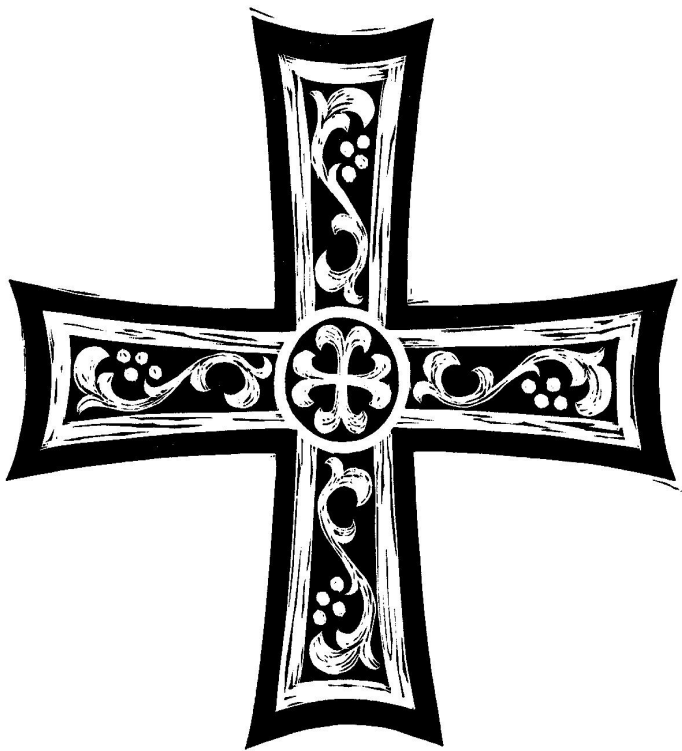


CHRIST CHURCH of Exeter



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The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 23, 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

Be Thou My Vision

Zsolt Gárdonyi

Welcome

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

[9:30 a.m. service]

Processional Hymn 525

The Church's one foundation

Aurelia

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.

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. **Amen.**

✠ *The people sit.*

The First Reading

Isaiah 51:1-6

Reader A Reading from the prophet Isaiah

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the Lord. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. For the Lord will comfort

Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to

the peoples. I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath;

for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be for ever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 138 (*read responsively by verse*)

- 1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; *
before the gods I will sing your praise.
- 2 **I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your Name, *
because of your love and faithfulness;**
- 3 For you have glorified your Name *
and your word above all things.
- 4 **When I called, you answered me; *
you increased my strength within me.**
- 5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord, *
when they have heard the words of your mouth.
- 6 **They will sing of the ways of the Lord, *
that great is the glory of the Lord.**
- 7 Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly; *
he perceives the haughty from afar.
- 8 **Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; *
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.**
- 9 The Lord will make good his purpose for me; *
O Lord, your love endures for ever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

The Second Reading

Romans 12:1-8

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.

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 404 vv. 1-2 We will extol you, ever-blessed Lord

Old 124th

The Gospel

Matthew 16:13-20

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

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

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.

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: Form III

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.

Today we continue to pray for Kelley, Steve, Rick.

We invite your prayers either silently or aloud.

Silence

For students, teachers and administrators preparing to return to classes this fall.

We continue to pray for the safety of members of our Armed Forces and their families.

Silence

Today we remember Donald Thacker in whose memory the flowers are given.

Presider

Heavenly Father, whose Son taught us to pray, give us what we ask this day and open the door when we knock; 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

O Day of Peace
Emily Ellis, soloist

Charles Hubert Hastings Parry

*O day of peace that dimly shines through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,
Guide us to justice, truth, and love, delivered from our selfish schemes.
May swords of hate fall from our hands, our hearts from envy find release,
Till by God's grace our warring world shall see Christ's promised reign of peace.*

*Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the fierce devour the small;
As beasts and cattle calmly graze, a little child shall lead them all.
Then enemies shall learn to love, all creatures find their true accord;
The hope of peace shall be fulfilled, for all the earth shall know the Lord.*

[9:30 a.m. service]

Offertory Hymn 435

At the Name of Jesus

King's Weston

The Great Thanksgiving: From Enriching Our Worship Prayer I

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. 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:

[Said at 8:00, sung at 9:30]

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.

[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.

**Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

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

Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of the universe and giver of life.
You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care
that we might be your faithful stewards
and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image
in one another and in ourselves;
we would not see your goodness in the world around us;
and so we violated your creation,
abused one another,
and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us,
and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah
you called us into covenant with you.
You delivered us from slavery
sustained us in the wilderness
and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.
Then, in the fullness of time,
you sent your eternal Word,
made mortal flesh in Jesus.
Born into the human family,
and dwelling among us,
he revealed your glory.
Giving himself freely to death on the cross,
he triumphed over evil,
opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us,
Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread,
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said:
"Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all
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
Remembering his death and resurrection,
we now present to you from your creation
this bread and this wine.
By your Holy Spirit may they be for us
the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.
Grant that we who share these gifts
may be filled with the Holy Spirit
and live as Christ's Body in the world.
Bring us into the everlasting heritage
of your daughters and sons,
that with all your saints,
past, present, and yet to come,
we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
to you be honor, glory, and praise,
for ever and 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.

