**Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

 **October 20th, 2019 at 10:00 am**

**The Holy Eucharist: Rite II**



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**INFORMATION FOR NEWCOMERS: WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH!**



Our motto is true whether you're here for the very first time

or you've been a member for decades –

**There is a place for you at God's Table!**

The worship service has two main parts: the Liturgy of the Word, which includes Scripture readings and a sermon, and the Liturgy of the Table, which is also called Holy Eucharist or Communion. You will notice moments in the service when people stand, kneel, bow, and make the sign of the cross -- all of these are completely optional. You are encouraged to participate in every aspect of worship, according to your comfort level.

Children of all ages are welcome to stay in worship. There is Nursery care available for babies and toddlers downstairs, and Children's Chapel during the first part of the service for preschoolers through 5th graders.

All who seek Christ are welcome at His Table for Communion. If you do not wish to receive communion, you may come forward and request a blessing. If you wish to receive communion in your pew, please notify the ushers. And if you need a gluten-free wafer, just let Rev. Maggie know.

Most Sundays, Myra Dean Banion provides personal prayers at the station to the right of the communion rail during the distribution of the Sacrament. All prayer concerns are confidential. The clergy are also available for prayer following the worship service, if desired.

If you have not been baptized, or if you have questions about Holy Baptism, please talk to Rev. Maggie and/or Deacon Rick after the service -- the people of Christ Church would love to walk with you to your baptism and beyond!

**THE WORD OF GOD**

(\*please rise as you are comfortable)

PRELUDE: “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need,” arr. Mark Hayes

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: "We gather together" Hymnal 433

\*OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Blessed be God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.

People: **And blessed be God’s reign, now and forever. Amen.**

\*COLLECT FOR PURITY

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: “Praise to God, immortal praise” Hymnal 288 vs. 1 & 3

 **Praise to God, immortal praise, for the love that crowns our days;
 bounteous source of every joy, let thy praise our tongues employ:
 all to thee, our God, we owe, source whence all our blessings flow.**

 **As thy prospering hand hath blessed, may we give thee of our best;
 and by deeds of kindly love for thy mercies grateful prove;
 singing thus through all our days praise to God, immortal praise.**

####  *(During the song, any children who wish to attend Children’s Chapel may follow the acolyte out.)*

\*COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

**Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.***

THE FIRST LESSON Genesis 32:22-31

The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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### \*THE RESPONSE Psalm 121

1 I lift up my eyes to the **hills; \***
from where is my help to **come?**

2 My help comes from the **Lord, \***
the maker of heaven and **earth.**

3 He will not let your foot be **moved \***
and he who watches over you will not fall a**sleep**.

4 Behold, he who keeps watch over **Israel \***
shall neither slumber nor **sleep;**

5 The Lord himself watches over **you; \***
the Lord is your shade at your right **hand,**

6 So that the sun shall not strike you by **day, \***
nor the moon by **night.**

7 The Lord shall preserve you from all **evil; \***
it is he who shall keep you **safe.**

8 The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming **in, \***from this time forth for ever**more**.

\*THE HOLY GOSPEL Luke 18:1-8

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, `Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, `Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

GOSPEL HYMN: “We walk by faith, and not by sight” Hymnal 209

THE SERMON  The Rev. Maggie Leidheiser-Stoddard

THE NICENE 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, was incarnate of**

the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

 **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,**

 **who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,**

 **who 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**+**

Let us pray. Founder of our faith, we ask your guidance for the Church, for its unity, and for the work it does in the world. Give grace to its leaders, especially Justin, archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our presiding bishop; Tom, our diocesan bishop; Maggie, our priest; Rick, our deacon; and all the members of this parish.

**R: *Let your priests be clothed with righteousness; let your faithful people sing for joy.***

Ruler over the nations, we pray for this country and its leaders in an unsettling time. Grant wisdom to all who serve in positions of leadership throughout the world.

**R: *For dominion belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations.***

Lord of the harvest, we offer thanks for the beauty and abundance of this season. May we consider how best to tend the Earth and to share what You have given us, so that all may eat and be satisfied by your goodness. We pray for the ministries this church supports, especially \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**R: *He covers the heavens with clouds, and prepares rain for the earth;
 He makes grass grow upon the mountains, and green plants to serve humankind.***

Giver of every good gift, we pray for those celebrating birthdays this week, [especially \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_], and those celebrating anniversaries, [especially \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_].

