

CHRIST CHURCH

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN ASPEN



SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

Welcome to Christ Church! We're glad you're worshipping 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

Schubert: *Molto Moderato* from *Sonata in B-flat, D. 960*

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 665, *All my hope on God is founded, verses 1-3*
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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: Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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 JONAH 3:10-4:11

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." Then the LORD said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

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

PSALM 145:1-8

I will exalt you, O God my King, *
and bless your Name for ever and ever.

**Every day will I bless you *
and praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; *
there is no end to his greatness.

**One generation shall praise your works to another *
and shall declare your power.**

I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty *
and all your marvelous works.

**They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, *
and I will tell of your greatness.**

They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; *
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.

**The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.**

**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 PHILIPPIANS 1:21-30

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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

GOSPEL HYMN

Hymnal 523, *Glorious things of thee are spoken*
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THE GOSPEL (*Please stand*)

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 20:1-16

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

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

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 Charla, Chip Howe, Lexi, and Betsy Warren. We pray for Jan, Robert, Diana, David and Brian. 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 Lupfer family on the death of Bill Lupfer Sr., may he rest in peace.

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.

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS / BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS / TRAVEL PRAYERS

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Edward MacDowell: *To a Wild Rose*
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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.

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 344, *Lord dismiss us with thy blessing*
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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 Schubert: *Scherzo from Sonata in B-flat, D. 960*

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*PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE*

*Presider:* Rev. Dr. Bill Lupfer

*Director of Music :* Mandy Gessler

*Piano & Organ :* Mandy Gessler

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| <i>Acolyte</i>       | 8:00 a.m.  | Tom Gorman          |
|                      | 10:00 a.m. | Donna Rowlands      |
| <i>Reader</i>        | 8:00 a.m.  | Maurine Fitzpatrick |
|                      | 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.  | Maurine Fitzpatrick |
|                      | 10:00 a.m. | Patrick Murtagh     |

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THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPPING WITH US!
In-Person Services are at 8:00 and 10:00A.M.
The Live Broadcast will at 10:00A.M. at ChristChurchAspen.org

NEW MUSIC DIRECTOR: MANDY GESSLER



Mandy Gessler has served as worship service pianist and organist at the Aspen/Snowmass Christian Science Society, Advent Lutheran Church in Winchester, VA, the United Methodist Church in Appleton, WI and Mitchell Presbyterian Church in Mitchell, IN.

As a classical pianist, she made her Carnegie Hall debut in 2014 and has performed widely throughout the US and Europe. Her performances have been broadcast on Colorado Public Radio and Irish National Television. Her teachers include legendary pianists, Menahem Pressler, John O'Connor and Richard Goode. She holds a Bachelor of Music in piano performance from Lawrence University, a Master of Music from Indiana University and a Doctor of Musical Arts from the University of Colorado Boulder.

Mandy first came to Aspen as an Aspen Music Festival Student in 2005 and immediately fell in love with the valley. She takes full advantage of living in these beautiful mountains; she particularly enjoys trail running in the summer and AT skiing in the winter. She has performed with us at Christ Church for "Music in the West End" and Christmas performances. www.amandagessler.com

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VESTRY

Lindsay Gorman (Sr. Warden), Joel Shannon (Jr. Warden), Eric Pelander (Treasurer), Diana Rumsey (Clerk), Peter Grenney, Jay Webster, Tracy Murtagh, Janice James, and Peter Harrigan.

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Janice James, Neal Douthant, Wayne Stryker, Diana Rumsey, Tracy Murtagh and Jay Webster.
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The Sunday News Page

September 24, 2023, SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENETCOST

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 BIRTHDAY

9/26 Cecilia Martin, 9/26 Philip Salrt, and 9/28 Susan O'Neal

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

9/24 Callie & Kim Lawrence, 9/25 Liz Flannagan & Neal Batson, and 9/27 Patti & Jay Webster.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Beginning next Sunday, **October 1, 2023** through November 26, we will return to one worship service at **9:00 A.M.**, Rite II. Sunday School will also change to 9:00 A.M. During this time. We will resume two services again in December.

DIOCESE CONVENTION DELEGATE NEEDED

We are in need of an additional delegate to represent Christ Church along with Rev. Dr. Bill Lupfer and Donna Rowland for the annual Diocese Convention in Grand Junction **October 5-7, 2023**. Please email Siri for more information or to volunteer at siri@christchurchaspen.org.

SAVE THE DATE!

Our first fall Music in the West End Concert will be on **October 22, 2023** at 4:00 P.M. Come and listen to the to High Country Sinfonia perform Bach's Coffee Cantata and Mahler's Adagietto From Symphony No. 5. Please join us for a reception after the concert.

ALTAR GUILD'S NEEDED

We want you! Discover a deeper connection to your faith by joining our Altar Guild volunteers. As part of the Altar Guild, your efforts will touch the lives of congregants and visitors alike, making a lasting impression. Join us today and help continue to light the path of devotion for generations to come. Contact **Diana Rumsey** at (970)379-1310 or zgrumsey@gmail.com to learn more and get involved.

ON-GOING AT CHRIST CHURCH

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School and the Nursery are available on Sundays at 10:00 A.M., **next Sunday, October 1**, will begin Sunday School at **9:00 A.M.**

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN 2024

We hope that you will prayerfully consider joining us in making a financial pledge this year. In addition every new pledge will be matched. Your pledge can help us build toward an even brighter future. May you **"Let Your Light Shine through the Joy of Giving."** If you did not receive a letter in the mail, there are additional pledge cards on the Narthex table.

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

Wednesday mornings at 8:00 A.M. for breakfast and men's Bible Study. Email Warren Klug for details at warrenklug1@gmail.com.