



The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost
November 9, 2025
10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

Reader A reading from the Book of Job (19:23-27a)

Job said, "O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book! O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock forever! For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth; and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another."

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

Psalm 17:1-9 *Exaudi, Domine*

- 1 Hear my plea of innocence, O Lord;
give heed /to my /cry; *
listen to my prayer, which does not /come from
lying /lips.
- 2 Let my vindication come forth /from your /presence; *
let your /eyes be fixed on /justice.
- 3 Weigh my heart, summon /me by /night, *
melt me down; you will find /no impurity /in me.
- 4 I give no offense with my mouth as /others /do; *
I have /heeded the words of your /lips.
- 5 My footsteps hold fast to the ways /of your /law; *
in your paths /my feet shall not /stumble.
- 6 I call upon you, O God, for you will /answer /me; *
incline your ear to /me and hear my /words.
- 7 Show me your marvelous /loving-/kindness, *
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand
from those/ who rise up a/gainst them.
- 8 Keep me as the apple /of your /eye; *
hide me under the /shadow of your /wings,
- 9 From the wicked /who as/sault me, *
from my deadly enemies/ who surround /me.



Reader A reading from Paul's Second Letter to the Thessalonians (2:1-5, 13-17)

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you? But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and

hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter. Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

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

Sequence Hymn

"Let saints on earth in concert sing"

Hymn 526

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke (20:27-38)

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus and asked him a question, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her." Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord
People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon "A Legacy to Protect?"

The Rev. John Adams

Ideas to ponder:

- What legacies have been left to you to continue?
- What legacy do you hope to leave when you die?
- How does the dead being alive in God change your thinking about legacies?

The Nicene Creed *standing*

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 Form IV

BCP 388

- Reader* Let us pray for the Church and for the world. (*Pause*) Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. (*Pause*) Lord, in your mercy
- People* Hear our prayer.
- Reader* Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. (*Pause*) Lord, in your mercy
- People* Hear our prayer.
- Reader* Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. (*Pause*) Lord, in your mercy
- People* Hear our prayer.
- Reader* Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. (*Pause*) Lord, in your mercy
- People* Hear our prayer.
- Reader* Comfort and heal *Sue, Julia, Jennifer, Mallory, Hope, Doug, Leon, Randy, Betsy E., Ruby, Joe, John, Ginger C., Jay A., David*, and all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. (*Pause*) Lord, in your mercy
- People* Hear our prayer.
- Reader* We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially Elizabeth, 'Betsy' Smith, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. (*Pause*) Lord, in your mercy
- People* Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant offers a concluding collect.

Confession of Sin *Kneeling or standing*

BCP 360

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.

Celebrant 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 *Standing*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Peace may be exchanged through handshakes, hugs, fist bumps, waves, nods, or other such expressions; please be attentive to how much or little physical contact your neighbors would prefer. Once the Peace has been sufficiently exchanged, the people may sit for announcements. During the announcements, the Celebrant will invite those who are celebrating a birthday or wedding anniversary this week (or whose recent birthday or anniversary has not yet been prayed for in church) to come forward so we may pray for them.

Offertory Anthem

O Sing to the Lord Most High

Robert J. Powell

The Doxology:

v. 3, Hymn 380

All: Praise God, from whom all blessing flow;
praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Holy Communion, Eucharistic Prayer A

Standing

BCP 361

Celebrant 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

BCP 361-362

It is right... proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

Hymnal S 125

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.

Celebrant

Kneeling or standing

BCP 362-363

Holy and gracious Father: ... do this in remembrance of me. Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

The celebrant blesses the people.

Recessional Hymn

"Ye holy angels bright"

Hymn 625

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Closing Voluntary

Prelude in C

J. S. Bach

**We Give Thanks for the Beauty of the Altar Flowers
Given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of
Christine Cahill and James and Marilyn Frazier
By Dan and Beth Cahill**

Pray today for the people of Grace, Lexington and their rector, the Rev. Tuck Bowerfind. For Grace and Peace in the Diocese of Haiti. Our companion diocese, the Diocese of Leeds and their Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Toby Howarth.

