**Christ Episcopal Church**

**Holy Eucharist Rite II**

**The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Sunday, August 17, 2025 10 AM**

**PRELUDE** ***Church Cantata for organ: Prelude; Aria, Chorale* S. Karg-Elert**

**Entrance Hymn**  ***All glory be to God on high* H 421**

All glory be to God on high,

and peace on earth from heaven,

And God’s good will unfailingly

Be to all people given.

We bless, we worship you, we raise

For your great glory thanks and praise,

O God, Almighty Father

O Lamb of God, Lord Jesus Christ,

Whom God the Father gave us.

Who for the world was sacrificed

Upon the cross to save us;

And, as you sit at God’s right hand

And we for judgment there must stand

Have mercy, Lord, upon us.

You only are the Holy One,

Who came for our salvation,

And only you are God’s true Son,

Who was before creation.

You, only, Christ, as Lord we own

And with the Spirit, you alone

Share in the Father’s glory.

**Opening Acclamation**

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

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| Celebrant | Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. |
| **People** | **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.** |

**Collect for Purity**

*The Celebrant may say*

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.**

**Song of Praise (***spoken***)**

 *all standing*

***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.***

**The Collect of the Day**

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| Celebrant | The Lord be with you. |
| **People** | ***And also with you.*** |
| Celebrant | Let us pray. |

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

**The Lessons**

**First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7**

A Reading from the book of Isaiah.

Let me sing for my beloved
my love-song concerning his vineyard:

My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.

He dug it and cleared it of stones,
and planted it with choice vines;

he built a watchtower in the midst of it,
and hewed out a wine vat in it;

he expected it to yield grapes,
but it yielded wild grapes.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and people of Judah,

judge between me
and my vineyard.

What more was there to do for my vineyard
that I have not done in it?

When I expected it to yield grapes,
why did it yield wild grapes?

And now I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard.

I will remove its hedge,
and it shall be devoured;

I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.

I will make it a waste;
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and it shall be overgrown with briers and thorns;

I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.

For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts
is the house of Israel,

and the people of Judah
are his pleasant planting;

he expected justice,
but saw bloodshed;

righteousness,
but heard a cry!

Reader The Word of the Lord

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

**Psalm 80:1-2, 8-18**

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; \*
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, \*
stir up your strength and come to help us.

8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt; \*
you cast out the nations and planted it.

9 You prepared the ground for it; \*
it took root and filled the land.

10 The mountains were covered by its shadow \*
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.

11 You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea \*
and its branches to the River.

12 Why have you broken down its wall, \*
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?

13 The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, \*
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

14 Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;
behold and tend this vine; \*
preserve what your right hand has planted.

15 They burn it with fire like rubbish; \*
at the rebuke of your countenance let them perish.

16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, \*
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.

17 And so will we never turn away from you; \*
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.

18 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; \*
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

**Second Reading: Hebrews 11:29-12:2**

A Reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets-- who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented-- of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

**Sequence Hymn *Open your ears, O faithful people* H 536**

1 Open your ears, O faithful people,
open your ears and hear God's Word.
Open your hearts, O royal priesthood,
God has come to you.

Refrain:
God has spoken to the people, hallelujah!
God has spoken words of wisdom, hallelujah!
Torah ora, Torah ora, hallelujah!
Torah ora, Torah ora, hallelujah!

**Gospel: Luke 12:49-56**

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| Priest | The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. |
| **People** | ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.*** |

Jesus said, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:

father against son
and son against father,

mother against daughter
and daughter against mother,

mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, `It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, `There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

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| Priest | The Gospel of the Lord. |
| **People** | ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.*** |

**Sequence Hymn** ***Open your ears, O faithful people* H 536**

2 They who have ears to hear the message,
they who have ears, now let them hear.
They who would learn the way of wisdom,
let them hear God's Word. [Refrain]

**The Sermon**

**The Creed**

***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**

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
***That we all may be one.***

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
***That your Name may be glorified by all people.***

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
***That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.***

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
***That there may be justice and peace on the earth.***

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
***That our works may find favor in your sight****.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble especially Nancy Coffin, Judy Kelso, Karen Peck, Chris, Mary Musser, Matthew Forys, Thomas Wilson, Paul Chaballa, Pat Murphy, Craig, Ashley Wilson, Joyce and Lou Friedersdorff, Joann Hartswell and all those on the Christ Church Prayer List;
***That they may be delivered from their distress.***

Give to the departed eternal rest especially Robert Shaughnessy, Renata “Ronnie” Ruland and Harry Stayduhar.
***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
***May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.***

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

Lord, hear the prayers of thy people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.

Celebrant and People*

***Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.***

*The Priest says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in
eternal life. ***Amen.***

**The Peace**

*The Peace is now exchanged*

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| Celebrant | The peace of the Lord be always with you. |
| **People** | ***And also with you.*** |

***Announcements:***

***Birthdays***

Arielle Kreuter (08/17), Carol Revolinsky (08/20), Juliet Rossnagel-Tranberg (08/22)

***Anniversaries***

Erna and Vincent Sottile (08/17)

Please join us for coffee hour in the Undercroft after the service.

