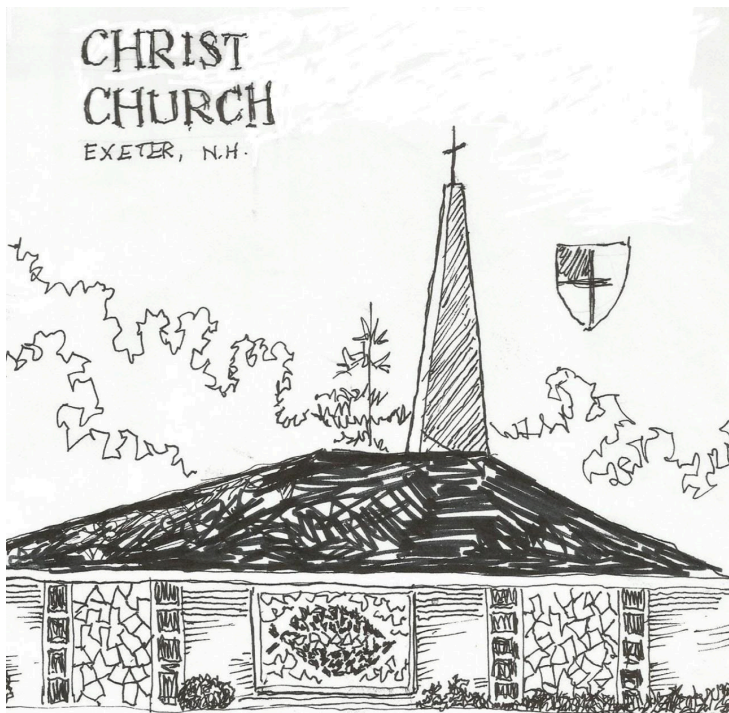


# CHRIST CHURCH of Exeter



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***Live***  
joyfully in faith

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with God and one another

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the local and global community

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First Sunday After Pentecost  
Trinity Sunday  
June 15, 2025  
8:00 a.m. & 9:30 a. m.

## Reflections on Today's Readings

The first Sunday after Pentecost has been celebrated as a feast in honor of the Holy Trinity since the tenth century. Most festivals of the year celebrate a historical event, and although we celebrate a doctrine today, it is a doctrine based on historical events that revealed the nature of God as the Holy Trinity.

The first reading is from Proverbs. Here Wisdom speaks. She is the personification of God's mighty power. Wisdom describes herself as God's agent in creating the universe. Here we find an indication of the multi-personal God fully revealed as the Holy Trinity by Christ. In the reading from Romans, we find Paul articulating the growing discovery of the first Christians that we experience God's salvation as the work of

the Father, of Jesus, and of the Holy Spirit.

In the Gospel reading from John, Jesus describes the work of the Father, the Spirit, and himself as the work of the one God. This is not a developed doctrine of the Trinity (one was not fully developed by the church until the fifth century), but in it God is described as a dynamic relationship into which we are incorporated through the Holy Spirit.

We come together to celebrate the Eucharist, and, called together by the Spirit, we encounter Christ in word and sacrament revealing the Father, and leading us into that eternal exchange of love which is at the heart of the Blessed Trinity.

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**Welcome to Christ Church:** If you are visiting for the first time, please fill out the welcome cards in the pews and hand it to a member of the clergy after the service. Books and resources for children are located on the table near the side left door. Although there are customary postures (such as standing and kneeling) in Episcopal worship, you are invited to be seated at any point, according to your needs and comfort.

### The Holy Eucharist

[9:30 a.m. service]

**Prelude**

Meditation in C

Armstrong

### Welcome

✠ *All stand, as they are able, as the clergy enter or the bell tolls.*

[9:30 a.m. service]

**Processional Hymn 370, vv. 1, 5-7**

I bind unto myself today

*St. Patrick's Breastplate*

*Presider* Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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

*Presider and People:* **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. Amen.**

## The Collect of the Day

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

✠ *The people sit.*

## The First Reading

## Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

*Reader* A Reading from the Book of Proverbs

Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out: "To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live. The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth--

when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil. When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Canticle 13 *(read responsively by verse)*

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; \*  
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.

**Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; \*  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; \*  
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.

**Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; \*  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

Glory to you, beholding the depths; \*  
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.

**Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; \*  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

**The Second Reading**

**Romans 5:1-5**

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

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Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings,

knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

[9:30 a.m. service]

**Sequence Hymn 371, vv. 1, 3**

Thou, whose almighty word

*Moscow*

**The Gospel**

**John 16:12-15**

*Gospeler* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

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

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Jesus said to the disciples, "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things

that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

*Gospeler* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

✠ *The people sit.*

**Sermon**

The Rev. Mark Pendleton

✠ *A brief period of silence follows the sermon.*

**The Nicene Creed** *(said together)*

**We believe in one God,  
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.**

#### **Prayers of the People: BCP Form II**

*Please Stand or Kneel*

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Sean our Presiding Bishop and Rob our Bishop; for this gathering; for our companion parish in Cárdenas, Cuba, and for all ministers and people.

Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God.

Pray that they may find and be found by God.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for Mary Ann, Lorraine, Sean, Bob, Lela, Sue, and the Shimwar family.

We also pray for those we name now, either silently or aloud.

*Silence*

On this Father's Day, let us give thanks for fathers – who walk with us still and those who have gone to their eternal home.

*Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*Silence*

*Presider:* O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Leader and People*

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
in your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown,  
things done and left undone;  
and so uphold us by your Spirit  
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Absolution**

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. **Amen.**

**The Peace**

*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

✠ *The people greet one another in the name of the Lord. The Peace may be expressed by shaking hands, bowing, "fist or elbow bumps", namaste greeting, putting hand over heart, waving, making the peace sign, and by offering a smile.*

## **Announcements**

## **The Holy Communion**

[9:30 a.m. service]

**Offertory Anthem**

Come to Me  
Sung and Played by Mike Cicchetti

Forrest

[9:30 a.m. service]

**Offertory Hymn 362**

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

*Nicaea*

[8:00 a.m. service at the Presentation of the Gifts]

*Presider* All things come of thee, O Lord.

*People* **And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.**

✠ *The people stand for the hymn as they are able.*

## **The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A**

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*The Presider continues*

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 with your co-eternal Son and Holy Spirit, you are one God, one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Being; and we celebrate the one and equal glory of you, O Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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:

[8:00 a.m. service]

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**



✠ *The people kneel or stand as they are able.*

*The Presider continues*

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

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

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Presider and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Presider continues*

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, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

*The Presider then continues*

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



*People and Presider*

**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**

✠ *A period of silence is kept.*

[8:00 a.m. service]

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

### **Invitation to Communion**

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.

### **Prayer for those Participating Online**

*In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our heart. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.*

### **Instructions Concerning Communion and Healing**

*You are invited to receive Holy Communion. Following the usher's instructions, we begin with those seated in the side sections, starting with the front pews. Please go to the back of the church and proceed down the center aisle to the communion rail. Return to your seat using the outside aisles of those sections. Those seated in the center sections, please come forward beginning with the back pews using the center aisle and return using the diagonal aisles.*

*Communion may be received kneeling or standing at the altar rails. The bread is received in the open palm. (Gluten-free wafers are available). You may drink from the cup, or place your hand on the base as a sign of devotion. Intinction, dipping the wafer into the wine, is also acceptable. Those who do not wish to receive communion are invited to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.*

*Communion can also be brought to you in the pews. Please communicate this request to an usher or the clergy. The Healing team is available to offer healing prayers at the side of the church. Please tell your healing minister if you have a specific prayer need and if you would like a laying on of hands, just prayers or both.*

[9:30 a.m. service]

**Communion Hymn 29**

O Trinity of blessed light

Bromley

### **Post-Communion Prayer**

✠ *The people kneel or stand as they are able.*

*Presider and People*

**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.**

### **The Blessing**

[9:30 a.m. service]

**Recessional Hymn 368**

Holy Father, great Creator

*Regent Square*

### **The Dismissal**

*Priest* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

[9:30 a.m. service]

**Postlude**

Canon in D

Pachelbel

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*The worship is over \* The service begins*

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### **Participating in Today's Liturgy:**

Preacher: The Rev. Mark Pendleton

Presider: The Rev. Nicole Benevenia

Pianist: Mike Cicchetti

Lector at 8:00 a.m.:

Intercessor at 8:00 a.m.:

Lector at 9:30 a.m.: Susan Dixon

Intercessor at 9:30 a.m.: Dale Pinkham Cavanaugh

Eucharistic Minister at 8:00 a.m.: Lee Woodworth

Eucharistic Minister at 9:30 a.m.: Judy Blaisdell

Welcome Team/Usher: Elaine & Steve Portalupi

Live Streaming Tech: Will Sera

Altar Guild: Carla Ranks, Robin Sirois

Flower Delivery: Lissa Simard

Hospitality: Hospitality Team

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Last week we honored graduates and did not include that **Meara Simon**, Daughter of Katie & Rob Simon and Sister of Owen Simon, will be attending the University of Vermont this coming fall. And **Wesley Shepherd**, graduated from Phillips Exeter Academy, and will be attending Middlebury College.

**Prayers requested:** In 2022 members of Christ Church offered their condo to an Afghan refugee family, the Shinwaris, following the father's service with U.S. armed forces in Afghanistan. The family moved to Kansas two years ago. Mohammadi's cousin, Zarmen, and his family also came to the U.S. at about the same time and resettled in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Two weeks ago we received the news that Zarmen — a former Afghan soldier who served alongside U.S. Special Forces for over 12 years in Jalalabad — lost his life in a car accident while driving for Uber. He was the sole provider for his wife and three young children. This is a heartbreaking loss for his family. Fortunately, there is an Afghan community in Tulsa who are circling the wagons to help his wife and children. Please pray for this family. A GoFundMe page was created to help with the burial costs and to help support the family -- <https://gofund.me/18aa58c4>

**Labyrinth Walk, June 22 at 11 AM:** Trained labyrinth facilitator and parishioner Robin Yergeau will offer a guided labyrinth walk following the later service on Sunday, June 22. Participants should set aside about one hour, and bring a lawn chair, a journal, and something to write or draw with. Robin will offer some opening remarks, but the majority of time will be spent walking, reflecting, and sharing. All are welcome, especially first-time labyrinth walkers. Reach out to Rev. Nicole with any questions.

**This week at Christ Church**  
**June 15-21**

Tuesday	PSP Rehearsal 3:30 p.m.
Wednesday	PSP Rehearsal 3:30 p.m.

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