

# CHRIST CHURCH

## THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN ASPEN



TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST  
NOVEMBER 19, 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).

9:00 AM

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

PRELUDE

Schubert: *Impromptu in A flat*

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 290, *Come ye thankful people, come.***  
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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:* Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; 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 JUDGES 4:1-7

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, after Ehud died. So the LORD sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

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

## PSALM 123

To you I lift up my eyes, \*

to you enthroned in the heavens.

**As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, \***

**and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,**

So our eyes look to the LORD our God, \*

until he show us his mercy.

**Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, \***

**for we have had more than enough of contempt,**

Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, \*

and of the derision of the proud.

**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 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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

## GOSPEL HYMN

**Hymnal 652, Dear Lord and Father of mankind, verses 1-3**  
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## THE GOSPEL (*Please stand*)

*Priest:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 25:14-30  
*People:* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of any things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.'

His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

*Priest:* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People:* **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

## THE SERMON

Rev. Will Fisher

*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.

*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

Beethoven: *Allegro from Sonatina in G, op. 49 no. 2*  
*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

Mozart: *Andante Cantabile* from Sonata in C, K. 530

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 288**, *Praise to God, immortal praise*  
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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

Marianna D'Auenbrugg: *Allegro from Sonata in E-flat*

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**PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

***Presider:*** Rev. Will Fisher

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

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

***Acolyte:*** Donna Rowlands

***Reader:*** Lynn Russell

***Altar Guild :*** Donna Rowlands

***Greeter/Usher:*** Stoney Davis & Lynn Russell

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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](http://ChristChurchAspen.org)



## ABOUT OUR SUPPLY PRIEST, THE REV. WILL FISHER



Fr. Will Fisher comes to us from just down the road in Carbondale. Currently, he's serving as an at-large supply priest for Congregations on the Western Slope. Previously, he had served as Rector of Christ Church in Redding, CT. If he looks familiar, it's because he served for 6 years as Rector of St. Peter's in the Valley in Basalt. Earlier in his career, he served congregations in the Diocese of New York and San Diego. An avid outdoorsman, he enjoys trail running (including 11,100 mile finishes), skiing, ski mountaineering, triathlon (Six Ironman finishes, including one as a guide for a blind athlete), and mountain climbing (all Fifty-Eight Colorado 14ers). He and his wife, Leana (an attorney), have a daughter (Charlotte, a college freshman) and two miniature schnauzers (Bailee and Schultzy). The Buffalo, NY native graduated from General Theological Seminary and Brown University, where he rowed for the heavyweight Crew.

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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

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# **The Sunday News Page**

November 19, 2023, TWENTY-FIFTH 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**

11/20 Melba Pearson, 11/20 Edward William Zane III, 11/21 Michael Rynkiewicz, 11/21 Bruce Schwartz, 11/22 Anders Pekkala, 11/22 Eric Pekkala, and 11/24 Collie Lawrence Jr.

## **ITEMS FOR RESCOURSE RECOVERY CENTER**

The Recovery Resource Center is in dire straights 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, antiperspirant/deodorant, 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 my 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.

## **WINTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Beginning, **Sunday, December 3**, we will return to two services: 8:00 A.M. Rite I and 10:00 A.M. Rite II. Sunday School will change to the 10:00 A.M. service. First Sunday breakfast will be in between services.

## **FIRST SUNDAY BREAKFAST**

Join us between Services at 9:00 A.M. on **Sunday, December 3.** 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.**

## **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 today on November 19, Dress Rehearsal will be on December 3 at 10:00 A.M. To sign your child up or for more information, please contact Heather at [heather8401@yahoo.com](mailto:heather8401@yahoo.com) or Joy at [joy@strykerbrown.com](mailto:joy@strykerbrown.com).

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