The Holy Communion

**Offertory Sentence**

*The Celebrant says*

Let us with gladness present the offerings of our life and labor to the Lord.

**Offertory Hymn*****They cast their nets in Galilee* H 661**

1 They cast their nets in Galilee
just off the hills of brown;
such happy, simple fisher-folk,
before the Lord came down.

2 Contented, peaceful fishermen,
before they ever knew
the peace of God that filled their hearts
brimful, and broke them too.

3 Young John who trimmed the flapping sail,
homeless, in Patmos died.
Peter, who hauled the teeming net,
head-down was crucified.

4 The peace of God, it is no peace,
but strife closed in the sod.
Yet let us pray for but one thing-
the marvelous peace of God.

**The Doxology**

***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!***

**The Great Thanksgiving**

*The People remain standing.*

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| Celebrant | The Lord be with you. |
| **People** | ***And also with you.*** |
| Celebrant | Lift up your hearts. |
| **People** | ***We lift them to the Lord.*** |
| Celebrant | Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. |
| **People** | ***It is right to give him thanks and praise.*** |

*Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and People (spoken)*

***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.***

*The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus
Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take,eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink
it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

***Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.***

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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 Lord’s Prayer**

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

***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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread and says**Celebrant*  Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
*People*  ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

**Invitation**

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

**PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

*The Celebrant says,*

Let us say together on behalf of our friends online:

***O loving God, in union with Christian people throughout the world who have gathered to celebrate the Holy Eucharist, I offer you praise and thanksgiving. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.***

**Distribution**

*If you are unsure as to whether or not you are permitted to receive communion, please know that you are! All are always welcome at God’s table!*

**Communion MUSIC  Hymn Prelude: *All glory be to God on high* H421 C. Piutti**

**Post-Communion Prayer**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant 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.***

**Blessing**

*The Priest blesses the people, saying*

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

**Recessional Hymn*Go forth for God* H 347**

1 Go forth for God, go to the world in peace;
be of good courage, armed with heavenly grace,
in God's good Spirit daily to increase,
till in the kingdom we see face to face.
Go forth for God, go to the world in peace.

2 Go forth for God, go to the world in love;
strengthen the faint, give courage to the weak;
help the afflicted; richly from above
God's love supplies the grace and power we seek.
Go forth for God, go to the world in love.

4 Go forth for God, go to the world in joy,
to serve God's people every day and hour,
and serving Christ, our every gift employ,
rejoicing in the Holy Spirit's power.
Go forth for God, go to the world in joy.

**DISMISSAL**

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

***People Thanks be to God!***

**POSTLUDE *Grand Chœur (Grand Chorus)*  Th. Dubois**

***Those for Whom We Pray***

Nancy Coffin, Judy Kelso, Karen Peck, Mary Musser, Marianne Robbins, Karen Shaughnessy, Debbie, Morgan, Nicholas C., Ed Booth Jr., Cindy Card, Eddie Edabach, Millie, Alex and Carly Kovalevich, Paul Chaballa, Kay Lynn Jantz, Thomas Wilson, Pat Murphy, Beverly Scarano, Jack, Ashley Wilson, Craig, David, Joyce, Lou and Anne Friedersdorff, Sandra Noecker, Greta Wagner, Judith Brown, Joann Hartswell, Ann Burke, Ronnie Warren, Michael S., Katie, Naomi, Preston, Rafi,  Shanda, Ted Owen, Steve Kruft,Chris, William Willis, Denise, Jane Strong, Naomi, Denise, Edward Liska, John, Henry Campbell, Lisa Campbell, Barbara Hutchinson*,* Annabelle Suarez, Jackie Butler, Allison Geist, Auston Dimitry, Russel Poles*,* Maryellen S., Martin Spindell*,* Glenn*,* Theresa Juskiewicz, Sydney D., Dylan D, Carmen Holmstrom, Steve Brody, Fabiola Resto, Ingrid Perilloux, Asiyat Aral, Erna Lindoerfer, Lilly, Sawyer Hines, Darleen Colgan, Sami, Ellen, Elena, Michael A., Emily Straniero

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***In Memoriam***

Harry Stayduhar

***SERVING OUR WORSHIP***

*Celebrant and Preacher*

The Rev. Scott Russell

*Music Director*

John Balme

*Altar Guild*

Erna Sottile, George Speidel, Betty Truscott, Barbara Brown

*Lectors*

Pauline Dawson, Carinna Darragh, Paul Dawson

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Walter Drake, Laurie Schlachter, Dave Murphy, Steve Grieshaber, William Drake

*Altar Servers*

Linda Barth, George Speidel, Sydney Sparaco and Dylan Sparaco

*Christ Church has stood on Kings Highway since 1702 and has been a part of the history of this community.  We are a parish centered on prayerful worship, personal growth in our faith, community participation, and peace.*

*We are committed to beauty in worship, responsible Bible teaching, and to unity and diversity. We focus on faith, fellowship, and fun! We care about each other, our community and the world. We hope that you will come worship with us and feel enriched and refreshed. Wherever you are on your faith journey, you are welcome here!*

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