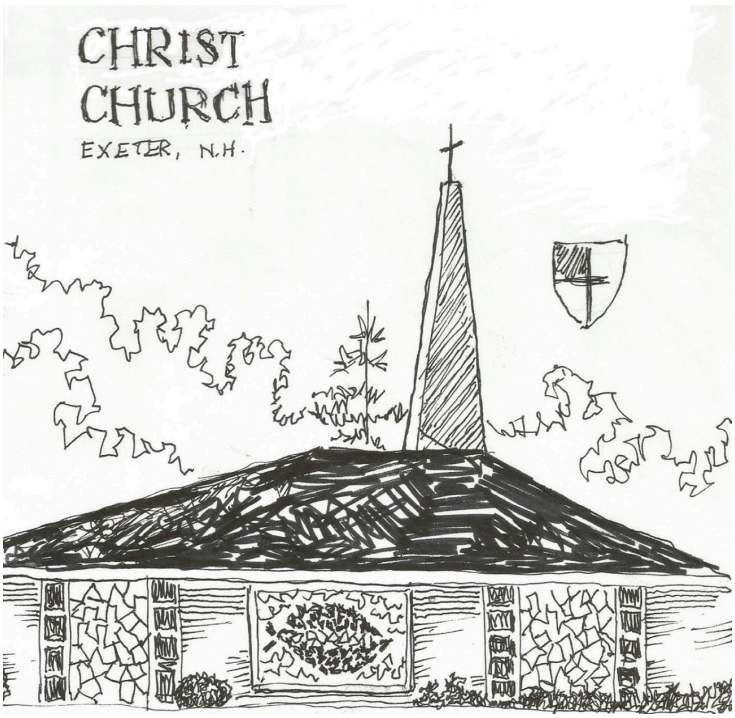
CHRIST CHURCH
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Live
joyfully in faith

Connect
with God and one another

Serve
the local and global community

Last Sunday after Pentecost
Christ the King
Harvest Sunday
November 22, 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 Benediction, Op.33, No. 4B Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Welcome

