

Christ Is All and In All



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The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 23

The Holy Eucharist Christ Church Episcopal Reading, Pennsylvania **October 10, 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 127”)
Prelude: (A time for quiet reflection)

Organ Prelude:

Blessed Assurance

Dale Wood

Processional Hymn 683

Beatitude

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 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*Page 234 BCP**Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.*People:* ***And also with you.****Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through 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)**Amos 5:6-7,10-15*

A Reading from The Book of Amos:

Seek the LORD and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire,
and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.

Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,
and bring righteousness to the ground!

They hate the one who reproves in the gate,
and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

Therefore, because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain,
you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them;
you have planted pleasant vineyards,
but you shall not drink their wine.

For I know how many are your transgressions,
and how great are your sins—
you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,
and push aside the needy in the gate.

Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time;
for it is an evil time.

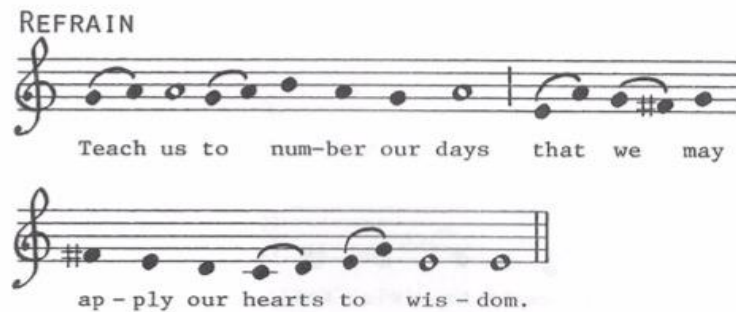
Seek good and not evil, that you may live;
and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said.

Hate evil and love good,
and establish justice in the gate;
it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts,
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm



Psalm 90:12-17

Read responsively by half-verse at 8:00 service only

Domine, refugium

12 So teach us to number our days *
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

13 Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? *
be gracious to your servants.

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14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; *
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us *
and the years in which we suffered adversity.

REFRAIN

16 Show your servants your works *
and your splendor to their children.

17 May the graciousness of the LORD our God be upon us; *
prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.

REFRAIN

The Epistle

(Please remain seated):

Hebrews 4:12-16

A Reading from The Letter to the Hebrews:

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Anthem:

O How Amiable

Ralph Vaughan Williams

*O how amiable are thy dwellings: thou Lord of hosts!
My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord:
My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young;
Even thine altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
Blessed are they that dwell in thy house; They will be always praising thee.
The glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us:
Prosper thou the work of our hands upon us.
O prosper thou our handy work.
O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home.*

The Gospel

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

Mark 10:17-31

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

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

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “*Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?*” Jesus said to him, “*Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’*” He said to him, “*Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.*” Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “*You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.*” When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “*How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!*” And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “*Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.*” They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “*Then who can be saved?*” Jesus looked at them and said, “*For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God, all things are possible.*”

Peter began to say to him, “*Look, we have left everything and followed you.*” Jesus said, “*Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come, eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.*”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

Father Doug

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)

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.

Designated 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 Michael, our presiding Bishop; Kevin, our Bishop; Douglas, our interim Priest;
Jack, our retired Bishop; Midge, our Deacon; Michael, our Postulant for Holy Orders;
Alan, Pastor of our Covenant Partner, Trinity Lutheran Church, and all who minister in
Christ for 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 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 Berta Brooks and her parents, Ethel & Warren Skibbe and Jere L. Gabrielle.
Lord, hear us.

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

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

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

Leader: For those who celebrate birthdays this week, especially:
Patrick Pendergast (10/13), Richard Wah (10/14), Jay Whalen (10/15), Carl Koslesky (10/16)
and Michelle Rowles Cranmer (10/16).
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.**

Deacon:
O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for 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

Offertory Hymn: 488

Slane

Hymn at the Presentation: 380 (vs. 3)

Old 100th

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and 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.*

Celebrant:

It is right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord: Hymn S 127

(Spoken only at 8:00 am)

Sanctus

<p>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.</p>

The people kneel or stand and 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.

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.***

The Celebrant continues,

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. ***AMEN.***

Amen S 146

McNeil Robinson

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

Hymn S 148

The Lord's Prayer

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

People and Celebrant: *(Spoken only at 8:00 am)*

***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.
Amen.***

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. (A period of silence is kept.) Then may be said (8:00) or sung S163:

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

Fraction Anthem: S 164

Agnus Dei

The Celebrant then says:

The gifts of God for the People of God.

The Communion of the People

(The priest will distribute wafers and you may take an empty wine cup, which will be filled by the Deacon or Chalice Bearer.)

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Spiritual Communion Prayer

*(for those that **do not** receive the physical elements)*

Celebrant:

God of infinite mercy, we thank you for our Savior Jesus Christ, who feeds us and gives us eternal life. Though our live stream viewers cannot consume these gifts of bread and wine, we thank you that they have received the sacrament of Christ's presence, the forgiveness of sins, and all other benefits of Christ's passion. Grant that we may continue forever in the Risen life of our Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

Communion Hymns: 701; 475

Post Communion Prayer

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.*

Blessing

Closing Hymn: 707

Hollingside

Dismissal

Organ Postlude:

Prelude and Fugue in d minor

Bach Circle



Liturgical Ministers

Celebrant: The Rev. J. Douglas Moyer

Organist: Conrad Smith

Postulant: Michael Molina

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*; Vicky Guthrie, Sabra Lantz, Sally Wilcox, Stacey Ford

Deacon: The Rev. Dr. Midge Pendergast

Choirmaster: James K. Wilson

Cantors: Victoria Wilson, James Wilson

(10:15) Dale Goodyear

(10:15) Mary Arguelles

(10:15) Garrett & Joann Hyneman, Walt Frankowski

Altar Candle Memorials for October 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 her parents:

Ethel and **Warren Skibbe**

By Judy and Glenn Sillhart

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

Jere L. Gabrielle

*"There is no bond on earth so sweet, nor any separation so bitter,
as that which occurs in a good marriage."*

From Runette Gabrielle, who honors their wedding anniversary today (10-10-70).

Coffee Hour

Un-sponsored today

There are several open Sundays coming up; please consider signing up, joining with others,
or simply bringing an item to share for this very important ministry of fellowship.

Sign-up sheet is posted near the Parish Hall kitchen. Thank you.

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



Anyone interested in sponsoring (or co-sponsoring)
Altar Flowers, Columbarium Flowers, Lectern Flowers, or Altar
Candle dedications should please contact Nancy Shelly @
610-375-7925.

Thank you!

Opportunity House Dinner

will be hosted by the *Finance Committee, Inreach and Outreach Ministries*

November 13, 2021

At this point, we are continuing to drop off the food rather than serving it.

However, the shelter's Volunteer Coordinators are very grateful for our unwavering support over the recent months and over the years.

*If anyone would like to help us in this valuable service to the community,
please contact Vickie Wilson, Meals Coordinator, Patrick Boggs, or Anita Powell (Ministry Chairs)*

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.

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)

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 the church office to ask for an email invite:

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

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Text **BELLS** to 42828 to get started. (Message and data rates may apply.)

Regular Christ Church Office hours:

Monday: 8:00 am - 12:00 PM

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 8:00 am - 2:00 PM

Closed Friday

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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.

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.

