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The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

October 18, 2026

8:00 a.m. & 10:00 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

[10:00 a.m. service]

Prelude

Bye and Bye

Spiritual/arr. William Farley Smith

Welcome

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

[10:00 a.m. service]

Processional Hymn 362

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty

Nicaea

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. service]

S 280 - Glory to God

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and

peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly

King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the first line of the hymn. The second staff contains the second line, with a measure rest at the beginning. The third staff contains the third line. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across measures.

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.

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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

Isaiah 45:1-7

Reader A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him— and the gates shall not be closed: I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel

my chosen, I call you by your name, surname you, though you do not know me. I am the Lord, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the Lord do all these things.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 96:1-13 (*read responsively by verse*)

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song; *
sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.
- 2 **Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; ***
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 **For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; ***
he is more to be feared than all gods.
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *
but it is the Lord who made the heavens.

- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! ***
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
- 7 Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; *
 ascribe to the Lord honor and power.
- 8 Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; ***
bring offerings and come into his courts.
- 9 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; *
 let the whole earth tremble before him.
- 10 Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is King! ***
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity."
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
 let the sea thunder and all that is in it; *
 let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
- 12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy**
before the Lord when he comes, *
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 13 He will judge the world with righteousness *
 and the peoples with his truth.

The Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Reader A reading from the 1st letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and

of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead-- Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

✠ *The people stand as they are able.*

[10:00 a.m. service]

Sequence Hymn 706 vv. 1 & 3 In your mercy, Lord, you called me

Halton Holgate

The Gospel

Matthew 22:15-22

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

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you

hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

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

✠ *The people sit.*

Sermon

The Rev. Nicole Benevenia

✠ *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

Intercessor:

On this day, and every day, for the blessings of this life, let us pray to God, saying, "Be gracious to us; show us your mercy."

We give thanks to you, O God, for the Church, constantly remembering before you its work of faith, labor of love, and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. Inspire us by the Holy Spirit.

Silence

Be gracious to us, O God;
Show us your mercy.

We offer prayers for the election of our next bishop this coming Saturday. For those who have offered their names to serve: Ed, Fran, and Kristofer.

We offer our prayers for our companion parish in Cárdenas, Cuba as they continue to live, struggle, and still remain faithful through these difficult days.

Silence

Be gracious to us, O God;
Show us your mercy.

Almighty God, make us more like your Son, Jesus, who did not regard people with partiality. May we love justice. May we be gracious with all people.

Silence

Be gracious to us, O God;
Show us your mercy.

God of all that is: may we be good stewards of all you have created.

Silence

Be gracious to us, O God;
Show us your mercy.

We believe in a God who answers those who call upon you. Hear the voices of the weak and the wronged. May we always know and experience your presence.

Silence

Be gracious to us, O God;
Show us your mercy.

Great Lord, give your people rest. Cover the sick and sorrowful with your healing hand. May the lonely and forgotten find favor in your sight.

Today we pray for Shelley, Casey, Anthony and Linda.

May we also add prayers for the health and healing of Pope Leo, Bishop of Rome.

We invite your prayers either silently or aloud.

Silence

Be gracious to us, O God;
Show us your mercy.

We remember those who have died.

Silence

We pray for the repose of the soul of our friend Steve Portalupi, who died last Sunday morning.

We remember Alison McMahon whose committal service was held in our Memorial Garden yesterday.

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

✠ *The people stand for the hymn as they are able. The offering is brought forward.*

[10:00 a.m. service]

Offertory Anthem

Down to the River to Pray

arr. Sheldon Curry

As I went down to the river to pray, studyin' about that good ol' way and who shall wear the starry crown. Good Lord, show me the way. O (sisters/brothers/fathers/mothers) lets go down, come on down, down to the river to pray.

[10:00 a.m. service]

Offertory Hymn 377

All people that on earth do dwell

Old 100th

[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 Holy Eucharist - from Enriching Our Worship, Prayer 2

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.**

The Presider continues

We praise you and we bless you,

holy and gracious God,

source of life abundant.