**R: *Let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; Let them also be merry and joyful****.*

Great Physician, we pray for healing and comfort for all those in need or pain, especially [\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_]. May they remember that You are with them and those who care for them.

**R: *Surely you behold trouble and misery; you see it and take it into your own hand.***

 ***The helpless commit themselves to you; for you are the helper of orphans.***

Just Judge, we ask your aid for all those in trouble, bringing before You prisoners and captives, refugees and the oppressed. We pray for those most vulnerable throughout the world, especially women and children.

**R: *Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.***

Lord over life and death, we pray for all who have died [especially \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_], asking light and peace for them and those who mourn.

**R: *Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his servant.***

*\**THE COLLECT FOR PEACE

**Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*.***

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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.**

*The Celebrant pronounces the absolution.*

\*SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

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

 WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

THE OFFERTORY: “Stay with Me” by Ruth Elaine Schram

\*PRESENTATION: **Praise God from whom all blessings flow;** Tune: *Old 100th*

 **Praise God, all creatures here below;**

 **Praise God for all that love has done:**

 **Creator, Christ, and Spirit, one! Amen.**

 \*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

*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 God thanks and praise.**

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:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,** Hymnal S124 **heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.** (front section of Hymnal)

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the World. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,**

**We proclaim his resurrection,**

**We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all: presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Blessed Mother Mary and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.**

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

**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 Hymnal S161

(front section of Hymnal)

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.**

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN: “Sanctuary”

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true;**

**with thanksgiving, I’ll be a living sanctuary for You.**

 *During the month of October, this will be our communion hymn. Please sing as you feel moved, and through the repetition, allow the hymn to become a prayer.*

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of Christ, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

\*THE BLESSING

 *The Celebrant pronounces God’s blessing over the people. The people respond:* ***Amen.***

\*CLOSING HYMN:“Alleluia! sing to Jesus!” Hymnal 460

\*THE SENDING OF THE EUCHARISTIC MINISTER *(as needed)*

*Deacon:* In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ’s body and blood.

*People:* **We who are many are one body, for we all share one bread, one cup.**

\*THE DISMISSAL *Deacon:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

 *People:* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

POSTLUDE: “Sing Praise to God” by David Paxton

*If you leave during the postlude, please do so quietly, so that others may enjoy the music. Thank you!*

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*Please join us for Coffee Hour fellowship and Christian Education downstairs following the service!*

**+ Note:** The congregational responses in the Prayers of the People are taken from the prophet Amos and the psalter in the *Book of Common Prayer*. In order, the references are Psalm 132:9; Psalm 22:27; Psalm 147:8, 9; Psalm 68:3; Psalm 10:14, 15; Amos 5:24; Psalm 116:13.

**Ministers for October 20th, 2019**

**Altar Guild:** Anita Beardsell and Sally Schwartz

**Acolytes:** Graham Waggoner, Daphne Trillana, and Silas Brook Hedstrom

**Chalice Bearers:** TheRev.Rick Incorvati and Mark Brooks Hedstrom

**Lector:** Sarah Schubert

**Prayers:** Marilyn Howat

**Ushers:** Bill Hicks, David Bingman, Joe Schmitt, and Anne Strothman

**Greeter:** Martha Chaney

**Coffee Hour:** Susan Doubt

**Children’s Chapel:** Mark Brooks Hedstrom and Kelly Zeller

**Tellers:** Martha Chaney and Wayne Southward

**Guest Organist:** J. Chris Moore

**General Information**

**Rector:** The Rev.Maggie Leidheiser-Stoddard

**Deacon**: The Rev. Rick Incorvati

**Senior Warden**: Dawn Ivy

**Junior Warden**: John Richardson

**Treasurer**: Ken Bladh

**Vestry at Large**: Bonnie Bingman, Chris Oldstone-Moore, Cathy Hasecke,

Brian Shelburne, Joyce Spangler, Denise Sharp, and Chris Wells

**Parish Administrator & Program Coordinator**: Kelly Zeller

**Director of Music**: Dr. Christopher Durrenberger

**Youth Teacher:** Abby Glass

**Nursery Attendant**: Jerushia Knox

**Facility Manager**: Paul McAfee

**Bookkeeper:** Tina Knox

*Thank you for worshipping at Christ Church today, and may the Lord be with you!*



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