

CHRIST CHURCH of Exeter



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with God and one another

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the local and global community

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
July 19, 2026
8:00 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.

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

All Depends on Our Possessing (Partita)

Flor Peeters

Welcome

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

[9:30 a.m. service]

Processional Hymn 390

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Lobe den Herren

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 God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

✠ *The people sit.*

The First Reading

Isaiah 44:6-8

Reader A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. Who is like me? Let them proclaim it, let them declare and set it forth before me. Who has

announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be. Do not fear, or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any

god besides me? There is no other rock; I
know not one.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 86:11-17 (*read responsively by verse*)

11 Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth; *
knit my heart to you that I may fear your Name.

**12 I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart, *
and glorify your Name for evermore.**

13 For great is your love toward me; *
you have delivered me from the nethermost Pit.

**14 The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent men seeks my life; *
they have not set you before their eyes.**

15 But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.

**16 Turn to me and have mercy upon me; *
give your strength to your servant; and save the child of your handmaid.**

17 Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; *
because you, O Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

The Second Reading

Romans 8:12-25

Reader A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed

to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

✠ *The people stand as they are able.*

[9:30 a.m. service]

Sequence Hymn 295 vv. 1-2

Sing praise to our Creator

Christus, der ist mein leben

The Gospel

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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

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

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

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.**

The Prayers of the People: Form III in the Book of Common Prayer pg. 387

Intercessor: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

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

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

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

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

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

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

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

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

We pray for Alice, Allison, Colleen, Susan, Mike, Lashawn, Todd.

We remember those for whom you are praying, either silently or aloud.

Silence

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

Presider

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Leader and People

**Most merciful God,
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.**

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

[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 offering is brought forward.

[9:30 a.m. service]

Offertory Music Alla Hornpipe, from 'Water Music' Handel, G. F./arr. K. Agioritis
Flute Quartet: Laura Wyskiel, Danielle Larson-Clark, Caitlin McGonigle, & Alyssa DiPalermo

[9:30 a.m. service]

Offertory Hymn 360 Only-begotten Word of God eternal *Rouen*

The Great Thanksgiving from the Iona Community in Scotland

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 our thanks and praise.**

Presider

It is indeed right, for you made us, and before us,
you made the world we inhabit,
and before the world, you made the eternal home
in which, through Christ, we have a place.

All that is spectacular, all that is plain have their origin in you;
all that is lovely, all who are loving, point to you as their fulfillment.

And grateful as we are for the world we know,
and the universe beyond our ken,
we particularly praise you, whom eternity cannot contain,
for coming down to earth and into time in Jesus.
For his life which informs our living,
for his compassion which changes our hearts,
for his clear speaking which contradicts our harmless generalities,
for his disturbing presence,
his innocent suffering, his fearless dying, his rising to life breathing forgiveness,
we praise you and worship him.

Here too our gratitude rises for the promise of the Holy Spirit,
who even yet, even here, confronts us with your claims
and attracts us to your goodness.
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:

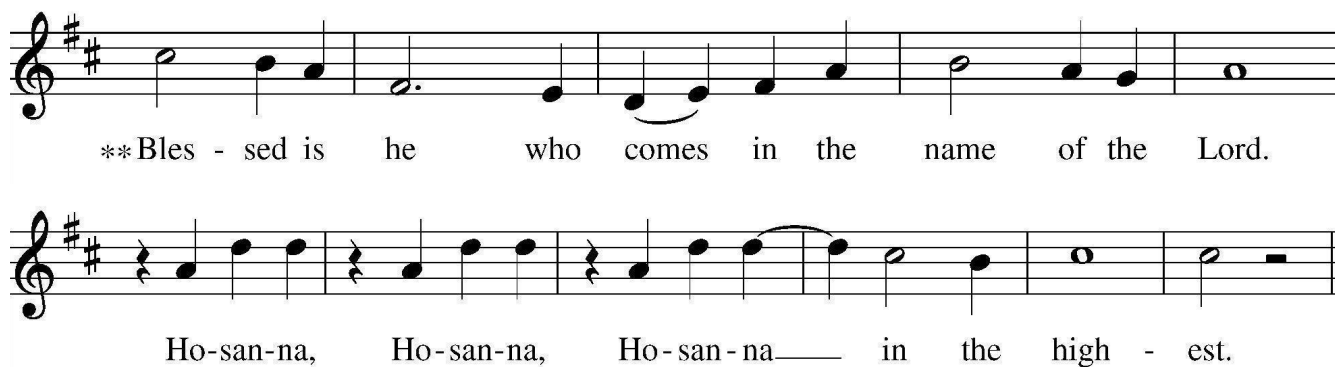
[8:00 a.m.] *Presider and People*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

[9:30 a.m. service]

Wonder, Love, and Praise #859 - Holy, holy, holy Lord

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might, hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry.
Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na in the high - est.



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✠ *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.*

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Instructions Concerning Communion & 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. Return to your seat using the outside aisles of those sections. Those seated in the center sections, please come forward beginning with the front 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 336

Come with us, O blessed Jesus

Werde munter

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 541

Come, labor on

Ora Labora

The Dismissal

Priest Let us go forth to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

[9:30 a.m. service]

Postlude

The Strong Tower Postlude (A mighty fortress is our God)

Matthias Nagel

*The worship is over * The service begins*

Participating in Today's Liturgy:

Presider: The Rev. Nicole Benevenia

Preacher: The Rev. Mark Pendleton

Organist: Adam Peithmann

Lector at 8:00 a.m.: Ally Carrico

Intercessor at 8:00 a.m.: Ally Carrico

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

Lector at 9:30 a.m.: Lucia Savage

Intercessor at 9:30 a.m.: John Kunowski

Eucharistic Ministers at 9:30 a.m.: Robin Yergeau, Nancy Fleming

Welcome Team/Ushers: Donna McCay

Live Streaming Tech: Nick Castillo

Altar Guild: Cindy Eaton, Danielle Larson Clark, Jeannette McDonald

Flower Delivery: Lissa Simard

Hospitality: Annie Junkin, Ann Malconian

The next **Labyrinth Walk** is this morning at 11:00 a.m. Please bring a chair, paper, and writing utensil if you are able. All are welcome.

No experience, no special rehearsal, no problem! Our **Impromptu choirs** are open to anyone who loves to make a joyful noise. Simply show up at 9 am on the Sundays listed below and help us fill

the sanctuary with joyful song. The next date is **August 2**.

Zoom Morning Prayer and Compline on Zoom: A gathering of Christ Church Exeter members will continue to meet for 9 am Morning Prayer and now 8 pm Compline on Wednesdays throughout the Season of Pentecost. As your schedules allow, please join us for Morning Prayer and Compline on Zoom in the weeks to come, beginning and ending our day with prayerful reflection on God's word. In Pentecost, we will be praying the beautiful Daily Office in the Green Mountain Online Abbey, developed and updated each week by the Episcopal Diocese of Vermont. If you are interested in learning more, being formed, and experiencing this ancient Christian practice, please reach out to Dale Pinkham Cavanaugh at 508-783-7798 or email her at dale.cavanaugh@yahoo.com

Christ Church hosts a participant-run **Grief Support Group** on the second Monday of every month. The group meets from 2-3:30 p.m. in Room #4 of the Harris Building. The group welcomes those interested in exploring their grieving process in a supportive environment. Sessions are free. No registration is needed and participants are not expected to make an ongoing commitment to attend. For further information, contact Christ Church parishioner Becky Moore, 603-778-8312.

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



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