From before time you made ready the creation.

Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being:

sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters;

and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways.

But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away;

and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels

in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity,

lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing (say):

[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.

[10:00 a.m. service]

Holy, holy, holy Lord - Mass of St. Timothy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might.

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho -

san - na in the high - est.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

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The Presider continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.
To deliver us from the power of sin and death
and to reveal the riches of your grace,
you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant,
that she might conceive and bear a son,
Jesus the holy child of God.
Living among us, Jesus loved us.
He broke bread with outcasts and sinners,
healed the sick,
and proclaimed good news to the poor.
He yearned to draw all the world to himself
yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.
Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross
the sacrifice of his life,
and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us,
Jesus was at table with his friends.
He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it,
and gave it to them, 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.
Again, he gave thanks to you, 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."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation,
and remembering Christ, crucified and risen,
who was and is and is to come,
we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine,
and ourselves, a living sacrifice.
Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts
that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.
Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth
and make us your new creation,
the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints,
from every tribe and language and people and nation,
to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

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.

People **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]

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

[10:00 a.m. service]

Fraction Anthem - 877 (Wonder, Love, and Praise) The disciples knew the Lord Jesus

Choir sings "Cantor or Choir" part; Everyone sings "All" as printed below

Cantor or Choir

The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the

All

bread. The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the

Cantor or Choir

break - ing of the bread. The bread which we break, al - le -

All

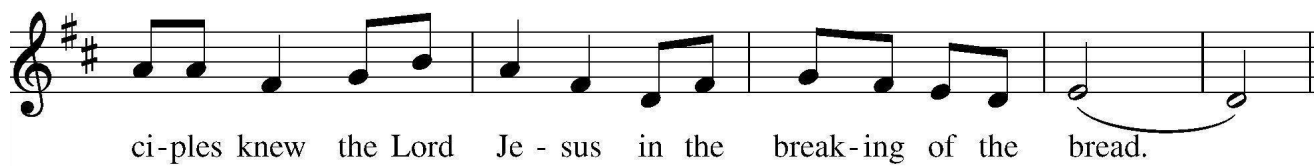
lu - ia, is the com - mun - ion of the bod - y of Christ. The dis -

Cantor or Choir

ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread. One

All

bo - dy are we, al - le - lu - ia, though ma - ny we share one bread. The dis -



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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.

[10:00 a.m. service]

Communion Hymn 325 Let us break bread together on our knees *Let Us Break Bread*

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 665

All my hope on God is founded

Michael

The Dismissal

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

[10:00 a.m. service]

Postlude

Poco vivace

Hermann Schroeder

*The worship is over * The service begins*

Participating in Today's Liturgy:

Presider: The Rev. Mark Pendleton

Preacher: The Rev. Nicole Benevenia

Organist: Adam Peithmann

Lector at 8:00 a.m.: Fran Hall

Intercessor at 8:00 a.m.:

Eucharistic Minister at 8:00 a.m.: Jeannette McDonald

Lector at 10:00 a.m.: Nancy Fleming

Intercessor at 10:00 a.m.: Laura Nickerson-Smith

Eucharistic Ministers at 10:00 a.m.: Judy Blaisdell, Carol Allard

Welcome Team/Ushers: David Mahoney

Live Streaming Tech: Nick Castillo

Altar Guild: Judy Blaisdell, Jean Anderson, Diane DiPalermo

Flower Delivery: Carol Allard

Hospitality: Mary Webber, Adrienne Spear

Necrology for All Saints Day: It is a tradition at Christ Church to include the names of all parishioners and loved ones who have died within the last year in a **necrology**. We will honor these loved ones at our All Saints' Sunday worship on November 1. If you would like to include a name in this necrology, please contact Darla Watt in the office: DWatt@christchurchexeter.org The deadline for submitting names is noon on **October 28**. We ask you to limit your names only to those deceased within the past year (since last All Saints' Sunday).

A funeral service for **Steve Portalupi** will be Sunday, October 25 at 2:00 p.m.

