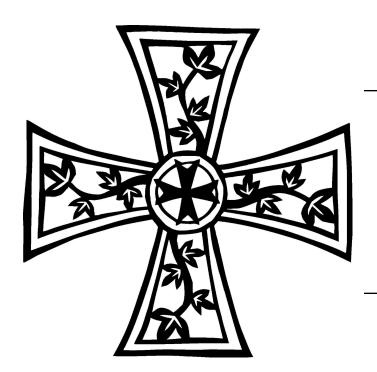
CHRIST CHURCH of Exeter



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The Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost November 9, 2025 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Reflections on Today's Readings

Luke 20:38. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive.

I confess: I hate the idea that marriage doesn't continue in heaven. When my wife and I first became engaged, we couldn't actually get married, at least not in Georgia where we were living. Those early restrictions were painful. So, it is difficult for me to read Jesus's teaching in this passage from Luke that seems to indicate that earthly marriage doesn't matter in the eternal scheme of things. But as I've spent more time studying this passage, I realize that Jesus isn't dismissing earthly marriage as unimportant.

Rather, there's a much broader message: not much of our earthly lives will transfer to the topsy-turvy world of the heavenly kingdom—and that is part of the good news of our salvation. Our marriages are no different than our riches and property; they are not part of that great beyond. Those things are vestiges of the temporal, and we are called to delight in the news that there is something greater.

MOVING FORWARD: When have you struggled with the words of scripture? What tools do you use to deepen your understanding?

From Forward Day By Day

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 Berceuse Louis Vierne

Welcome

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

[10:00 a.m. service]

Processional Hymn 404 We Will Extol You, Ever-blessed Lord

Old 124

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.



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.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

№ The people sit.

The First Reading

Haggai 1:15b-2:9

Reader A Reading from the Book of Haggai

In the second year of King Darius, in the seventh month, on the twenty-first day of the month, the word of the Lord came by the prophet Haggai, saying: Speak now to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, and say, Who is left among you that saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Is it not in your sight as nothing? Yet now take courage, O Zerubbabel, says the Lord; take courage, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; take courage, all you people of the land, says the Lord; work, for I am with you, says the Lord of hosts,

according to the promise that I made you when you came out of Egypt. My spirit abides among you; do not fear. For thus says the Lord of hosts: Once again, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land; and I will shake all the nations, so that the treasure of all nations shall come, and I will fill this house with splendor, says the Lord of hosts. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the Lord of hosts. The latter splendor of this house shall be greater than the former, says the Lord of hosts; and in this place I will give prosperity, says the Lord of hosts.

Reader The Word of the Lord. People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 98 (read responsively by verse)

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song, * for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm * has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The Lord has made known his victory; * his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, * and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

- 5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; * lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the Lord with the harp, * with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn * shout with joy before the King, the Lord.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, * the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, * and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world * and the peoples with equity.

The Second Reading

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

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

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you? But we must always give thanks to God for you,

brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord. because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter. Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

Reader The Word of the Lord. People **Thanks be to God.**

[10:00 a.m. service]

Sequence Hymn 295 vv. 1-2

Sing Praise to Our Creator

Christus, der ist mein Leben

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus and asked him a question, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her." Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to

this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

★ The people sit.

Sermon

The Rev. Mark Pendleton

 \blacksquare 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 and the world.

Silence

In our parish community we pray for John, Rick, Mary, Rourke, Casey, Sue.

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

Silence

For those workers and households most impacted by the government shutdown.

For those recovering from the recent hurricane in Jamaica and parts of Cuba.

Silence

For peace and an end to conflict and violence in Sudan, Ukraine, Haiti – and for the fragile cease fire in Gaza.

Silence

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great

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

For our "Chorus of Generosity" in this parish church that worships, welcomes and inspires us all to be Christ's hands and heart in this world. May God bless us with the resources to carry out this work in the coming year.

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.

Silence

We remember Chrystel Buck and Richard Lewis, in whose memory the flowers are given.

Silence

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

Presider: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

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

Silence

Presider 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: [10:00 a.m.] **Stewardship Message from Scott Anders**

The Holy Communion

[10:00 a.m. service]

Offertory Anthem Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether Harold Friedell

[10:00 a.m. service]

Offertory Hymn 413 New Songs of Celebration Render Rendez à Dieu

◼ 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.



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

 \blacksquare 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

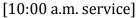
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

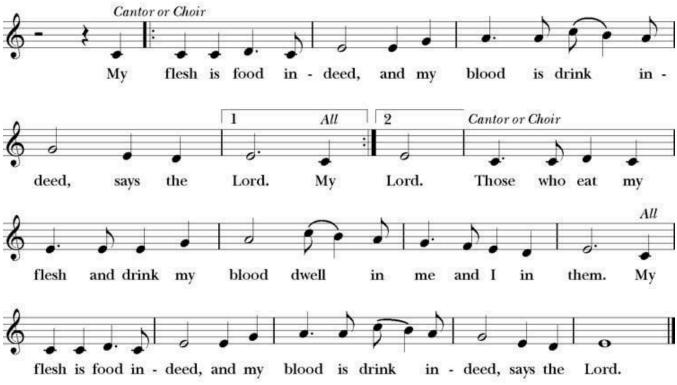
The Breaking of the Bread

♣ *A period of silence is kept.*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.