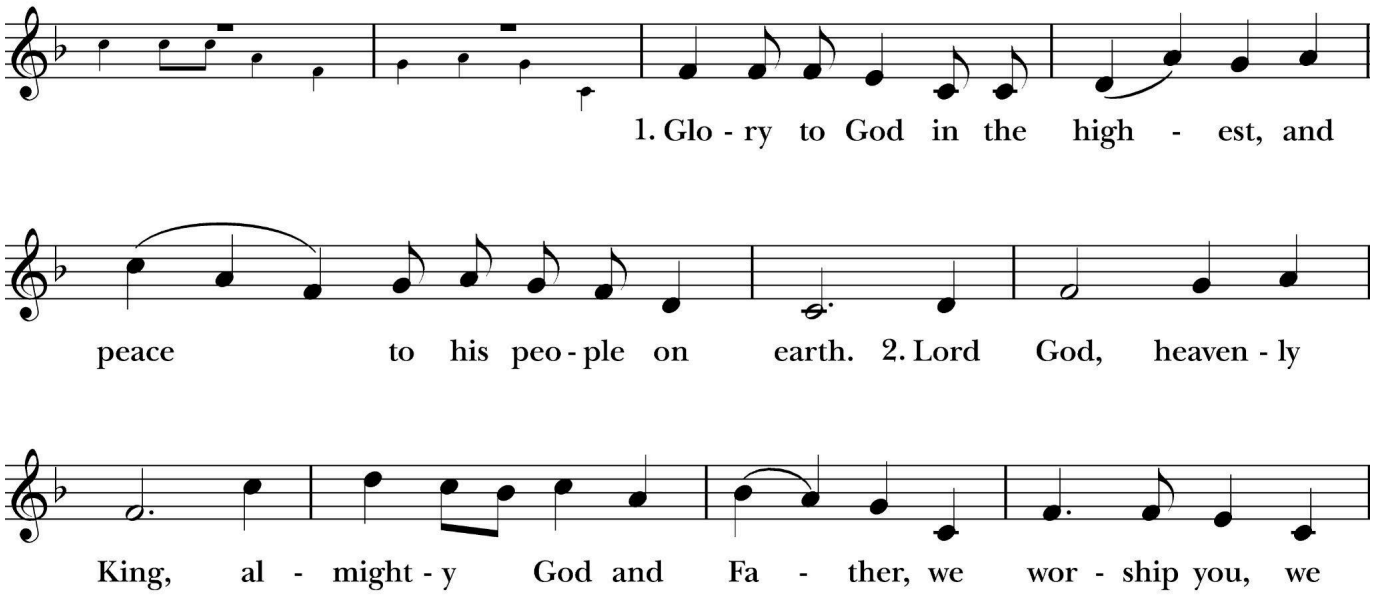
✠ *All stand, as they are able, as the clergy enter or the bell tolls.*
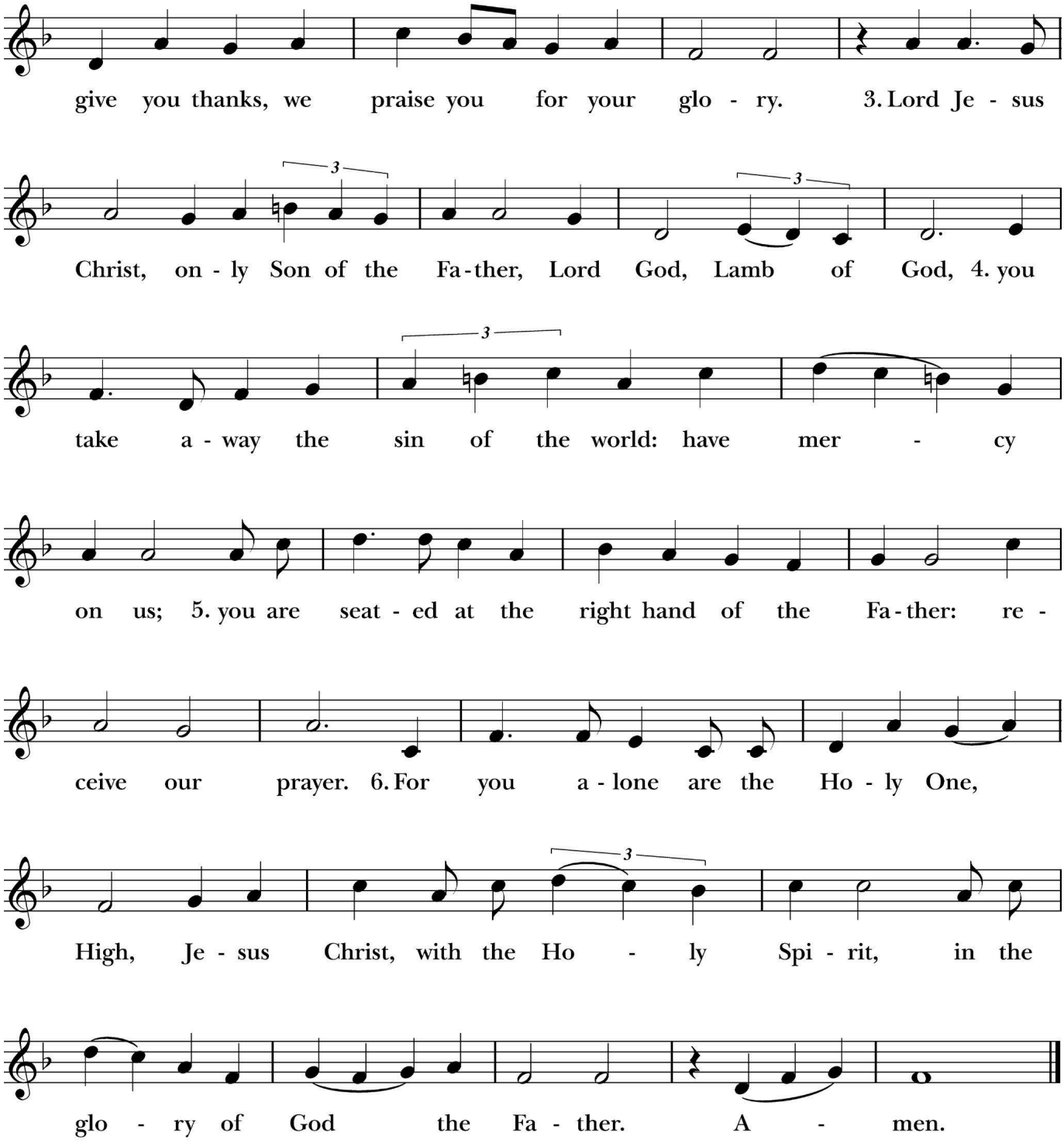
[10:00 a.m. service]
Processional Hymn 450 vv. 1-3 & 6 All hail the power of Jesus' Name! *Coronation*

