

CHRIST CHURCH

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN ASPEN



SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 9, 2023

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

Hymns and service music are found in the blue Hymnal 1982. Text of prayers and lessons are included here.

Please join us for refreshments following the service, outside the front steps or in the Rowland Davis Hall (weather depending).

10:00 AM

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II
The Book of Common Prayer, pp. 355-366

PRELUDE

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider: Blessed be the God: Father, son and Holy Spirit

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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Hymnal 371, *Thou whose almighty word*
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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

Hymnal S-280, *Glory to God*

**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 with thy spirit.**

Presider: Let us pray.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Priest says: O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 GENESIS 24: 34-38, 42-49, 58-67

The servant said to Laban, "I am Abraham's servant. The LORD has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, 'You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.'

"I came today to the spring, and said, 'O LORD, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to

draw, to whom I shall say, "Please give me a little water from your jar to drink," and who will say to me, "Drink, and I will draw for your camels also" —let her be the woman whom the LORD has appointed for my master's son.'

"Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, 'Please let me drink.' She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, 'Drink, and I will also water your camels.' So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, 'Whose daughter are you?' She said, 'The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him.' So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshiped the LORD, and blessed the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left."

And they called Rebekah, and said to her, "Will you go with this man?" She said, "I will." So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, "May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes." Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way. Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, "Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?" The servant said, "It is my master." So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

Presider: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

SONG OF SOLOMON 2:8-13

The voice of my beloved!

Look, he comes,

**leaping upon the mountains,
bounding over the hills.**

My beloved is like a gazelle

or a young stag.

**Look, there he stands
behind our wall,**

gazing in at the windows,

looking through the lattice.

My beloved speaks and says to me:

**"Arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away;**

for now the winter is past,

the rain is over and gone.

**The flowers appear on the earth;
the time of singing has come,**

and the voice of the turtledove

is heard in our land.

**The fig tree puts forth its figs,
and the vines are in blossom;
they give forth fragrance.**

Arise, my love, my fair one,

and come away."

**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 LETTER OF PAUL TO THE ROMANS 7:15-25A

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do

not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL HYMN

Hymnal 693, *Just as I am* Verses 1,2,4,6

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THE GOSPEL (*Please stand*)

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

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

Jesus said to the crowd, "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Bill Lupfer

A period of silence will be kept.

THE NICENE CREED, p. 358 (*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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM VI

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For God's people throughout the world; for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Kym, our Bishop, and Bill, our Priest; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We pray for members of our Christ Church Family, especially this day for MaeriJane, Juan, Charla, Craig, for John, Sue, Jenny & Emma Treacy. We pray for Chip Howe, Lexi, and Betsy Warren. We pray for Jan, Robert, Mindy, Chris, and Jim, for Philip, Marilyn, Diana, Peter, Joanne, and Karen. We pray for the continued development of little Otto.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. We pray for the family of Sue Helm on the passing of her son, and for Sandra Davis on the passing of her husband, Lynn.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Presider: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence My be kept.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PEACE *All stand.*

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

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THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY MUSIC

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DOXOLOGY

Hymnal 380 vs. 3, Praise God from whom all blessings flow

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**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; / Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; / Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(The people remain standing)*

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The Presider proceeds:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing...etc. 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:

SANCTUS

Tune: Land of Rest

**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.

Hosanna in the highest.

(The people stand or kneel.)

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself...etc. Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Presider continues: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father...etc. ...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.** [*The great AMEN is said as a loud acclamation*].

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then the following is said:

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

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

THE INVITATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

After the Invitation, members of the congregation will be invited to come pick up the blessed elements, one per person, at the altar rail. Please come up the center aisle and return to your seat via the outside aisle. After everyone has returned to their seats we will all receive communion together.

COMMUNION MUSIC

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER, p. 365 (*Please stand*)

Presider 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.**

THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Hymnal 657, Love, divine
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THE DISMISSAL

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Presider: The Rev. Dr. Bill Lupfer

Director of Music: Molly Noel

Vocal: Masha Vasilevskaya, soprano

Piano: Itamar Esformes (AMFS Students)

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| <i>Acolyte</i> | 8:00 a.m. | Phyllis Townsend |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Donna Rowlands |
| <i>Reader</i> | 8:00 a.m. | Lynn Russell |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Tracy Murtagh |
| <i>Altar Guild</i> | 8:00 a.m. | Katrina Gallant |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Donna Rowlands |
| <i>Greeter/Usher</i> | 8:00 a.m. | Stoney Davis |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Patrick Murtagh |
| <i>Fellowship</i> | | |



SUMMER MUSIC AT CHRIST CHURCH ASPEN

This summer we will again welcome Aspen Music Festival & School music students to perform at services from July 2 through August 20th. Please give them a warm welcome and enjoy their special talents.

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The Live Broadcast will at 10:00 a.m. at ChristChurchAspen.org

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The Sunday News Page

July 9, 2023, SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH

We are glad you are here. If you are a newcomer, or a visitor, please fill out the *Welcome Card* in the pew or in the Narthex, and give to an usher. We would love to get to know you better.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

7/16 Anne & Clarence Blackwell

WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP

Women's Summer Bible Study beginning **Wednesday, July 12 through August 2**, is co-facilitated by Charlotte Tripplehorn and Elizabeth Klump. A closing luncheon will be at the home of Charlotte Tripplehorn on Wednesday, August 16. We've prayerfully chosen to study the four books of *Colossians*.

Place: Christ Episcopal Church, 536 W North Street

Time: 10-11:30 A.M., with an intro by The Rev. Dr. Bill Lupfer, the Rector at Christ Church.

Please let us know if you are interested in joining us this summer. It is not necessary to make each Wednesday, just come when you can! Feel free to share the information. RSVP to Elizabeth at elizklump@gmail.com.

PARISH PICNIC

The next picnic will be **Sunday, July 16**. Join us the third Sunday of the month following the 10 A.M Liturgy in the church courtyard and garden. Christ Church will provide food for the grill. Please bring a side dish to share. To help estimate how many to plan for, please sign up on the table in the Narthex. Members and visitors welcome. For more information contact Siri Mytty at siri@christchurchaspen.org.

GUEST PREACHER

Join on **Sunday, July 16th**, as we welcome our first guest preacher for this summer, Jay Hughes. He will preach both services, 8:00 & 10:00 A.M. He will host a preview of his lecture series, held in August, "Wealth as Well-Being: the Nature of Spiritual Capital in Flourishing Families." Lunch sessions will be held, August 13 & 20 from 11:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.

MUSIC IN THE WEST END

Music in the West End presents "Spring Waters: A Celebration of the Seasons in Song" on **Thursday, July 20** at 6 P.M. featuring Nikki Boxer, mezzo-soprano and Molly Noel, piano.

ON-GOING AT CHRIST CHURCH

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School and the Nursery are available on Sundays at 10:00 A.M.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The sign up for Altar flowers is on the table in the Narthex. The florist fee is \$203. You are welcome to make a homemade arrangement or share a day with someone. Altar Flowers come with your personal inscription in the Sunday News. For more information, please contact Siri Mytty at siri@christchurchaspen.org.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY Wednesdays at 8 A.M. at the Mountain Chalet

Wednesday mornings at 8 A.M. for breakfast and men's Bible Study. Email Warren Klug for details at warrenklug1@gmail.com.