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 341 For the Bread Which You Have Broken

Omni die

Post-Communion Prayer

 \blacksquare 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 518 Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

Westminster Abbey

The Dismissal

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

[10:00 a.m. service]

Postlude Toccata on "Duke Street" Gilbert M. Martin

The worship is over * The service begins

Participating in Today's Liturgy:

Preacher: The Rev. Mark Pendleton

Presider: The Rev. Nicole Benevenia

Organist: Adam Peithmann

Lector at 8:00 a.m.: Cary Einhaus

Intercessor at 8:00 a.m.:

Lector at 10:00 a.m.: Towner Akers

Intercessor at 10:00 a.m.: Logan Beckerle Eucharistic Minister at 8:00 a.m.: Cary Einhaus

Eucharistic Ministers at 10:00 a.m.: Robin Yergeau, Paul Wainwright

Welcome Team/Usher: Susan Dixon, Lissa Simard

Live Streaming Tech: Nick Castillo

Altar Guild: Shannon Tosatti, Cynthia Swierk, Judy Blaisdell

Flower Delivery: Lissa Simard

Hospitality: Ann Junkin, Ann Malconian

Altar Flowers: Given today in memory of Chrystel Buck and Richard Lewis by Patti Buck.

PLEDGE CARDS for 2026 are available in the Narthex entry hall.

Next Two Sundays: SHREK: THE MUSICAL from our Pine Street Players at Christ Church.

IUNIOR CAST (Grades 1-6)

Friday, November 14 - 7 PM Saturday, November 15 - 7 PM Sunday, November 16 - 2 PM

SENIOR CAST (Grades 7-12)

Friday, November 21 - 7 PM Saturday, November 22 - 7 PM Sunday, November 23 - 2 PM

Christ Church | 43 Pine Street | Exeter, NH TICKETS: PineStreetPlayersCC.com

Christ Church Men's Group Saturday November 15 – Once a month on Saturday mornings our Men's Group gathers to create opportunities for men to develop friendships, deepen faith, and to support one another through life's journey. We start in the kitchen at 8:00 a.m. for bagels and coffee and then move into the Parish Hall until 9:30 a.m. This year our conversations will include a look at C.S. Lewis' classic *Mere Christianity*. Books will be available. Join us!

Join us for the next **Red Door Forum** on Sunday, **November 16** following the 10 a.m. service. Bryan Bessette is a co-founder of **The Freedom Café**, a non-profit café dedicated to ending human trafficking and the commercial exploitation of all people. Located in Durham, NH, the café serves consciously sourced food and drinks. All items are served for a recommended donation based on what one might pay at other coffee shops, and 100% of proceeds support efforts to end human trafficking. Freedom Café also provides a collaborative space that invites the local community to engage the issue and take action toward a traffic-free world through presentations, discussion groups and community events. The team seeks to educate local citizens about the complexities of the issue and its root causes, the actions necessary for preventing it, and ways to support reputable organizations working to bring about a world where all people are free.

Sing with the Christ Church choir on **Christmas Eve** at 7:30 PM for a 30-minute musical prelude, followed by our Candlelight Service at 8:00 PM. Experience a beautiful blend of traditional carols and contemporary arrangements, culminating in a moving candlelit anthem. All are welcome to sing. Rehearsal Schedule:

Wednesday, December 3 | 7:00 to 8:15 PM Wednesday, December 10 | 7:00 to 8:15 PM Wednesday, December 17 | 7:00 to 8:15 PM Wednesday, December 24 | 6:00 to 7:00 PM (Prelude begins at 7:30 PM; Service at 8:00 PM)

If you are interested in participating, please reply to Adam Peithmann, Director of Music and Organist, by Monday, December 1. If you have any questions, please reach out to him. Adam Peithmann email: apeithmann@christchurchexeter.org

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



This week at Christ Church November 9 - 15

Sunday	Vestry Meeting 11:30 a.m. in Room 2 PSP Rehearsal 1:00 p.m.
Monday-Friday	PSP Tech Week
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.
Friday	PSP Performance 7:00 p.m.
Saturday	Men's Group 8:00 a.m. PSP Performance 7:00 p.m.

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Anchor Legacy Society Enrollment Form

To the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the mission and ministry of God's church, I/we have made a gift for the future ministry of Christ Church of Exeter.

My/our planned gift is: (check one or more that may app	ply)
 A bequest in my/our will Annuity, life insurance or retirement plan Direct gifts of cash, securities, real estate and Charitable gift annuities with lifetime paymen Personal trust account Other: 	
I/we accept the invitation to join the Anchor Legacy Soc	iety.
I/we consent for my/our name/s to appear with others	on the public roster of the Legacy Society
On the roster of the Anchor Legacy Society, I/we wish m	y/our name/s to appear as:
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