

**Christ Episcopal Church**  
**Holy Eucharist Rite II**  
**The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Sunday, August 31, 2025 10 AM**

**PRELUDE** *Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness* H 339  
*Immortal, invisible, God only wise* H 423

S. Karg-Elert (1877-1933)  
M. Corl

**ENTRANCE HYMN** *Immortal, invisible, God only wise*

**H 423**

1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient  
of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great Name we  
praise.

2 Unresting, unchanging, and silent as  
light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in  
might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring  
above  
thy clouds, which are fountains of  
goodness and love

3 To all life thou givest, to both great and  
small;  
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish, like leaves on  
the tree,  
then wither and perish; but nought  
changeth thee.

4 Thou reignest in glory, thou rulest in  
light,  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their  
sight;  
all laud we would render: O help us to  
see  
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

**OPENING ACCLAMATION**

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

*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**

*Celebrant*            The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant*            Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

**The Lessons****FIRST READING: Proverbs 25:6-7**

A Reading from the book of Proverbs.

Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence  
or stand in the place of the great;  
for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"  
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord

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

## Psalm 112

- 1 Hallelujah!  
Happy are they who fear the Lord \*  
and have great delight in his commandments!
- 2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; \*  
the generation of the upright will be blessed.
- 3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, \*  
and their righteousness will last for ever.
- 4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; \*  
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.
- 5 It is good for them to be generous in lending \*  
and to manage their affairs with justice.
- 6 For they will never be shaken; \*  
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.
- 7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; \*  
their heart is right;  
they put their trust in the Lord.
- 8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, \*  
until they see their desire upon their enemies.
- 9 They have given freely to the poor, \*  
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;  
they will hold up their head with honor.
- 10 The wicked will see it and be angry;  
they will gnash their teeth and pine away; \*  
the desires of the wicked will perish.

## SECOND READING: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Hebrews.

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;  
I will not be afraid.  
What can anyone do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Reader        The Word of the Lord.

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

**SEQUENCE HYMN *Lord Christ, when first thou cam'st to earth***

**H 598**

Lord Christ, when first thou cam'st to earth,  
Upon a cross they bound thee,  
And mocked thy saying kingship then  
By thorns with which they crowned thee:  
And still our wrongs may weave thee now  
New thorns to pierce that steady brow,  
And robe of sorrow round thee.

**GOSPEL: Luke 14:1, 7-14**

*Priest*        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a

banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

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

## SEQUENCE HYMN *Lord Christ, when first thou cam'st to earth*

H 598

O awe-full Love, which found no room  
 In life where sin denied thee,  
 And, doomed to death, must bring to doom  
 The powers which crucified thee:  
 Till not a stone was left on stone,  
 And all those nations' pride, o'erthrown,  
 Went down to dust beside thee!

## 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 Judy Kelso, Nancy Coffin, Nicole Wehnke, 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 Renate “Ronnie” Ruland, Ed Booth Jr., William Lightner, Alta L. Stanley, Robert “Chip” Chapponi, Bill Matthews and Jane Zerrer.  
***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*

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

## **Announcements:**

### **Birthdays**

Peter Dunn (09/01), Becky Trucott-Schinis (09/01), Nancy Coffin (09/03),  
 Jacob Drake (09/03)

### **Anniversaries**

Michael and Cathy Bickerton (08/31)

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 MUSIC** *This is the hour*  
Peggy and Sarah Noecker, sopranos

R. Shephard (1949-2021)

*This is the hour of banquet and of song;  
this is the heavenly table spread for me;  
here let me feast, and feasting, still prolong  
the hallowed hour of fellowship with thee.*

*H. Bonar (1808-1889)*

*too soon we rise; we go our several ways;  
the feast, though not the love, is past and gone,  
the bread and wine consumed: yet all our days  
thou still art here with us, our shield and sun.*

*Feast after feast thus comes and passes by;  
yet, passing, points to the glad feast above,  
giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,  
the Lamb's great bridal feast of bliss and love.*

## 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.*

*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**

*All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine*

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P. Leddington Wright

**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 *All praise to Thee, for Thou, O King divine* H 477**

1 All praise be yours, for you, O King divine,  
Your rightful glory freely did resign  
That in our darkened hearts your grace might shine. Alleluia!

2 You came to us in lowliness of thought;  
By you the outcast and the poor were sought,  
And by your death was God's salvation wrought. Alleluia!

3 O Jesus, let your mind within us be,  
For you were servant that we might be free  
And humbly stooped to death on Calvary. Alleluia!

**DISMISSAL**

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

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

**POSTLUDE**

Sortie "On the lighter side"

L. Lefébure-Wely (1817-1869)

*The flowers that grace the Church are given to the glory of God and in loving  
memory of Renate Ruland.*

**Those for Whom We Pray**

Nancy Coffin, Mary Musser, Chris, Marianne Robbins, Karen Shaughnessy, Debbie, Morgan, Nicholas C., 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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**SERVING OUR WORSHIP**

**Celebrant and Preacher**

The Rev. Dr. Cathy Bickerton

**Music Director**

John Balme

**Altar Guild**

Pauline Dawson, Judy Kelso, Susan Murphy, Pascaline Tran, Collette Morris

**Lectors**

Paul Dawson, Pauline Dawson and Peggy Noecker

**Ushers**

Craig Jantz, Don Kovalevich, Greg Quirk, Neil Grootenboer, Herb Spaulding

**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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