



# CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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The Second Sunday after Pentecost  
June 7, 2026  
10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

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*Please silence your electronic devices. Music and lyrics of hymns may be found in the blue Hymnal 1982. Full text of prayers may be found in the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP).*

The Opening Voluntary                      *Be Thou My Vision*                      Gordon Young

Processional Hymn                              *"Earth and all stars"*                              Hymn 412

Celebrant    Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
People        *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

*The Celebrant says*

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.*

*Gloria in excelsis*                              *Glory to God*                              Hymnal S 280

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.*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People:        *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Reader        A reading from the Book of Genesis (12:1-9)

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was

seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the Lord appeared to Abram, and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

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

**Psalm 33:1-12        *Exultate, justi***

- 1    Rejoice in the /Lord, you /righteous; \*  
       it is good for the /just to sing /praises.
- 2    Praise the Lord /with the /harp; \*  
       play to him upon the /psaltery and /lyre.
- 3    Sing for him /a new /song; \*  
       sound a fanfare with all your/ skill upon the /trumpet.
- 4    For the word of the /Lord is /right, \*  
       and /all his works are /sure.
- 5    He loves righteous/ness and /justice; \*  
       the loving-kindness of the /Lord fills the whole /earth.
- 6    By the word of the Lord were the /heavens /made, \*  
       by the breath of his mouth/ all the heavenly /hosts.
- 7    He gathers up the waters of the ocean as /in a /water-skin \*  
       and /stores up the depths of the /sea.
- 8    Let all the earth /fear the /Lord; \*  
       let all who dwell in the world/ stand in awe of/ him.
- 9    For he spoke, and it /came to /pass; \*  
       he commanded, /and it stood /fast.
- 10   The Lord brings the will of the /nations to /naught; \*  
       he /thwarts the designs of the /peoples.
- 11   But the Lord's will stands /fast for /ever, \*  
       and the designs of his /heart from age to /age.
- 12   Happy is the nation whose God /is the /Lord! \*  
       happy the people he has chosen /to be his /own!



Reader        A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Church in Rome (4:13-25)

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on

faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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

Sequence Hymn                      *“Come, thou fount of every blessing”*                      Hymn 686

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew (9:9-13, 18-26)  
 People:      *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.” While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, “My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.” And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.” Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader’s house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, “Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

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

The Sermon                      *“That sleep of death”*                      The Rev. John Adams  
*Ideas to ponder:*

- How do we (collectively and individually) deny death?
- How are death and sleep alike and different?

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.

A Litany of Healing      *Standing or kneeling*

*Reader*      God the Father, your will for all people is health and salvation;  
*People*      *We praise you and thank you, O Lord.*

*Reader*      God the Son, you came that we might have life, and might have it more  
abundantly;  
*People*      *We praise you and thank you, O Lord.*

*Reader*      God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence;  
*People*      *We praise you and thank you, O Lord.*

*Reader*      Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being;  
*People*      *We praise you and thank you, O Lord.*

*Reader*      Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or disabled,  
especially *Sue, Julia, Mallory, Ginger C., Jay J., David C., Ashley F.,*  
*Michael, Jim A., and Tracy,* and that they may be made whole;  
*People*      *Hear us, O Lord of life.*

*Reader*      Grant to all who seek your guidance, and to all who are lonely, anxious,  
or despondent, a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your  
presence;  
*People*      *Hear us, O Lord of life.*

*Reader*      Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to  
soundness of mind and serenity of spirit;  
*People*      *Hear us, O Lord of life.*

*Reader* Bless physicians, nurses, and all others who minister to the suffering, granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience;  
*People* *Hear us, O Lord of life.*

*Reader* Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved;  
*People* *Hear us, O Lord of life.*

*Reader* Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives, in our nation, and in the world;  
*People* *Hear us, O Lord of life.*

*Reader* You are the Lord who does wonders:  
*People* *You have declared your power among the peoples.*

*Reader* With you, O Lord, is the well of life:  
*People* *And in your light we see light.*

*Reader* Hear us, O Lord of life:  
*People* *Heal us, and make us whole.*

*All may offer their prayers at this time, aloud or in the silence of their hearts, after which the Celebrant offers a concluding collect.*

*Celebrant* Let us confess our need for God's healing grace.

*Celebrant and people*

Compassionate God, we confess our weaknesses in body, mind, and spirit, and our need for your strengthening touch. We confess that some of what ails us stems from our own fault, while some is beyond our control. We turn to you, source of life, and ask in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ for the gifts of true healing and life in you. Amen.

*Celebrant* May the God of love visit you in your times of trial and weakness, and raise you to newness of life, through Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Those desiring laying on of hands and anointing with oil for healing of themselves or others may come to the altar rail at this time, or those who cannot or prefer not to come forward may inform an usher, who will tell the Celebrant to come to you. Please whisper to the Celebrant your name or the name of the person for whom you are praying so he may pray for the appropriate people.*

**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

*Be Thou My Vision*

arr. Richard Shephard

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.

