

# The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost



September 24, 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

### CHORAL INTROIT

The Chorister Prayer

Philip W. J. Stopford

Bless, O Lord, us thy servants, who minister in thy temple.  
Grant that what we sing with our lips, we may believe in our hearts,  
and what we believe in our hearts, we may show forth in our lives;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*This anthem was purchased in celebration and recognition  
of 50+ years of singing in the Christ Church Detroit Choir  
by Sally LePla, James Moore, Jr., and Richard Householder,  
to the glory of God.*

*All stand as able.*

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

*Hymnal 690*  
CWM RHONDDA

### 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 234

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord,  
not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly;  
and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away,  
to hold fast to those that shall endure;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

*All* **Amen.**

## PRAYER FOR CHURCH MUSICIANS AND ARTISTS

BCP 819

*Celebrant* O God,  
whom saints and angels delight to worship in heaven:  
Be ever present with your servants who seek through art and music  
to perfect the praises offered by your people on earth;  
and grant to them even now glimpses of your beauty,  
and make them worthy at length to behold it unveiled for evermore;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*The People sit.*

## FIRST READING

Exodus 16:2-15

*Lector* A reading from Exodus.

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

Then the Lord said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.”

So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?” And Moses said, “When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord.”

Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.’” And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, “I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.’”

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.

The Word of the Lord.

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

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord and call upon the divine name; \*  
make known the deeds of the Lord among the peoples.
- 2 Sing to the Lord, sing praises, \*  
and speak of all the marvelous works of the Lord.
- 3 Glory in the holy name; \*  
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
- 4 Search for the strength of the Lord; \*  
continually seek the face of God.
- 5 Remember the marvels the Lord has done, \*  
the wonders and the judgments of the mouth of the Lord,
- 6 O offspring of Abraham the servant of God, \*  
O children of Jacob the chosen of the Lord.
- 37 O Lord, you led your people with silver and gold; \*  
in all the tribes, there was not one who stumbled.
- 38 Egypt was glad of their going, \*  
because they were afraid of them.
- 39 You spread out a cloud for a covering \*  
and a fire to give light in the night season.
- 40 They asked, and quails appeared, \*  
and you satisfied them with bread from heaven.
- 41 You opened the rock, and water flowed, \*  
so the river ran in the dry places.
- 42 For you, O God, remembered your holy word \*  
and Abraham your servant.
- 43 So you led forth your people with gladness, \*  
your chosen with shouts of joy.
- 44 You gave your people the lands of the nations, \*  
and they took the fruit of others' toil,
- 45 that they might keep their statutes \*  
and observe your laws. Hallelujah!

## SECOND READING

Philippians 1:21-30

*Lector* A reading from Philippians.

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

The Word of the Lord.

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

*All stand as able.*

**SEQUENCE HYMN**

I want Jesus to walk with me

*Lift Every Voice and Sing* 70

## GOSPEL

Matthew 20:1-16

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

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

Jesus said, “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went.

“When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’

“When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’

“But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

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 Spirit of Grace, West Bloomfield; All.together campus ministry in Dearborn and Detroit; and St. Mary's-in-the-Hills, Lake Orion.

*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 today for all those who have participated in our music ministries throughout these past 178 years, leading the church's song, especially for directors Marie Louise Sibley (1845-?), Mary Gray (1870-1887), Felix Lamond (1892-1895), Francis L. York (1897-1900), William Horatio Browne (1901-1921), Beecher Aldrich (1922-1930), Arthur H. J. Searle (1930-1932), Joseph L. Slagg (1932-1935), Arthur H. J. Searle (1935-1947), Melvin O. Zeidler (1947-1974), Malcolm Johns (1974-1987), Joanne Vollendorf Rickards Clark (1988-2002), David Dockery (2002-2006), Jeffrey Walker (2006-2016), Edward Maki-Schramm (2016-present).

We also rejoice with those celebrating birthdays this week, including *Linda Culpepper, Kathryn Lincoln, Desmond Jones*, 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, Marjorie Baseley, 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, Sandra Meda, 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.**

## CONFESSION 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.*

## GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vestry Representative

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

BCP 376

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or online at [christcd.org/online-giving](http://christcd.org/online-giving), or by texting "CCDGIVE" to 73256.  
Thank you for your generosity.*

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Antiphon from *Five Mystical Songs*

R. Vaughan Williams

Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King.  
The heavens are not too high, His praise may thither fly;  
the earth is not too low, His praises there may grow.  
The Church with Psalms must shout, no door can keep them out:  
but above all, the heart must bear the longest part.

*All stand as able.*

### PRESENTATION HYMN

OLD 100TH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.**

*Celebrant*      *People*  
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Celebrant*      *People*  
Lift up your hearts. 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.

*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:

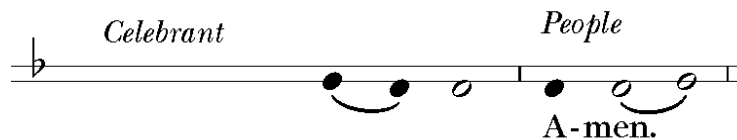
*Celebrant and People*

**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.**



*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

*Abendlied*

Josef Rheinberger

*Bleib bei uns, denn es will Abend werden,  
und der Tag hat sich geneiget,  
bleib bei uns, den es will Abend werden.*

Stay with us, for quickly falls the evening,  
and the day is past and over,  
stay with us for quickly falls the evening.

*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, labor on

*Hymnal* 541  
ORA LABORA

## DISMISSAL

BCP 366

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*All* **Thanks be to God.**

## VOLUNTARY

Final from *Symphony No. 1*

Louis Vierne

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of Richard & Esther Plotzke, Tony & Mary Moses,  
Adle Moses, and Toni & Rebecca Kelly, given by Margo Plotzke.

