

CHRIST CHURCH

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN ASPEN



TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 12, 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).

9:00 AM

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

PRELUDE

Beethoven: *Allegretto* from Sonata no. 29, Op. 101

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 436, Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates 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: O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he 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 WISDOM OF SOLOMON 6:12-16

Wisdom is radiant and unfading,
and she is easily discerned by those who love her,
and is found by those who seek her.

She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her.

One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty,
for she will be found sitting at the gate.

To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding,
and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care,
because she goes about seeking those worthy of her,
and she graciously appears to them in their paths,
and meets them in every thought.

Presider: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

THE RESPONSE: WISDOM OF SOLOMON 6:17-20

The beginning of wisdom is the most sincere desire for instruction,
and concern for instruction is love of her,

and love of her is the keeping of her laws,

and giving heed to her laws is assurance of immortality,

and immortality brings one near to God;

so the desire for wisdom leads to a kingdom.

**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 FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO THE THESSALONIANS 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL HYMN

Hymnal 343, *Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless*

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THE GOSPEL (*Please stand*)

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 25:1-13

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

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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, Brian, Lynn Murtagh and Glenda. 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. We pray for the family of Ryan Welgos on his passing and Janet Ferrara on the death of her brother Michael. We also pray for the family of Tommy Clapper in his recent passing.

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

Beethoven: *From Sonata Op. 49: Tempo di Menuetto*
Giving QR code located on the back page of the bulletin

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

C.P.E. Bach: *Rondo Espressivo*

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 608, *Eternal Father, strong to save*
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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

Beethoven: *Minuet in C*

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## PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

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

***Minister of Music:*** Mandy Gessler

***Piano & Organ:*** Mandy Gessler

***Acolyte:*** Warren Klug

***Reader:*** Phyllis Townsend

***Altar Guild :*** Katrina Gallant

***Greeter/Usher:*** Leone Falcone

***Fellowship:*** Leone Falcone

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THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPPING WITH US!

In-Person Services are at 9:00A.M.

The Live Broadcast will at 9:00A.M. at ChristChurchAspen.org

GIVING QR CODE



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VESTRY

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

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

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

November 12, 2023, TWENTY-FOURTH 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

11/12 Reina Medrano and 11/18 Chris Klug.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

11/15 Leone & Basil Falcone

HARVEST DINNER

Let's give thanks together on **Thursday, November 16** at 6:00 P.M. in Rowland Davis Hall at the Harvest Dinner. Thanksgiving turkey and side will be provided. Please RSVP on the table in the Narthex or email siri@christchurchaspen.org.

MUSIC IN THE WEST END

Mark your calendar for the next Music in the West End Concert on **Saturday, November 18** at 5:00 P.M. featuring Mandy Gessler on the piano. Join us for a reception following the performance in the Rowland Davis Hall.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

The Children's Christmas Pageant will be on **Sunday, December 10** at the 10:00 A.M. service. Parts will be assigned on November 19, Dress Rehearsal will be on December 3. To sign your child up or for more information, please contact Heather at heather8401@yahoo.com or Joy at joy@strykerbrown.com.

ITEMS FOR RESCOURSE RECOVERY CENTER

The Recovery Resource Center is in dire straits for simple things like Personal supplies etc. This is the list of things that they have run out of: Toothbrushes (with pre paste), Toothbrushes, Small Toothpastes, Floss, Small Lotion, Small shampoos, Men's socks and Hand warmers. Please place items in the wooden box under the coat rack in the Narthex by **Sunday, November 19**.

HOLIDAY BASKETS 2023

Christmas is soon upon us and now is the time to think about the Christmas Gifts for those in need, that may have nothing to look forward to on Christmas Day. This year choose a Christmas gift tag from tree in the Narthex. Bring the new unwrapped gift with the tag attached and place in the wooden box under the coat rack in the Narthex by **Monday, November 27**. Remember giving is not just about making a donation, it's about making a difference.

FIRST SUNDAY BREAKFAST

Join us between Services at 9:00 A.M. on **Sunday, December 4**. Donations are appreciated and everyone is welcome! Some say it's the best breakfast in Aspen...come along and decide for yourself.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS & MUSIC FUND DONATIONS

You are invited to make a contribution to the Christmas Flowers or Music Fund in Thanksgiving or in Memory of loved ones. Donor names and memorials will be listed in the Christmas Eve Bulletins. Suggested donations are \$50 for the flower fund and \$50 for the music fund. Forms can be found on the table in the Narthex. **The deadline is Sunday, December 10.**

SAVE THE DATE: LESSONS & CAROLS

The annual Lessons and Carols Service will be **Friday, December 15** at 7:00 P.M. A holiday service of music and liturgy, featuring Aspen's most beloved musicians. The service runs approximately 1 hour.

ON-GOING AT CHRIST CHURCH

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School and the Nursery are available on Sundays 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.