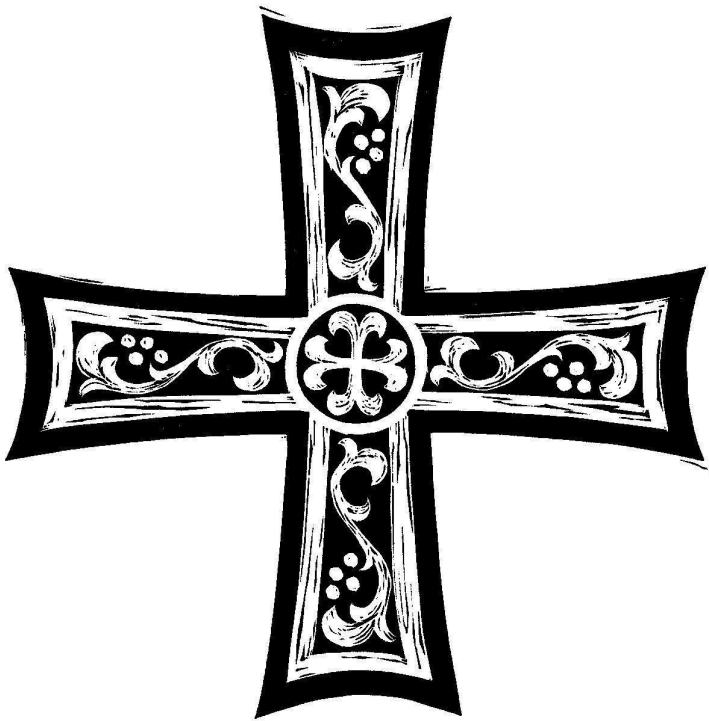


CHRIST CHURCH of Exeter



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the local and global community

The Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost
October 19, 2025
8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Reflections on Today's Readings

The gospel reading in the liturgy today has to do with our approach to God in prayer. It is not the proud Pharisee's bragging prayer but the humble confession of the sinner which brings God's response.

This is illustrated in the reading from Jeremiah. The time is during a drought, which was regarded as a sign of divine disapproval of the sinfulness of the people. The prophet confesses the sin of the people and asks God to have mercy because of God's love and in spite of the people's sin.

The second reading is presented as Paul's final words to Timothy when Paul was in prison and facing his imminent death. That approaching martyrdom finds Paul confident in the good he has done, but, like the tax collector, he is aware of his total dependence upon God.

We, the community of faith, are put into right relationship with God not because of our success being good, but because we place our whole trust and confidence in God. We strive to give up all and follow Jesus, not in order to earn God's favor, but as our response to the unswerving love God has for us.

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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. Sunday School and nursery care are offered during the 10 a.m. service today.

The Holy Eucharist

[10:00 a.m. service]

Prelude

"Song" from Organbook 1

Ned Rorem

Welcome

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

[10:00 a.m. service]

Processional Hymn 372

Praise to the Living God!

Leoni

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.**

[10:00 a.m.] **Gloria**

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.

Setting: William Matthias (b. 1934)

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

✠ *The people sit.*

The First Reading

Jeremiah 31:27-34

Reader A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the Lord. In those days they shall no longer say: "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge." But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge. The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the

covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt -- a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 119:97-104 (*read responsively by verse*)

97 Oh, how I love your law! *
all the day long it is in my mind.

98 **Your commandment has made me wiser than my enemies, *
and it is always with me.**

99 I have more understanding than all my teachers, *
for your decrees are my study.

100 **I am wiser than the elders, ***
because I observe your commandments.

101 I restrain my feet from every evil way, *
that I may keep your word.

**102 I do not shrink from your judgments, *
because you yourself have taught me.**

103 How sweet are your words to my taste! *
they are sweeter than honey to my mouth.

**104 Through your commandments I gain understanding; *
therefore I hate every lying way.**

The Second Reading

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Reader A Reading from the Second Letter 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. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I

solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

[10:00 a.m. service]

Sequence Hymn 631 vv. 1-2 Book of Books, Our People's Strength

Liebster Jesu

The Gospel

Luke 18:1-8

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

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

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet
Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

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

because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

✠ *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: Form VI

✠ *The people and the intercessor pray responsively.*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

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

For the just and proper use of your creation;

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

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

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

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

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

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, and Rob our Bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

Today we pray for Rick, Tom, Mary, Rourke, Casey, Sue, and Faith.