Monday Bible Study

Our Monday evening study meets in the Parish House from 7:00 to 8:00. On **November 10**, we will continue reading the Book of Ecclesiastes with chapters 2 and 3, featuring some of Qohelet's conclusions about the meaninglessness of life and the poem which became The Byrds song "Turn! Turn! Turn!". All are welcome and encouraged to join at any time; no reading ahead of time is necessary.

Church History Class

Our monthly Church History class will continue studying the Reformation on **November 12** at 10:30 in the Undercroft. This month, we will consider the reign of Queen Elizabeth and the Scottish Reformation. All are welcome to join at any time, and no homework is required.

Public Theology

Public Theology meets on **November 12** in the dining room of Forest Park Country Club (to the left after coming through the front clubhouse entrance at 1821 Mulberry Rd). We begin gathering around 6:00 pm; food (sandwiches, burgers, wings, etc.) and drinks (beer and wine) are available to purchase from the Clubhouse Grill. From 7:00 to 8:00 pm, we will discuss the concept of original sin and the different ways it has been interpreted historically.

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of Christ Church will take place after the 10:30 service on **November 16**. Lunch will be provided. In addition to discussing the campaign and the work that has been done on the church, the meetings the Vestry has had with Diocesan Canon for Evangelism Jenni Faires, and current state of the finances, we will elect four members to three-year terms on the Vestry.

2026 Pledges

Pledges of financial support for 2026. These pledges help us in prayerfully putting together our budget for next year, through which we give back to God even in challenging times. We will gratefully receive your pledges anytime but hope to receive as many as possible on or before **November 16**, when we will offer a prayer of thanks during the service. If you did not receive a pledge card in the mail or need another one, they are available in the narthex.

Angel Tree

This Advent, we will once again partner with Boys & Girls Club in the Angel Tree ministry. Members of Christ Church will be invited to purchase Christmas presents for a specific child and/or write a check to Boys & Girls Club. Stay tuned for more details later this month.

Food Lion Grocery Cards for Sale

Trippi Penn, or Susan Critz in Trippi's absence, and the Church office have Food Lion grocery cards for sale in \$50, \$100, and \$200 increments. Thanksgiving and Christmas are coming up. These cards are wonderful presents. We also have sleeves for the cards if you want to give them as a gift.

Grace Network - Our Grace Network Assignments for November through December: Oatmeal canister or instant packets. For November: bath soap, toilet paper, toothpaste, toothbrush (toothbrushes need to be individually wrapped), and other hygiene items. As a Church family, we have committed to helping Grace Network with stocking their food pantry for those in need. Please remember to pick up our assigned item the next time you visit the grocery store. You can bring your items to the Church office OR put them in the little red wagon in the Narthex.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVE!

Celebrant: The Rev. John Adams

Reader: Kelly Cain

Chalists: Hank Long, Tom Webster

Acolyte: Pete Scouras

Ushers: Jay Dickens, Kyle Trent

Organist/Choirmaster: Lynn Gardner

Chorister/Cantor: Raul West

Christ Church Choir: St. Christopher's Choir

Camera Operator: Andy Williams

Counters: Will Zimmer, Steve Keyser

Nursery:

Altar Guild Team #3 – Page Beeler, Karen Jones, Nancy Spilman,
Ellen Maxwell, Ben Beeler

2025 Christ Church Vestry

Year 3: Natalie Coleman; Secretary, Pat Russell. Will Zimmer

Year 2: Bob Bushnell, Rives Coleman; Senior Warden, LaRue Powers,
Bob Weatherall, Junior Warden

Year 1: Susan Critz, Butch Hamlet; Treasurer, Michael Hodges, Steve Keyser