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 (Canticle 20)





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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, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

✠ *The people sit.*

The First Reading **Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24**

Reader A Reading from the Prophet Ezekiel

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

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

Psalm 95:1-7a *(read responsively by verse)*

1 Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

2 **Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving ***
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

3 For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.

4 **In his hand are the caverns of the earth, ***

and the heights of the hills are his also.

5 The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.

6 **Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, ***
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

7 For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

The Second Reading **Ephesians 1:15-23**

Reader A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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 495 vv. 1 & 4 Hail, thou once despised Jesus! *In Babilone*

The Gospel **Matthew 25:31-46**

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

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we

saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

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.

A Litany of Thanksgiving

Intercessor: Let us give thanks to God for all the gifts so freely bestowed upon us.

For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea.
We thank you, Lord.

For all that is gracious in human lives, revealing the image of Christ,
We thank you, Lord.

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,
We thank you, Lord.

For minds that think, and hearts that love, and hands that serve,
We thank you, Lord.

For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,
We thank you, Lord.

For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,
We thank you, Lord.

For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,
We thank you, Lord.

For the communion of saints, in all times and places,
We thank you, Lord.

We pray for safe travel for all those who will be visiting family and friends this coming Thanksgiving week.

Today we continue to pray for Laureen, Beth, Joan, Shelley, Lauren, Scott, Casey, Anthony and Linda.

For those known to us, let us pray either silently or aloud.

Silence

We remember those who have died.

Silence

We remember John Rigatti, Eleanor Zielinski, Anne Ashe, and Matthew Ashe in whose memory the flowers are given.

Silence

Presider: Christ the King, you have been made head over all things for the Church: may we live as your body in our world. May you gather all the nations of the world to yourself. Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know Christ and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. **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.*

