

# CHRIST CHURCH

## THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN ASPEN



EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST  
OCTOBER 4, 2020

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

*Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent; for this is the House of God.*

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

**10:00 AM**

**THE ANTE-COMMUNION, RITE II**  
***The Book of Common Prayer, pp. 355-360***

**Prelude**

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***Welcome***

**The Rev. Peter Munson**

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 Ante-Communion can be found at [christchurchaspen.org](http://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.

*Presider:* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

**The Collect for Purity**

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 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.**

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Presider:* Let us pray.

**The Collect of the Day**

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen. (Please be seated.)*

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD**

*A Reading from the Book of Exodus (Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20)*

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor. When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die." Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."

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

***A Reading from the Book of Psalms (Psalm 19)***

The heavens declare the glory of God, \*  
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

**One day tells its tale to another, \*  
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

Although they have no words or language, \*  
and their voices are not heard,

**Their sound has gone out into all lands, \*  
and their message to the ends of the world.**

In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; \*  
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

**It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens  
and runs about to the end of it again; \*  
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; \*  
the testimony of the LORD is sure  
and gives wisdom to the innocent.

**The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; \*  
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

The fear of the LORD is clean and endures for ever; \*  
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

**More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, \*  
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

By them also is your servant enlightened, \*  
and in keeping them there is great reward.

**Who can tell how often he offends? \*  
cleanse me from my secret faults.**

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion over me; \*  
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my  
heart be acceptable in your sight, \*  
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

***A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians (Philippians 3:4b-14)***

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.



PHILIPPIANS 3:13-14

...forgetting what lies behind  
and straining forward  
to what lies ahead,  
I press on toward the goal  
for the prize of the heavenly call  
of God in Christ Jesus.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

### **The Gospel**

***The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (Matthew 21:33-46)***

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

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.'" So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:

'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

*Priest:* The Gospel of the Lord

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

### **Sermon**

The Rev. Peter Munson

*A period of silence will be kept.*

***The Nicene Creed, (Please stand)***

**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.**

***Welcome / Announcements / Birthday & Anniversary Prayers / Travel Prayers***

***Offertory Music***

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***The Prayers of the People (Form III)***

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

***That we all may be one.***

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

***That your Name may be glorified by all people.***

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

***That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.***

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
***That there may be justice and peace on the earth.***

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
***That our works may find favor in your sight.***

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
***That they may be delivered from their distress.***

Give to the departed eternal rest.  
***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
***May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.***

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

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

***Prayer list Names:***

***Christ Episcopal Church Members:*** Philip, 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:*** Brad, Robin, Family and Friends of Armando, Julia, Dolly, Campbell, Jack, Noel, Susan & Mickey, Petra, Harrison, Charlie, Elizabeth, Beverly, Jocelyn, Henry, Annie, Otto

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.

We pray for rain in the West. We give thanks for all firefighters and pray for their protection and safety. 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***

Father, we ask for your continued blessing on Christ Church and all who are part of the ministries of this place. We thank you for blessing us as you have. Especially at this time of transition for our church, we ask for your help in discerning your will as we pursue our rector search process. We pray for your guidance as we seek to become the Christian community you wish us to be. Be with us we pray. We lift up our prayer of praise, worship and thanksgiving in Jesus name. Amen.

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

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*

*Please stand*

*Presider:* As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

**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.**

**A Blessing by the Priest**

*Presider:* Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works, and give glory to your Father in heaven.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

Thank you for joining with members of Christ Church, Aspen in this time of worship. Have a blessed week.

***Postlude***

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