Retirement of Darla Watt our Administrative Assistant: After eleven years on the job, Darla is planning on retiring at the end of October. We will be able to thank her in person and wish her Godspeed on Sunday, October 25. On that day, we will present to her a "purse" – a collection from

church members and a gesture of our collective appreciation for her steady tenure. You can make out a check to “Christ Church” and with “Darla” in the memo and mail to the Treasurer in the church office. Envelopes are also in the narthex entryway.

The next **Red Door Forum is October 25:** Growing Faith Through Every Season of Life with Ally Carrico. Join us for an engaging, participatory experience where Ally will invite us to discover pathways to spiritual growth. She will explain how our faith can help guide us through each season of life and will invite participants to share in their own discovery process and how we can grow closer to God through it all.

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. Zoom link will be posted on the Enews. No need to register. Our next classes:

October 26 Monday at 7 p.m. Zoom: A Tour through the Book of Common Prayer
November 2 Monday at 7 p.m. Zoom: The Sacraments and Episcopal Liturgy

October Children’s and Youth Calendar

October 18

9:15 a.m. Storytime Series #2
9:45 a.m. Childcare
9:45 a.m. Sunday School

October 25

9:45 a.m. Childcare
10 a.m. Children’s Chapel

Signup deadline for Youth Confirmation Class

Our next **Youth Confirmation Class begins on November 8.** This Youth Confirmation and Inquirers’ class is for any interested teenager in our extended parish community. The only requirements are that young people are curious, want to participate, and are 13 years old or older by May 2, 2027. If you or someone in your family fits this description, please reach out to the Rev. Nicole at nbenevenia@christchurchexeter.org by October 25. The class covers a wide range of topics, including scripture, sacraments, creeds, church history, prayer, and service, asking young people to think through what they believe and why. We emphasize finding one’s own voice rather than simply conforming to an external standard. We trust that when people put in the effort to articulate what they believe and why they will make good choices about their next step in faith. Confirmation will take place at our next Bishop’s visit on May 2, 2027.

The **Sunday Morning Book Group** meets once a month after the 10 a.m. services, unless there is a Red Door Forum or other parish event or celebration. In the coming weeks, we will read and share ideas and inspiration on All the Light We Cannot See: A Novel by Anthony Doerr and Imagine Heaven: Near-Death Experiences, God’s Promises, and the Exhilarating Future That Awaits You by John Burke. Our next meeting will be Sunday, November 15th, in the Dodd Room after the 10:00 a.m. service. Please contact Dale Cavanaugh at dale.cavanaugh@yahoo.com with any questions.

Live Free and Pray! Morning Prayer with our Ancestors in Faith: You are invited to read, listen, and follow our Ancestors in Faith, a collaboration between Christ Church Exeter and SpiritBound Faith, now and in the coming weeks! Please drill down on the webpage www.spiritbound.faith/praypod This week, Jean Andreson of Christ Church Exeter has recorded Morning Prayer for Saint James of Jerusalem, *Brother of Our Lord Jesus Christ and Martyr, c. 62*, honored and remembered on Monday, October 23rd. If you are called to share God's word individually or responsively with a broader online audience through recordings made in your own home or other sacred space, please reach out to Dale Cavanaugh at dale.cavanaugh@yahoo.com for information.

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-per-month obligation with rotating teams. Please contact Jen Murray if you'd like to join us. Jcbmurray@comcast.net

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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 apply)*

- ☐ A bequest in my/our will
- ☐ Annuity, life insurance or retirement plan
- ☐ Direct gifts of cash, securities, real estate and other items
- ☐ Charitable gift annuities with lifetime payments
- ☐ Personal trust account
- ☐ Other: _____

I/we accept the invitation to join the Anchor Legacy Society.

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 my/our name/s to appear as:

Or ☐ I/we wish to remain anonymous.

Signature(s) Date

Signature(s) Date

Name/s _____

Address, City, State, Zip _____

Phone, Email _____

Please send this form to: Office Administrator, Christ Church 43 Pine Street Exeter NH 03833