

# The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost



September 17, 2023







*The mission of Christ Church is to be a diverse, inclusive community, which, through its lively worship of Jesus Christ and witness in His name, serves the Christ in all persons and shines a beacon of hope throughout the heart of Detroit.*

Christ Church was founded on May 29, 1845 by members of St. Paul's Episcopal Church (now Cathedral) who sought to build a second Episcopal congregation in Detroit. The following May, the cornerstone of the original building was laid, on the same site where the current one (constructed 1860-63) is now. Christ Church is the oldest Protestant church in the city of Detroit at its original location.

The church, however, is not only a location; it is a people; it is a mission; it is a response to the Spirit.

And so, we look and listen for the Spirit moving among us. We trust that the Holy Spirit is as present today as it was 178 years ago, and every day before, between, and to come.

Christ Church strives, today and always, to be a beacon of hope through our outreach, worship, and hospitality. We are a contemporary, open and affirming, multi-racial, multi-ethnic congregation, enlivened by the Holy Spirit to serve Christ in the world around us. Some of us were born into the Episcopal Church, some were received into it as adults, and some of us are just discovering or exploring it now. We are straight and LGBTQIA+, single, married, divorced, and remarried, with and without children. We hail from all over Detroit and the metro area, and across the Canadian border. We cling to one another because prayer and worship strengthen us in our daily lives, and because together we find community, acceptance, mission, and love. We hope you, too, will find a home among us.

All blessings,  
The People of Christ Church Detroit

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# HOLY EUCHARIST

## RITE II

### VOLUNTARY

Andante

Betty Roe

*All stand as able.*

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

*Hymnal* 410  
LAUDA ANIMA

### WELCOME

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Enriching Our Worship*

*Celebrant* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.  
*People* **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

### COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP 355

*Celebrant* 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.  
*All* **Amen.**

### SONG OF PRAISE

*Benedictus es, Domine*

*Hymnal* S-236  
John Rutter

### COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 233

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
Let us pray.  
O God,  
because without you we are not able to please you,  
mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
*All* **Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*The People sit.*

### FIRST READING

Exodus 14:19-31

*Lector* A reading from Exodus.

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

The Word of the Lord.

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

- 1 Hallelujah! When Israel came out of Egypt, \*  
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,
- 2 Judah became God's sanctuary \*  
and Israel his dominion.
- 3 The sea beheld it and it fled; \*  
Jordan turned and went back.
- 4 The mountains skipped like rams, \*  
and the little hills like young sheep.
- 5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? \*  
O Jordan, that you turned back?
- 6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams? \*  
you little hills like young sheep?
- 7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, \*  
at the presence of the God of Jacob,
- 8 who turned the hard rock into a pool of water \*  
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

**SECOND READING**

Romans 14:1-12

*Lector* A reading from Romans.

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,  
and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

The Word of the Lord.

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

*All stand as able.*

## SEQUENCE HYMN

Forgive our sins as we forgive

*Hymnal 674*  
DETROIT

## GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21-35

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

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

Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?”

Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*The People sit.*

## SERMON

*A period of silence is kept.*



*At the invitation of the Celebrant, all stand as able.*

## **NICENE CREED**

BCP 358

*Celebrant* Let us affirm the faith of the Church, saying the Nicene Creed.

*All* **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.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

adapted from Form IV, BCP 385

*Celebrant* Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

*Reader* Grant, Triune God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. In the diocesan cycle of prayer, we remember the congregations of St. Matthew's, Nizao, Dominican Republic; St. Paul's, Jackson; and Trinity, Farmington Hills.

*People* Holy One, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

*Reader* Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace, that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*People* Holy One, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

*Reader* Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. We pray for boldness in addressing climate change.

*People* Holy One, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

*Reader* Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. We give thanks for those who celebrate birthdays this week, including *Genet Barthwell, Jocelyn Burrell, Christopher Jackson, Adam Rolain, Merle Watts*, and those we now name.