Please say the names – either silently or aloud – for those for whom you are praying.

Silence

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great

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

We give thanks for the birth of Jack, Chase, and Emerson Lipscomb, grandchildren of Carla Ranks.

Silence

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

We pray for Doris Jollimore, mother of Lisa Jollimore, who died this week.

Silence

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

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

Silence

Intercessor 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

Presider: 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

[10:00 a.m. service]

Offertory Music

If Ye Love Me

Philip Wilby

[10:00 a.m. service]

Offertory Hymn 709

O God of Bethel, By Whose Hand

Dundee

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

[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 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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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.] *Presider and People*

**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

[10:00 a.m. service]

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

might, heaven 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting: American folk melody; arr. Marcia Pruner
 Harmonized Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889-1983)

✕ *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 to 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.

[10:00 a.m. service]

Cantor or Choir

My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in -

deed, says the Lord. *1 All* My Lord. *2 Cantor or Choir* Those who eat my

flesh and drink my blood dwell in me and I in them. *All* My

flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord.

Setting: Ray W. Urwin (b. 1950)

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.

[10:00 a.m. service]

Communion Hymn 711

Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

Seek Ye First

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

[10:00 a.m. service]

Recessional Hymn 535

Ye Servants of God

Paderborn

The Dismissal

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

[10:00 a.m. service]

Postlude

“Allegro” from Concerto del signor Tomaso Albinoni, F major LV 126 J. G. Walther

*The worship is over * The service begins*

Participating in Today's Liturgy:

Presider/Preacher: The Rev. Mark Pendleton

Organist: Adam Peithmann
Lector at 8:00 a.m.: Fran Hall
Intercessor at 8:00 a.m.:
Lector at 10:00 a.m.: Dale Cavanaugh
Intercessor at 10:00 a.m.: Nancy Fleming
Eucharistic Minister at 8:00 a.m.: Lee Woodworth
Eucharistic Ministers at 10:00 a.m.: Nancy Fleming
Welcome Team/Usher: Elizabeth Bauman, Elaine Portalupi
Live Streaming Tech: Nick Castillo
Altar Guild: Sue Ingram, Patti Buck, Diane DiPalermo
Flower Delivery: Juliette Gavin
Hospitality: Mary Webber, Adrienne Spear

Our next **Red Door Forum** will be **October 26 at 11:15 a.m.** Maggie Fogarty, who works as the NH Program Director for the American Friends Service Committee, will give a presentation on **The State of Immigration** in our country. Maggie also coordinates the Immigrant Visitation Program that works with and visits I.C.E. detainees at the Strafford County jail, where our Rector Mark has also volunteered for the last eight years. Please join us for this timely and important topic, as we continue to educate ourselves and ask how we, as a church community, can show God's love to the most vulnerable in our global world.

Labyrinth Workshop, October 25: Have you been curious about learning more and going deeper into a labyrinth walking practice? Or have you been interested in participating in a guided labyrinth walk, but unable to attend on Sundays? Save the date for a Labyrinth Workshop, led by trained facilitator and parishioner Robin Yergeau. The workshop will be held from 9-12 p.m. on Saturday morning, and will include learning, discussion, and practice both indoors and outdoors. See the link in the enews to sign up, or simply email Robin at ryerg03@gmail.com or Rev. Nicole at nbenevenia@christchurchexeter.org

For many years Christ Church parishioners have made Thanksgiving dinner baskets for families in need. This year there are 30 families hoping for assistance during the holidays. These are our neighbors in the Exeter area who would not have Thanksgiving without our support. This year again we are asking any interested households to use the Sign-Up Genius in the Enews, where you will find the information to provide all the necessary ingredients for a wonderful Thanksgiving meal, which includes an appropriately sized turkey for that family to make their own dinner. This ministry helps so many children and families and our community is made brighter by the continued generosity shown by members of Christ Church. **This year we are asking that NO GIFT CARDS be purchased for dinner baskets, as we simply do not have shoppers.**

Rev. Nicole is on vacation this weekend, and will return to the office on Tuesday.

To make a donation, you are welcome to use this QR code from your smartphone.



**This week at Christ Church
October 19-25**

Sunday	Finance Committee 8:45 a.m. Vestry Meeting 11:30 a.m. PSP Rehearsal 1:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Bible Study 11:00 a.m. PSP Rehearsal 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday	PSP Rehearsal 4:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.
Saturday	Labyrinth Workshop 9:00 a.m.

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