*Celebrant*

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

BCP 361-362

*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:

*Celebrant and People*

Hymnal S 132

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

*Celebrant*

*Kneeling or standing*

BCP 363

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption...Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer (People and Celebrant)

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.

Breaking of Bread

Fraction Anthem

*Christ Our Passover*

Hymnal S 154

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*Celebrant* 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.

*All baptized Christians are invited to receive at the altar rail, kneeling or standing. Gluten-free wafers are available by request. If you do not wish to receive communion, you may come forward and place your arms across your chest to receive a blessing. After receiving the bread, you may choose to consume the bread and take a sip of wine from the chalice or hold onto the bread and intinct (dip) it into the wine, in which case please hold the wafer in front of you so the chalice will know to bring you the intinction cup. You may also decline to receive the wine (as the bread in itself is full communion), in which case if you remain at the altar rail please place your arms across your chest to signal the chalice. Those who cannot or prefer not to come forward may inform an usher, and the Celebrant will come to you.*

Communion Chant                      *Declare his wonders among all people*                      Psalm 96

Communion Hymn                      *O God, unseen yet ever near*                      Hymn 332

*Once all have received, the celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and people, standing or kneeling*

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 celebrant blesses the people.*

Recessional Hymn                      *"God himself is with us"*                      Hymn 475

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

*People: Thanks be to God.*

The Closing Voluntary                      *Prelude in B Flat*                      J. S. Bach

*The beauty of the Altar Flowers are Given to the Glory of God  
and in Loving Memory of  
Norvel E. and Dorothy B. Farrar and Willard and Julia Potter  
By Larry and Becky P. Farrar*

**Discretionary Fund** – Today is the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month and the loose offering is designated for the Rector's Discretionary Fund. All checks should include the notation, "For RDF".

Pray today for our new bishop, The Rt. Rev. Karin MacPhail and our former bishops, The Rt. Rev. Mark Boursakas, The Rt. Rev. Neff Powell and The Rt. Rev. Heath Light. For Grace and Peace in the Diocese of Haiti. Our companion diocese, the Diocese of Leeds and their Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Toby Howarth.

### **Summer Sunday Lemonade**

Continuing a summer tradition, we will have fellowship time with lemonade (or tea) and cookies on the patio (or in the undercroft if it's raining) **after the 10:30 service, June 7 through August 30**; if you are willing to help bring beverages and treats or set up and clean up, please sign up on our website under 'volunteers', for your Sunday. There is some lemonade and tea in the Undercroft refrigerator. Cups and napkins will be provided.

### **Public Theology**

Public Theology meets on **June 10 at the Ground Floor** (1 E Church St); food and drinks (alcoholic and non-alcoholic) will be available from the usual menu. We begin gathering at 6:00 pm, with the program going from 7:00 to 8:00.

### **Flag Day Summer Outing**

On **Sunday, June 14**, please join us for an evening of croquet, dinner, and fellowship in **Marty Gardner's woods**; we'll begin gathering at 4:30 pm and eat around 5:30. Although reservations are not required, in order to know how much food to prepare, please sign up on our website under 'volunteers'. **Red, white & Blue clothes are the theme. Park in the Parish House parking lot and follow the flags to the festivities.** If you have balance, knee or hip problems, you can use Marty's driveway and drive directly to the party. Wear comfortable shoes as there is some rough terrain.

### **Grace Network**

Our Grace Network Assignments for **June: Applesauce (24-32 oz) OR six packs of individuals**. For **June: dish detergent, deodorant, laundry detergent, and hygiene items**. As a Church family, we have committed to helping Grace Network by 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:** Bob Bushnell

**Chalists:** Hank Long, Dawn Stone

**Organist/Choirmaster:** Lynn Gardner

**Chorister/Cantor:** Raul West

**Christ Church Choir:** St. Christopher's Choir

**Ushers:** Trippi Penn, Jay Dickens

**Camera Operator:** Natalie Coleman

**Counters:** Susan Critz, Ron Probst

**Altar Guild Team #5** – Lloyd Barber, Debbie Lewis, Jill Dickens,  
Amy Joyce, Pat Russell, Vicki Crosby

**Nursery Attendant:** Caroline Davis

### **2026 Christ Church Vestry**

**Year 3:** Bob Bushnell, Rives Coleman; Senior Warden, LaRue Powers,  
Bob Weatherall, Junior Warden

**Year 2:** Susan Critz, Butch Hamlet; Treasurer, Michael Hodges; Secretary, Steve Keyser

**Year 1:** Kelly Cain, Jay Dickens, Linda O'Dell, Ron Probst