

Christ Is All and In All



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The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 11

The Holy Eucharist

Christ Church Episcopal

Reading, Pennsylvania

July 18, 2021

Services at 8:00 (spoken) and **10:15 am** (with music) followed by

The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) is the black book in the pew racks

Service music (preceded by "S") is located at the FRONT of The (blue) Hymnal 1982 (i.e. "S 280")

Prelude: (A time for quiet reflection)

Organ Prelude:

Prelude in G Major

Felix Mendelssohn

Conrad Smith, Organist

Processional Hymn 525

Aurelia

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.***

Everyone: ***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.***

Glory to God: S 280

(Spoken only at 8:00 am; BCP Page 356)

Gloria in excelsis

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you; we give you thanks; we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: 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.**

Old Testament

(Please be seated):

Jeremiah 23:1-6

A Reading from The Book of Jeremiah

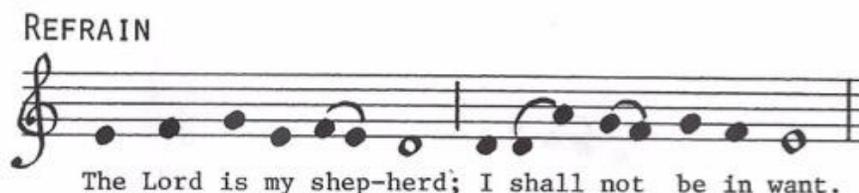
Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: *It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing,* says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days, Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm



Psalm 23*Read responsively by half-verse at 8:00 service only**Dominus regit me*

1 The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.

3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

REFRAIN

4a Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; *
 4b *For you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.*

REFRAIN

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

REFRAIN

The Epistle*(Please remain seated):**Ephesians 2:11-22*A Reading from The Letter to the Ephesians:

Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision” — a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands— remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus, you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall: that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near: for through him, both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him, the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

The Word of the Lord.

*People: Thanks be to God.***Gospel Organ Meditation:***I Need Thee Every Hour**arr. John Ness Beck*

The Gospel

*All please **stand** as the Celebrant reads the Gospel, first saying:*

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark:

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

The apostles gathered around Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, “*Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.*” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure, even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Canon John Francis

The Nicene Creed

(Said by all. Please stand as able.)

**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

(Please remain standing or kneel)

Celebrant or Deacon:

The Spirit of God aids us in our weakness and empowers us to pray. In the love of the Spirit, let us offer prayers to God for the needs, concerns, and hopes of all the world.

Deacon or Leader: For peace from on high and for our salvation.

Lord, hear us.

People: ***Lord, graciously hear us.***

Leader: For this parish family of Christ Church, Reading, that we will faithfully bear witness to the risen Christ in word and deed.

Lord, hear us.

People: ***Lord, graciously hear us.***

Leader: For the justice and peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the holy churches of God, and for the unity of all.

Lord, hear us.

People: ***Lord, graciously hear us.***

Leader: For this holy gathering and for those who enter with faith, reverence and love of God.

Lord, hear us.

People: ***Lord, graciously hear us.***

Leader: For the newly baptized illumined by the light of Christ.

Lord, hear us.

People: ***Lord, graciously hear us.***

Leader: For Michael, our presiding bishop; Kevin, our bishop; John, our rector; Midge, our deacon; Michael, our postulant for Holy Orders; and all who minister in Christ for all the holy people of God.

Lord, hear us.

People: ***Lord, graciously hear us.***

Leader: For the world and its leaders, our nation and its people, and all who are elected to represent them in the government.

Lord, hear us.

People: ***Lord, graciously hear us.***

Leader: For all those in need, the suffering, the oppressed and the refugees, travelers and prisoners, and the dying.

Lord, hear us.

People: ***Lord, graciously hear us.***

Leader: For those who have gone before us under the sign of faith, and for all the departed, especially Frederic & Mary S. Rothermel.

Lord, hear us.

People: ***Lord, graciously hear us.***

Leader: For ourselves, our families, and those we love, especially:
[Names may be read from the prayer list, then spoken aloud by the people].
Lord, hear us.

People: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Leader: For those who celebrate birthdays this week, especially:
Ruth Anne Bengtson (7/18), Angel Morales (7/20) and Richard Laedlein (7/22).
Lord, hear us.

People: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Leader: Remembering Mary, the God-bearer, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

People: **To you, O Lord.**

Celebrant:

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, for you transform our lives and make us new: Hear our prayers which we offer in confidence and breathe upon us with your Holy Spirit. Glory to you for ever and ever.

People: **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant 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.

The priest stands and says:

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

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people:

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Then the Celebrant, Ministers and People may acknowledge one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

The Lord Is My Shepherd

1. The _____ Lord is my Shep-herd, no want shall I know;
 2. Through the val - ley and shad - ow my death though I stray,
 3. In the midst of af - flic - tion my ta - ble is spread;
 4. Let _____ good - ness and mer - cy, my boun - ti - ful God,

1. I feed in green pas - tures, safe - fold - ed I rest; —
 2. Since thou art my guard - ian, no e - vil I fear; —
 3. With bless - ings un - meas - ured my cup run - neth o'er; —
 4. Still fol - low my steps till I meet Thee a - bove; —

1. He lead - eth my soul where the still wa - ters flow, —
 2. Thy rod shall de - fend me, thy staff be my stay; —
 3. With per - fume and oil thou a - noint - est my head; —
 4. I seek by the path which my an - ces - tors trod, —

1. Re - stores me when wan - d'ring, re - deems when op - pressed;
 2. No _____ harm can be - fall, with my com - fort - er near;
 3. O _____ what shall I ask of thy prov - i - dence more?
 4. Through the land of their so - journ, thy king - dom of love;

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The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer A (page 361 in the Book of Common Prayer)

The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings or says:

The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds:

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. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

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:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord: **Hymn S 129**

(Spoken only at 8:00 am)

Sanctus

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.