[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.**

[10:00 a.m. service]
Offertory Hymn 460 Alleluia! sing to Jesus! *Hyfrydol*

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.**

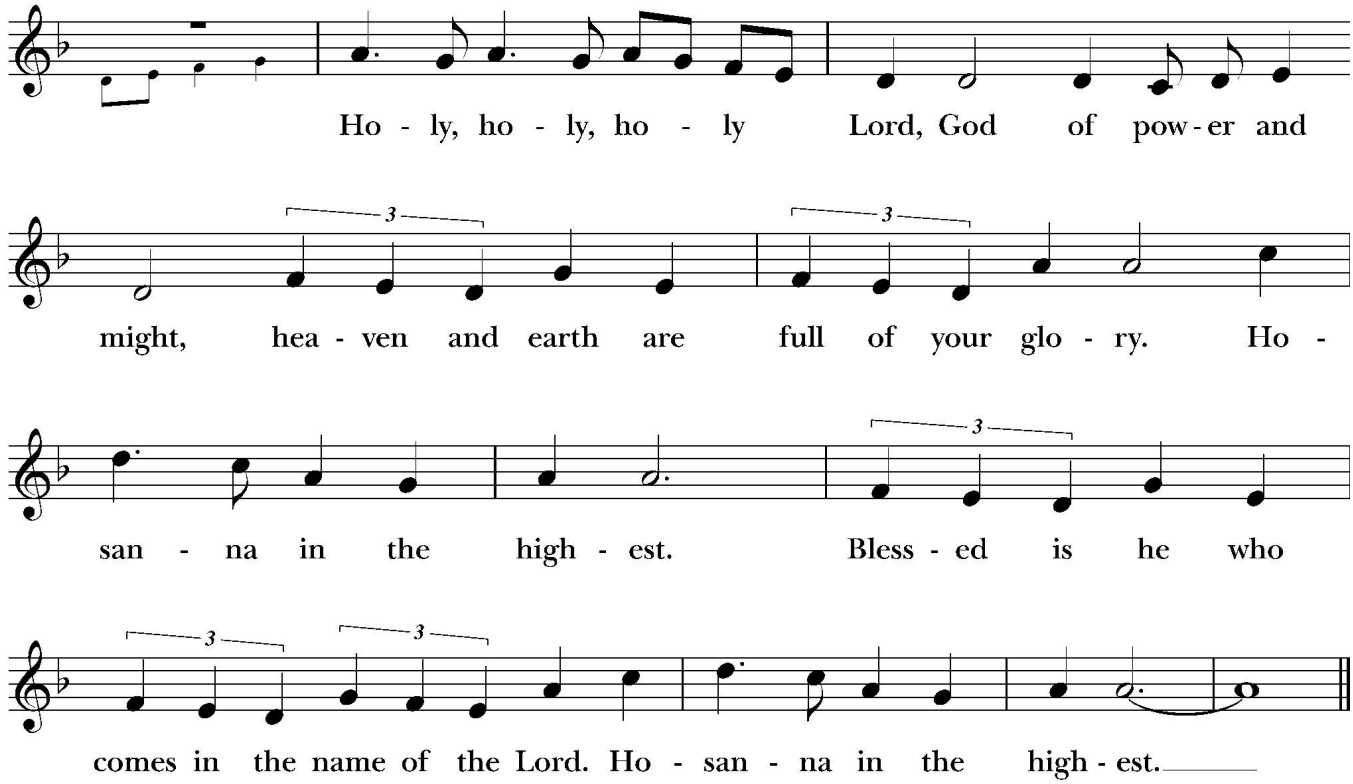
The Presider continues
We praise you and we bless you,
holy and gracious God,
source of life abundant.
From before time you made ready the creation.
Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being:
sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters;
and every living thing.
You made us in 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]
S 129 Holy, holy, holy Lord



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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 & 10:00 a.m. service]
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 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]
Music during Communion Sigfrid Karg-Elert
Invention & Interlude on "If thou but trust in God to guide thee," Op. 65, No. 63

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 397 Now thank we all our God *Nun danket alle Gott*

The Dismissal

Priest Let us go forth to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

[10:00 a.m. service]
Postlude Choral Improvisation on "Now thank we all our God," Op. 65, No. 69 S. Karg-Elert

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*The worship is over * The service begins*

Participating in Today's Liturgy:
Presider/Preacher: The Reverend Mark Pendleton
Children's Chapel: The Reverend Nicole Benevenia and Ms. Katie Mize
Organist: Richard Benefield

Lector at 8:00 a.m.: Ally Carrico
Intercessor at 8:00 a.m.: Elizabeth Woodworth
Eucharistic Minister at 8:00 a.m.: Jeannette McDonald

Lector at 10:00 a.m.: Athens Pullias
Intercessor at 10:00 a.m.: Danielle Larson-Clark
Eucharistic Ministers at 10:00 a.m.: Nancy Fleming, Dale Cavanaugh

Welcome Team/Ushers: Wendy MacArthur-Keith
Live Streaming Tech: Nick Castillo
Altar Guild: Diane DiPalermo, Judy Blaisdell, Barbara McGrath
Flower Delivery: Juliette Gavin
Hospitality: Linzee Coleman Bagge, Elizabeth Bauman
Altar Flowers: Given to the glory of God in loving memory of Denise Berthiaume by Jackie Nigeant

2027 Giving Campaign: Pledge Cards have been mailed out to households and also available in the Narthex entryway. We invite your generosity to support our mission and ministries through 2027. You can also make a secure online pledge on our website. As of today, we have received pledges from **48 households totaling $185,606. 5 are new pledges. 20 increases and 7 decreases.** In 2026, we received 149 pledges for a total of $408,275. Because of email issues nationwide, if you did not receive a confirmation email from an online pledge, please reach out to the Treasurer at treasurer@christchurchexeter.org

THANK YOU to all who contributed to Thanksgiving Baskets and Christmas Gift Card giving! What a joyous time to share goodness and kindness!

