

CHRIST CHURCH  
THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN ASPEN



FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST  
SEPTEMBER 3, 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

*Praise Go, from Whom All Blessings Flow* Arr. J. B. Taylor  
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THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

**Hymnal 494**, *Crown him with many crowns, Verses 1,2,4,5*  
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*(Please be seated.)*

THE CELEBRATION AND BLESSING OF MARRIAGE

*Priest:* Dearly beloved: We have come together in the presence of God to witness and bless the joining together of Wayne and Madeline in Holy Matrimony. The bond and covenant of marriage was established by God in creation, and our Lord Jesus Christ adorned this manner of life by his presence and first miracle at a wedding in Cana of Galilee. It signifies to us the mystery of the union between Christ and his Church, and Holy Scripture commends it to be honored among all people.

The union of husband and wife in heart, body, and mind is intended by God for their mutual joy; and for the help and comfort given one another in prosperity and adversity. Therefore marriage is not to be entered into unadvisedly or lightly, but reverently, deliberately, and in accordance with the purposes for which it was instituted by God.

*Wayne, facing Madeline and taking her right hand in his, says*

In the Name of God, I, Wayne Riser, take you, Madeline Larson, to be my wife, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, until we are parted by death. This is my solemn vow.

*Then they loose their hands, and Madeline, still facing Wayne, takes his right hand in hers, and says*

In the Name of God, I, Madeline Larson, take you, Wayne Riser, to be my husband, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, until we are parted by death. This is my solemn vow.

*The Celebrant then addresses the congregation, saying:*

Will all of you witnessing these promises do all in your power to uphold these two persons in their marriage?

*People:* **We will.**

*The Priest adds this blessing*

May God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you; the Lord mercifully with his favor look upon you, and fill you with all spiritual benediction and grace; that you may faithfully live together in this life, and in the age to come have life everlasting. *Amen.*

*Then the Celebrant joins the right hands of husband and wife and says*

Now that Madeline and Wayne have given themselves to each other by solemn vows and with the joining of hands, I pronounce that they are husband and wife, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*Celebrant:* Those whom God has joined together let no one put asunder.

*People:* **Amen.**

## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider:* Let us pray.

O gracious and everliving God, you have created us male and female in your image: Look mercifully upon Wayne and Madeline who come to you seeking your blessing, and assist them with your grace, that with true fidelity and steadfast love they may honor and keep the promises and vows they make; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### A READING FROM SONG OF SONGS 2:10-13; 8:6-7

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.

Set me as a seal upon your heart,  
as a seal upon your arm;  
for love is strong as death,  
passion fierce as the grave.

Its flashes are flashes of fire,  
a raging flame.

Many waters cannot quench love,  
neither can floods drown it.

If one offered for love  
all the wealth of his house,  
it would be utterly scorned.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

### A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS 13:1-13

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

### GOSPEL HYMN

**Hymnal 335, *I am the bread of life* Verses 1,2,4,5**  
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## THE GOSPEL (*Please stand*)

*Priest:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 5:1-10

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

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

*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 Boyer. 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.

*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

*How Great Thou Art* Arranged by Dan Forrest

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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

*Moment by Moment in the setting of Saint-Saëns' Le Cygne* Arrm Cindy Berry  
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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 558, Faith of our fathers**  
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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 *O God, beyond all praising* Arr. David Howard Petit, Tune: Thaxted by Holst

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**PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

***Presider:*** Rev. Dr. Bill Lupfer

***Director of Music :*** Molly Noel

***Piano & Organ :*** Molly Noel

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| <b><i>Acolyte</i></b>       | 8:00 a.m.  | Tom Gorman       |
|                             | 10:00 a.m. | Donna Rowlands   |
| <b><i>Reader</i></b>        | 8:00 a.m.  | Phyllis Townsend |
|                             | 10:00 a.m. | Eric Pelander    |
| <b><i>Altar Guild</i></b>   | 8:00 a.m.  | Katrina Gallant  |
|                             | 10:00 a.m. | Donna Rowlands   |
| <b><i>Greeter/Usher</i></b> | 8:00 a.m.  | Stoney Davis     |
|                             | 10:00 a.m. | Eric Pelander    |

***Fellowship*** ***First Sunday Breakfast***

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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

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Diana Rumsey (Clerk), Peter Grenney, Jay Webster, Tracy Murtagh, Janice James,  
and Peter Harrigan.

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# **The Sunday News Page**

September 3, 2023, FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENETCOST

Today's Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God in thanksgiving for the marriage of Madeline Larson and Wayne Riser.

## **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**

9/3 Bob Chapman, 9/3 Don Smith, 9/4 Daphne Sandrez, 9/5 Denise Monteleone, 9/6 Theresa Martin and 9/7 Arabella Thoyts

## **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

9/4 Lynn Russell and Stoney Davis, 9/4 Eva & Eric Pekkala, and 9/8 Virginia & Darrell Morrow

## **FIRST SUNDAY BREAKFAST TODAY**

Join us between services at 9 a.m. today, **Sunday, September 3**. Donations are appreciated and everyone is welcome! Some say it's the best breakfast in Aspen...come along and decide for yourself.

## **MOLLY NOEL'S LAST SUNDAY TODAY**

We celebrate Molly Noel's last Sunday at Christ Church and to thank her for her time and talents she has graciously given the last few years! We are collecting a purse to give Molly and her family as a gift. If you would like to donate, please bring a check to the office or to the first Sunday breakfast.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL FAMILY HUT TRIP**

Join us on this unique and fun End of Summer event while enjoying the outdoors and golden leaves. After Sunday School on **September 24**, carpool to the Fowler-Hilliard Hut above Camp Hale. Enjoy a fun afternoon, dinner together and spend the night. Suggested age for children is 1st grade and up with a parent attending. If interested, please contact **Heather, (970) 948-7574**.

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

Beginning **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.

## **ON-GOING AT CHRIST CHURCH**

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

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

### **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](mailto:zgrumsey@gmail.com) to learn more and get involved.

### **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](mailto:warrenklug1@gmail.com).