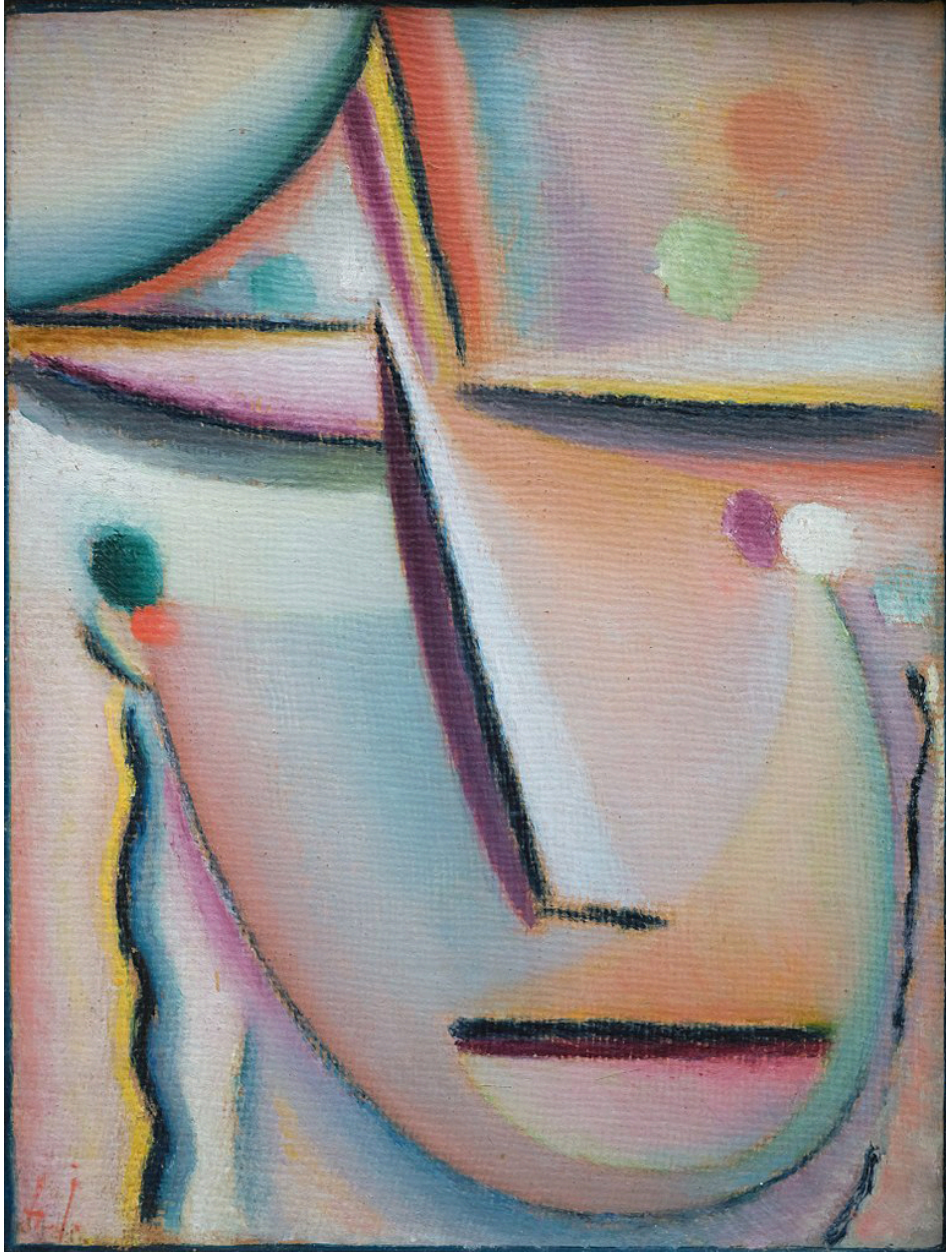


The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost



September 15, 2024



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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 179 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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Today's hymns are found in the red Hymnal 1982.

Hymnal numbers that begin with the letter "S" are found in the "Service Music" section in the front of the book.

Most prayers come from the Book of Common Prayer (BCP), the small red book in the pew.

HOLY EUCHARIST

RITE II

VOLUNTARY

Tuba Tune in D Flat

Franklin D. Ashdown

All stand as able.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

The Church's one foundation

Hymnal 525
AURELIA

WELCOME

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Enriching Our Worship

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Hymnal S-280
Robert Powell

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

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Lector A reading from Isaiah.