Advent Party: November 29 is the first Sunday of Advent, when we begin a new church year and set aside time to prepare hearts, minds, and spirits to welcome God with us. Join us for an Advent

Party during a special Coffee Hour as we begin the season of Advent. Make an Advent wreath, enjoy some warm mulled cider, or join the kids table for some arts and crafts for the season. All ages are welcome. We will have all the materials necessary, but if you'd like to bring your own Advent wreath frame or decorations to share, please do. If you're able to contribute additional baked goods or other treats to contribute, please get in touch with Rev. Nicole at nbenevenia@christchurchexeter.org

November Children's and Youth Calendar

November 22
9:45 a.m. Childcare
9:45 a.m. Children's Chapel
November 29 (first Sunday of Advent)
9:45 a.m. Childcare
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:15 a.m. Advent Party during Coffee Hour

Collecting Over-the-Counter Medicine for Cuba: God willing, Dick Ingram and I will be making a brief trip to Cuba on December 3 to visit our companion parish in Cardenas. If one can imagine, the humanitarian crisis on the island is even worse than it was in March during our last visit. On the remaining Sundays in November we are again welcoming donations of the following: (Generics are fine!) Most needed: Adult multivitamins, Children's Tylenol and Advil, Benadryl tablets, 81 mg Aspirin, Glucosamine / Chondroitin, B12 vitamins, Vitamin E, Vitamin C, Folic acid, Bengay type muscle rub, Voltaren Arthritis cream, You can drop off any donations at the church office or in the bin in the Narthex. *Gracias!* Mark+

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 2 | 7:00 to 8:30 PM
Wednesday, December 9 | 7:00 to 8:30 PM
Wednesday, December 23 | 7:00 to 8:30 PM
Wednesday, December 24 | 6:00 to 7:00 PM
(Prelude begins at 7:30 PM; Service at 8:00 PM

If you would like to participate, we would love to hear from you! Please contact Adam Peithmann, Director of Music and Organist, by **Monday, November 30**. You may reach him at apeithmann@christchurchexeter.org or speak with him after church on Sundays.

Live Free and Pray! Morning Prayer with our Ancestors in Faith *"For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."* (Mt 18:20) You are invited to read, listen, and follow our Ancestors in Faith, a Diocesan initiative developed by Christ Church Exeter and SpiritBound, now and in the coming weeks! Please drill down on the webpage www.spiritbound.faith/praypod This week, Alan Rollins has recorded Morning Prayer for C.S. Lewis, honored and remembered on Monday, November 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.

Rockingham Choral Society Holiday Concerts at Christ Church: 12/5 and 12/6/26
The Rockingham Choral Society will perform holiday concerts at Christ Church on December 5th and 6th at 3:00PM. This performance is titled Lumen et Amor and will feature Bach's "Magnificat" with orchestra and organ as well as works by Dan Forrest, Franz Biebl, Elaine Hagenburg, Morton Lauridson and Brahms. The chorus will perform a commissioned version of "The Lord's Prayer" by Joseph Eckman. The chorus, under the direction of Jason Throne, is composed of 120 members from the Seacoast community and includes 6 members of the Christ Church Choir. Adam Peithman is the featured organist for the concert. Tickets are $18 in advance or $20 at the door. Children under six are admitted at no charge, but must have a space reserved for them in advance through rockinghamchoral.org. Performances regularly sell out, and day-of tickets are subject to availability. Advance purchase online is strongly encouraged.

Still 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

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

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