraged to bring their backpacks to church on September 13. Backpacks will be blessed at the conclusion of the 10am service. And we will offer a prayer for all our Sunday School Teachers and Students!



On September 13 we will have a Ministry Fair & Potluck after services featuring all of our Parish Ministries – Contact Michael Moynihan to reserve your ministry table (after 8am and 10am) Contact Jackie Kraft to sign up your dish (10am only)!



Our Choral Season begins on September 20, at 10:00am. Our Parish Choir sings at the 10am service each week. **Children's Choir Resumes in October!** Our Children's Choir sings once a month and meets one weekday rehearsing fun anthems and playing musical games together. Please be in touch with Dr. Justin Bischof, our Director of Music, at justin@christchurchpelham.org or 646-206-7638. Grades 2-6. You can also scan the Sunday School QR code and register for Children's Choir.



Walters Hot Dogs! Sunday September 20, 11am-1pm filled with all kinds of hot dogs, fries, beverages, and ice cream.

Children under 18 are free; \$30 per Adult.
RSVP via the QR Code.



Pizza-Evensong-Angels! Sunday, September 27, at 4:00pm. Our Parish Choir will sing Evensong for Michaelmas. After we will have Pizza & Games in the Undercroft with members of the Saint Michael's Conference. Michaelites – mark your calendars. All are welcome! **Adult \$10 / Children & Teens free.**



Classic Car Show Planning Meeting: September 15 at 6:30pm in the Library: Volunteers Needed. If you have questions or need more information, contact Carla Carroll at 646--245-5618.



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CLERGY & STAFF

The Reverend Matthew Hoxsie Mead, *Rector*
The Reverend Meredith Hawkins, *Priest Associate*
The Reverend Deacon Chisara Alimole, *Deacon*
Ms. Marika Andersson, *Parish Administrator*
Dr. Justin Bischof, *Director of Music & Organist*
Mr. Michael Moynihan, *Director of Adult Education*
Mr. Walter Roberts, *Verger and Sexton*; Mr. Ed Blue, *Sexton*



HONORARY CLERGY

The Rev. David Hoag, *Rector Emeritus*
The Reverend Deacon Katie Lawrence, *Deacon Emerita*



PARISH OFFICERS & VESTRY

The Reverend Matthew Hoxsie Mead, *Rector*
J.D. Calder, *Senior Warden*; Etta Gumbs, *Junior Warden*
Allison Bodenmann, *Treasurer*; John Fox, *Assistant Treasurer*;
Jean Gruener, *Clerk*; Jennifer Hawks Bland, Dawn Bloise, Robert Boyer,
Margaret Bailey Cardwell, Curtis Chase, Stephen Dolan,
Charlotte Finch, Robert Landis.



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Every Sunday at 8am & 10am: Holy Eucharist
Sundays as announced at 4pm: Holy Eucharist or Evensong
Wednesdays & Holy Days as announced at 5:15pm: Holy Eucharist



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