*(People add names silently or aloud.)*

*Silence*

*People* Holy One, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

*Reader* Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray especially for *John Aurand, Christopher Beck, Phil Brown, Maura Campbell, Dorothy Coleman, Maura Corrigan, Miriam Costandi, Susan K. Devereaux, David Dieter, Paul & Jane Dieter, Rosemary Esse, Judy Fallon, Debbie Faust, Jacqueline Gazoul, Patricia Jones, John Keils, Nan Keils, Ruth Leney-Midkiff, Bill Matthews, Jon Miller, Becky Moses Normore, Preston family, Gretchen Rudy, Mimi Van Scoter, John & Donna Wetzel*, and those we now name.

*(People add names silently or aloud.)*

*Silence*

*People* Holy One, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

*Reader* We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. We pray especially for those we now name. (*People add names silently or aloud.*)

*Silence*

*People* Holy One, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant* O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

## CONFESSIOIN OF SIN

BCP 360

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence is kept.*

*All* **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.**

*Celebrant* 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.

*All* **Amen.**

## PEACE

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

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

*The People share signs of Christ's peace, and then are seated.*



*The Celebrant continues*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God 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:

**SANCTUS**      *All sing*

*Hymnal S-125*  
Richard Proulx

**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 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 to 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:

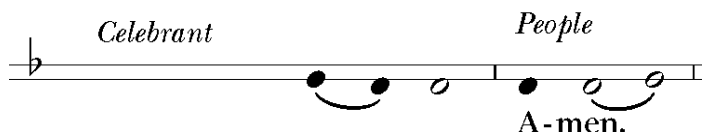
*Celebrant and People*

**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.



## LORD'S PRAYER

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say  
*All* **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.**

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

BCP 364

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.  
Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*All are invited to receive the Sacrament in both kinds.*

*The Sacrament is administered with the following or other words*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [*Amen.*]  
The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [*Amen.*]

*There are three ways to receive the wine, if desired. At the high altar, please either sip from the first chalice or dip (intinct) your bread into the second, shallow chalice. At the transept, please take a single cup of wine (light-colored) or juice (dark purple) and place your empty cup on the nearby table.*

*Communion is full in one kind alone; that is, wine or juice are optional.*

*If you desire not communion but a blessing instead, please come to the high altar, cross your arms over your chest, and our priest will be honored to pronounce God's blessing upon you.*

## COMMUNION ANTHEM

Jesu, the very thought of Thee

Edward C. Bairstow

Jesu, the very thought of Thee with sweetness fills my breast;  
but sweeter far Thy face to see, and in Thy presence rest.

*All stand.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Restore, Renew, Rejoice prayer*

*Celebrant*

Let us pray.

*All*

**Faithful God,**

you call us to be living stones in a spiritual temple.

**Bless the mission and outreach of Christ Church Detroit.**

**By the power of your Holy Spirit,**

enable us to confidently restore its fabric,

trustfully renew our vocation,

and boldly rejoice in our ministries.

**Make this place a house in which your love dwells**

**and in which all your people find welcome and strength.**

**Grant this, we pray,**

**through the One who leads us ever onward in your service,**

**Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

## BLESSING

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

Come with us, O blessed Jesus

*Hymnal 336*

WERDE MUNTER

## DISMISSAL

BCP 366

*Celebrant*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*All*

**Thanks be to God.**

## VOLUNTARY

Toccatino

Andrew Moore

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### ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

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|----------------------------------|--|
| <i>Celebrant &amp; Preacher</i>  | The Rev. Emily Williams Guffey, <i>Rector</i>  |
| <i>Musicians</i>                 | Dr. Edward Maki-Schramm, <i>Director of Music</i><br>The Christ Church Detroit Choir         |
| <i>Lay Eucharistic Ministers</i> | 8:15 Letha Ann Steward<br>10:30 Anthony Mitchell, Edwina Simpson, Kathryn Treece, Sandy Zull |
| <i>Lector</i>                    | 8:15 Letha Ann Steward; 10:30 Renée Rodriguez  |
| <i>Vestry Representative</i>     | 8:15 Caroline Widak; 10:30 Mary Herring  |
| <i>Ushers</i>                    | Albert Dib, Allan Dib  |
| <i>Altar Guild</i>               | Alma Simmons, Letha Ann Steward  |
| <i>Floral Iconographer</i>       | Richard Thomas   |
| <i>Livestream Team</i>           | Chuck Atwater, Desmond Jones, Taylor Matthew   |