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he awakens—
awakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.

The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious;
I did not turn backward.

I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

The Lord God helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;

therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.

It is the Lord God who helps me.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM*8:15 a.m. read by all; 10:30 a.m. chanted by the choir*

Psalm 116:1-8

- 1 I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.
- 2 The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; *
I came to grief and sorrow.
- 3 Then I called upon the Name of the LORD: *
“O LORD, I pray you, save my life.”
- 4 Gracious is the LORD and righteous; *
our God is full of compassion.
- 5 The LORD watches over the innocent; *
I was brought very low, and he helped me.
- 6 Turn again to your rest, O my soul, *
for the LORD has treated you well.
- 7 For you have rescued my life from death, *
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.
- 8 I will walk in the presence of the LORD *
in the land of the living.

SECOND READING

James 3:1-12

Lector A reading from James.

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, those ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand as able.

SEQUENCE HYMN

Take up your cross, the Savior said
Verses 1 and 5

Hymnal 675
BOURBON

GOSPEL

Mark 8:27-38

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

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

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?”

And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.”

He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?”

Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.”

And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

Leader God of peace, we offer ourselves—heart, soul, mind—to you.
Respond to our prayers as we say, Lord in your mercy,

All **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Help your church to face the world with grace, humility, and love. Let your church be a beacon of hope, haven of welcome, and sanctuary of peace. In the diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray especially for the congregations of Trinity, Monroe; and St. Philip's, Rochester. We also pray for Michael our Presiding Bishop; Sean our Presiding Bishop-elect; Bonnie our Bishop; Emily and David our priests; and all who minister faithfully in this congregation and diocese.

Lord in your mercy,

All **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Guide the leaders of the world, this nation, state, and city, with your wisdom, that they might love mercy, act justly, and work humbly.

Lord in your mercy,

All **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Bestow upon us a reverence for your created world, hearts that ache to care for it, and minds that seek solutions.

Lord in your mercy,

All **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Draw us close to you, that we might be renewed by your love and emboldened to walk closely with others in joy and care. Draw especially close this week to Jocelyn Burrell and Tony Buglione as they prepare for marriage, and to those who celebrate birthdays, including *Jocelyn Burrell, Kenzly Staif, Caleb Barger, Genet Barthwell, Christopher Jackson, Marleen Hernandez, Geoffrey Piper, Adam Rolain*, and those we now name. *(People may add names silently or aloud.)*

Silence

Lord in your mercy,

All **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Wrap all who know pain or sickness into your healing embrace, give them courage and perseverance, and remind them that you are with them in their suffering. We pray especially for: *Phil Brown, Phil Campbell, Miriam Costandi, Fred DeHaven, Susan K. Devereux, Asha Dhanarajan, Paul & Jane Dieter, Chris Ebling, Debbie Faust, Jim Fleming, Elisha Gerow, Sally Granger, Richard Householder, Guy Jackson, Nan Keils, Ruth Loney-Midkiff, Bill Matthews, Joya Rush-Keli*, and those we now name. *(People add names silently or aloud.)*

Silence

Lord in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Shower the dead with your love that they might be at peace and free from the tribulations of this life; and at the dawn of your new age, reunite us with those whom we love but are now beyond our reach. We pray especially for those we now name.
(People add names silently or aloud.)

Silence

Lord in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Almighty God, who was and is and is to come, bestow your blessings upon us and answer our prayers as may be best for us. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ, who is our Redeemer and Savior.

People **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.

The Celebrant continues

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb. You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing; all you create is a sign of hope for our journey. And so, as the morning stars sing your praises, we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

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

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations; you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection, and the ascension; longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

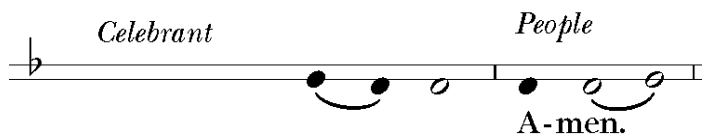
Celebrant and People

**Dying, you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

The Celebrant continues

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice, and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise. Blessed are you 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.

COMMISSIONING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

when needed

Celebrant In the name of God and this church, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share in the Communion of Christ’s Body and Blood.

All **We, who are many, are one Body, because we all share one Bread, one Cup.**

All stand as able.

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

Glorious things of thee are spoken

Hymnal 522
AUSTRIA

DISMISSAL

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

Fanfare

Sir Arthur Bliss