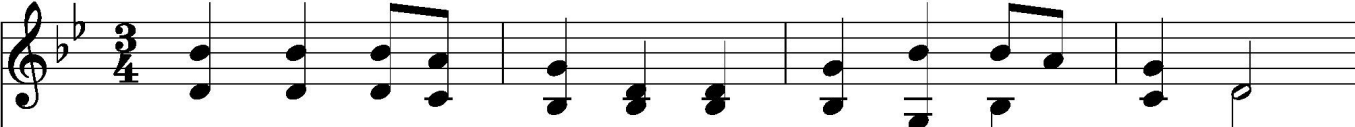
Communion can also be brought to you in the pews. Please communicate this request to an usher or the clergy. The Healing team is available to offer healing prayers at the side of the church. Please tell your healing minister if you have a specific prayer need and if you would like a laying on of hands,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

[9:30 a.m. service]

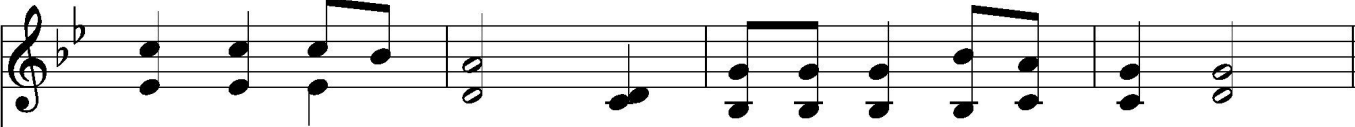
Communion Hymn

Come now, O Prince of Peace

O-so-so



1. Come now, O Prince of Peace, make us one bod - y,
2. Come now, O God of love, make us one bod - y,
3. Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior,
4. Come, Hope of U - ni - ty, make us one bod - y,



come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
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Post-Communion Prayer

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

Presider and People

**God of abundance,
you have fed us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us
with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth
in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

The Blessing

[9:30 a.m. service]

Recessional Hymn 522

Glorious things of thee are spoken

Austria

The Dismissal

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

[9:30 a.m. service]

Postlude

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty op. 55, no. 7

Gunther M. Göttische

*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.: Cary Einhaus

Intercessor at 8:00 a.m.: Barbara Cutting

Eucharistic Minister at 8:00 a.m.: Jim Cutting

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

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

Eucharistic Ministers at 9:30 a.m.: Ann Malconian

Welcome Team/Ushers: Athens Pullias, Jack Cofer

Live Streaming Tech: Paul Wainwright

Altar Guild: Robin Yergeau, Cynthia Zwierk, Shannon Tosatti

Flower Delivery: Juliette Gavin

Hospitality: Mary Webber, Adrienne Spear

Altar Flowers: Given to the glory of God in loving memory of Donald Thacker by the DiPalermo family.

Seeking two or three new members for the coffee team. Please join us for a great way to offer hospitality to the Christ Church community. It's a once a month obligation with the rotating teams. Please contact Jen Murray if you'd like to join us. jcbmurray@comcast.net

Sunday Book Group: In the coming weeks, the Sunday book group will be reading [John: A Novel by Niall Williams](#). Our next meeting to share our thoughts and inspirations will be today after the 9:30 am service, under the trees between the Memorial Garden and the Labyrinth. Please bring your own chairs if the weather allows us to meet outside.

The next **Labyrinth Walk** will be Thursday, August 27 at 6:30 p.m. Come enjoy an evening walk, bringing with you a chair, notebook, and a writing utensil! All are welcome.

Coming Soon! Inquirers' Classes/Episcopal 101: The Rector will offer five Zoom sessions for those who want to learn more about the Episcopal Church and for those who might be interested in being confirmed or received by our new bishop on May 2, 2027. The sessions will be recorded, so that if you miss one or two you can still keep up with the material.

September 21 Monday at 7 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. Zoom
What does it mean to be an Episcopalian/Anglican?
What do Episcopalians believe?

October 5 Monday at 7 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. Zoom
Are Episcopalians Protestants or Catholics?
The History of the English and American church.

October 26 Monday at 7 p.m. Zoom
A Tour through the Book of Common Prayer

November 16 Monday at 7 p.m. Zoom
The Sacraments and Episcopal Liturgy

December 7 Monday 7 p.m. Zoom
Structure, Decision Making, and all things Episcopal

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