The people stand or kneel as able. Then the Celebrant 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.

At the following words concerning the bread: The Celebrant is to hold it or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup: to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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:

Celebrant and People:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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*

Amen S 146

The Celebrant sings: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

Hymn S 148

The Lord's Prayer

(Spoken only at 8:00 am)

The Celebrant says: And now, as our Savior, Christ, has taught us, we are bold to say:

<p>Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as 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. <i>Amen.</i></p>

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. (A period of silence may be kept.) Then may be said (8:00) or sung S165:

<p>Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.</p>
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Fraction Anthem: S 163

Agnus Dei

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation:

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

(You may take communion cups containing hosts and wine if you did not bring your own.)

Post Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray

Celebrant 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.*

Closing Hymn: 708

Sicilian Mariners

Blessing and Dismissal:

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Everyone **Thanks be to God.**

Organ Postlude:

Fugue in G Major

Felix Mendelssohn

Liturgical Ministers

Celebrant: The Rev. Canon John R. Francis

Guest Organist: Conrad Smith

Lectors: (8:00): Rick Wolf;

Prayers of the People: (8:00): Rick Wolf

Ushers: (8:00) Terry Rowles; Chris Spohn

Altar Guild Team: Victoria Wilson *Captain*; Janet Koller, Vicky Guthrie, Sabra Lantz and Sarah Nerino

Postulant: Michael Molina

Organist/Choirmaster: James K. Wilson

Cantors: Milah Allison, Alison Whalen

(10:15) Donna McLay

(10:15) Sally Wilcox

(10:15) Walt Frankowski; David Thun; Larry Whalen

Altar Candle Memorials for July are given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of:

Paul & Alice Swain and **Arthur & Mary Hoare** by Stephen & Charlotte Hoare;

Lois Feick by David & Judy Feick; and

In Thanksgiving for **blessings received** by Susan Frankowski.

Altar Flowers for today are given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of:

Frederic & Mary S. Rothermel

From Frederic deP. Rothermel, Jr.



Anyone interested in sponsoring (or sharing) Altar Flowers, Columbarium Flowers, Lectern Flowers, or Altar Candle dedications should please contact Nancy Shelly, Charlotte Hoare, or Linda Lacey @ 610-777-6132. Thank you!

Coffee Hour is sponsored at 8:00 am by **Cynthia Pipkin and Polly Pflum**

10:15 AM by **Anita Powell and Cliff Buckwalter**.

There are several open Sundays coming up; *please consider signing up (or joining with others)* for this very important ministry of fellowship. Sign-up sheet is posted near the Parish Hall kitchen. Thank you.

Note:

Fr. John's last service will be on
August 1.

Please stay for coffee hour to give him your
best wishes!

Saturday ad sponsors are needed: This week's ad was **unsponsored**. Please consider supporting this ministry (for \$25/ad). Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside Parish Hall.

Worship Opportunities

Sunday Services (held in-person at the church):

8:00 am (spoken): Service begins on pg. 355 of the Book of Common Prayer.

9:15 am Rise and Shine for Young Families, (please note the time change)

10:15 am (with music) and Livestreamed on Facebook. Service begins on pg. 355 of the Book of Common Prayer.

Please, if you so choose, prepare a small piece of bread or cracker for each person in your home, and a small portion of wine or juice in a cup for each person as well, for the time of the Sacrament of the Holy Communion in Christ.

Weekday Services

Zoom Bible Study on Wednesdays at 8 am

Zoom Centering Prayer sessions on Thursdays at 8:30 A.M.

Morning Prayer on Thursdays at **11:00 am** @ at Red Bridge Park: PLEASE NOTE the time change.
(led by David Emes, Diocesan Licensed Worship Leader)***

*****Announcement from David Emes*****

Morning Prayer will return to its regular day and time on
Thursday, July 15.)

Spanish remote Holy Eucharist *will not be held until further notice.*

You can still watch the stream without an account. Learn how to do that below:

<https://diobeth.org/how-to-view-facebook-livestreams-without-an-account>

For all the zoom programs, kindly email Fr. John to ask for an email invite:

johnrfrancis@rdgchristchurch.org for any specific zoom program we offer.

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**The Christ Church Mission:
Sharing God's Love With All**

Please visit us at www.rdgchristchurch.org. The Diocesan and church staff members are listed, as well as a calendar of events. You may use this website to send in prayer requests. You may also request to be added to the list for e-blasts and newsletters.

Vestry Meeting

There will be a meeting of the Vestry committee on Monday, July 19th at 7:00PM. This meeting will be held via Zoom. Call Father John with any questions.

Centering Prayer (Mindfulness Meditation)

- 1) Choose a sacred word or image as the symbol of your intention to consent to God's presence and action within.
- 2) Sitting comfortably and with eyes closed, settle briefly and silently introduce the sacred word or image.
- 3) When engaged with thoughts, return to the sacred word or image.
- 4) At the end of the prayer period, remain in silence with eyes closed for a couple of minutes.

