



Welcome to Christ Church! We're glad you're worshipping with us today.

Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent; invite God into your home.

Before the service, speak to the Lord; during the service, let the Lord speak to you; after the service, speak to one another.

10:00AM

Prelude

Permission to podcast / stream the music in this service obtained from ONE LICENSE, License #400273-P. All rights reserved.
©2011 by Pilot Point Music/ASCAP

RITE II, MORNING PRAYER

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart, arr. Heather Sorenson

Welcome

The Rev. Peter Munson

Good morning. I am the Interim Rector of Christ Church here in Aspen. We welcome you to this time of worship. We are glad to have you with us, whether you are here in person or joining us online. The bulletin for our service of Morning Prayer can be found at christchurchaspen.org under the worship tab, click "service & handouts". The Bulletin is also linked in the description box below this YouTube video. The Sunday Newspaper, with the announcements, is distributed electronically in our Sunday Morning enews. Please sign up for our enews, on our website, to stay connected.

Officiant: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

Confession of Sin (*Officiant*)

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

(*Officiant & 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.

Officiant: 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.*

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

People: **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen

Antiphon

The mercy of the Lord is everlasting.

Come let us adore him.

Jubilate

The Rev Peter. Munson

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.
Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.
For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

A Reading from the Book of Psalms (Psalm 105:1-11, 45b)

Paul Tripplehorn

Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.

**Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
and speak of all his marvelous works.**

Glory in his holy Name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

**Search for the LORD and his strength; *
continually seek his face.**

Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,

**O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
O children of Jacob his chosen.**

He is the LORD our God; *
his judgments prevail in all the world.

**He has always been mindful of his covenant, *
the promise he made for a thousand generations:**

The covenant he made with Abraham, *
the oath that he swore to Isaac,

**Which he established as a statute for Jacob, *
an everlasting covenant for Israel,**

Saying, "To you will I give the land of Canaan *
to be your allotted inheritance."

Hallelujah!

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans (Romans 8:26-39)

Paul Tripplehorn

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

A Reading from Cantic 17, The Song of Simeon

Paul Tripplehorn

Lord, you now have set your servant free *

to go in peace as you have promised;

For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, *

whom you have prepared for all the world to see:

A Light to enlighten the nations, *

and the glory of your people Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew (Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52)

The Rev. Peter Munson

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.” He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.” “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. “Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

The Rev. Peter Munson

Let us say together the Apostles Creed

BCP, p. 96

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth; I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Announcements

Offertory Music

***Immortal, Invisible with Handel’s Water Music*, Arr. Marilynn Ham**

Permission to podcast / stream the music in this service obtained from ONE LICENSE, License #400273-P. All rights reserved ©MMIII by Alfred Publishing Co., Inc

The Prayers

Let us pray

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.

Suffrages - Set A Let us Pray together

Paul Tripplehorn

Show us your mercy, O Lord; **And grant us your salvation.**

Clothe your ministers with righteousness; **Let your people sing with joy.**

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world; **For only in you can we live in safety.**

Lord, keep this nation under your care; **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

Let your way be known upon earth; **Your saving health among all nations.**

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten; **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

Create in us clean hearts, O God; **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

A Prayer for the Eights Sunday after Pentecost

The Rev. Peter Munson

O God, the protector of all that trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us thy mercy; that, thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Social Justice (BCP, p.823)

The Rev. Peter Munson

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart and especially the hearts of the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

A Prayer for Mission (BCP, p100)

The Rev. Peter Munson

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Intercessory Prayers

Paul Tripplehorn

Let us pray for our family and friends at Christ Church, Aspen.

Prayer list Names:

Christ Episcopal Church Members: Phyllis, Jan, Bob & Marsha, George, Margo & Keith, Veronica, BobbiAnn, John, Kim, Tom, Bob, All those serving their country, the young people and students of Aspen

Friends and Family of CEC Members: The family and friends of Armando, Don, Dolly, Campbell, Jack, Noel, Susan & Mickey, Petra, Harrison, Charlie, Elizabeth, Beverly, Jocelyn, Henry, Annie, Otto

Repose of the soul of Armando Zamundio, and healing and comfort for the family of Armando.

We pray for Jan Blaich, who had back surgery on July 22.

We pray healing for Phyllis Townsend, who is recovering from knee replacement surgery on June 30.

We pray healing for Nancy Sweet, the sister-in-law of Diana Rumsey, who had surgery on July 15.

We pray for the health and well-being of all of our members and visitors, as we resume in-person worship and continue our online worship.

For the doctors, nurses and first responders in the Roaring Fork Valley and throughout the world, as they combat the coronavirus pandemic, and for all those who are suffering with the coronavirus.

We pray for healing. We pray for the thousands of souls who have died from the coronavirus around the world this week.

Let Us Pray for Christ Church

Paul Tripplehorn

Father, we thank you for loving us and living through us. May all that we do flow from our deep connection with you. At this time of transition for Christ Church, we ask for your help in discerning your will to strengthen and grow our church, to your glory. Help us to be attentive to one another, respecting your desires for our church so that we may be unified in our mission. We pray for your guidance as we seek to become the Christian community you wish us to be. We offer these prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer of General Thanksgiving

The Rev. Peter Munson

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

Then may be said

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.* Thank you for joining with members of Christ Church, Aspen in this time of worship. Have a blessed week.

Postlude

Brethren, We Have Met To Worship, Arr. Heather Sorenson

Permission to podcast / stream the music in this service obtained from ONE LICENSE, License #400273-P. All rights reserved ©2012 by HAL LEONARD CORPORATION



CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ASPEN
536 West North Street · Aspen CO 81611-1253
970.925.3278 / www.christchurchaspen.org