



# CHRIST CHURCH CHRISTIANA HUNDRED

## WELCOME!

We are glad you are with us today as we worship God and receive Christ's presence given to us in the sacrament of bread and wine. This service is offered by livestream to those who cannot assemble with us. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here.

## THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

10:30 AM HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

**Voluntary** *Rondo – Sarabande – Polonaise from Suite in B minor*  
Joan Marsh, *flute*

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

## Welcome and Announcements

### THE WORD OF GOD

*Please stand, as able, and sing*

**Entrance Hymn 47** *On This Day, the First of Days*

(blue) Hymnal 1982

## The Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* ***And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

*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. ***Amen.***

*All sing*

***All Glory Be to God on High***

1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace on earth from  
2 O Lamb of God, Lord Je - sus Christ, whom God the Fa - ther  
3 You on - ly are the Ho - ly One, who came for our sal -  
heaven, and God's good will un - fail - ing - ly be -  
gave us, who the world was sac - ri - ficed up -  
va - tion, and on - ly you are God's true Son, who  
to all peo - ple giv - en. We bless, we wor - ship you, we raise for  
on the cross to save us; and, as you sit at God's right hand and  
was be - fore cre - a - tion. You on - ly, Christ, as Lord we own and,  
your great glo - ry thanks and praise, O God, Al - might - y Fa - ther.  
we for judg - ment there must stand, have mer - cy, Lord, up - on us.  
with the Spi - rit, you a - lone share in the Fa - ther's glo - ry.

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## Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray. Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

*Please be seated for*

## The First Reading

*Ezekiel 33:7-11*

You, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life. Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" Say to them, "As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?"

*At the conclusion the People respond, "Thanks be to God."*

*All recite responsively*

## **Psalm 119:33-40** *Legem pone*

Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end.

***Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; I shall keep it with all my heart.***

Make me go in the path of your commandments, for that is my desire.

***Incline my heart to your decrees and not to unjust gain.***

Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; give me life in your ways.

***Fulfill your promise to your servant, which you make to those who fear you.***

Turn away the reproach which I dread, because your judgments are good.

***Behold, I long for your commandments; in your righteousness preserve my life.***

## The Second Reading

*Romans 13:8-14*

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

*At the conclusion the People respond, "Thanks be to God."*

*Please stand and sing*

**Gradual Hymn 603** *When Christ Was Lifted from the Earth*

Hymnal 1982

*The Gospel is carried to the congregation so that we remember it is our Good News to hear and to share.*

**The Gospel Reading**

*Matthew 18:15-20*

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

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

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

*Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Once the Book of Gospels has returned to its place of honor, the People may be seated at the invitation of the preacher.*

**The Homily**

Ruth Beresford

*Please stand for*

**The Nicene Creed**

*Celebrant* Let us declare our faith in God:

*People* ***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.***

*A member of the parish leads*

## **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;

*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to the departed eternal rest;

*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.*

*The Intercessor concludes with prayers for the concerns of the world and the intentions of the church.*

## **The Confession of Sin**

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

*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 Celebrant declares the absolution.*

## **The Peace**

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

*People* *And also with you.*

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

### **The Offertory and Preparation of the Table**

*Being seated, we begin with a time of offering. Giving money is a sign that our life serves God's purposes and expresses our gratitude for God's many blessings. The ushers will receive the offering and present it on our behalf. Also, you may give online using Apple or Google Pay, PayPal, Venmo, a credit/debit card, ACH, or text a contribution to (302) 244-5368. For those who give electronically, a card is available in the pews to participate in the act of offering. Newcomers and guests may place the welcome card in the offering plate.*

## Anthem

Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)

*Si la voix d'un enfant peut monter jusqu'à Vous,  
Ô mon Père,  
Écoutez de Jésus, devant Vous à genoux,  
La prière!  
Si Vous m'avez choisi pour enseigner vos lois  
Sur la terre,  
Je saurai Vous servir, auguste Roi des rois,  
Ô Lumière!  
Sur mes lèvres, Seigneur, mettez la vérité  
Salutaire,  
Pour que celui qui doute, avec humilité  
Vous révère!  
Ne m'abandonnez pas, donnez-moi la douceur  
Nécessaire,  
Pour apaiser les maux, soulager la douleur,  
La misère!  
Révélez Vous à moi, Seigneur en qui je crois  
Et j'espère:  
Pour Vous je veux souffrir et mourir sur la croix,  
Au calvaire!*

If the voice of a child can reach You,  
O my Father,  
Listen to the prayer of Jesus, on his knees  
before You!  
If You have chosen me to teach your laws  
on earth,  
I will know how to serve You, noble King of kings,  
O Light!  
On my lips, Lord, place the salutary  
truth,  
In order that he who doubts should with humility  
revere You!  
Do not abandon me, give me  
the necessary gentleness,  
To ease suffering, to relieve sorrow,  
the misery!  
Reveal Yourself to me, Lord, in whom I believe  
and hope:  
For You I wish to suffer and to die on the cross,  
at Calvary!

*Please stand and sing*

**The Presentation Hymn 380, v. 3** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Hymnal 1982

## The Great Thanksgiving

(red) Book of Common Prayer 361

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

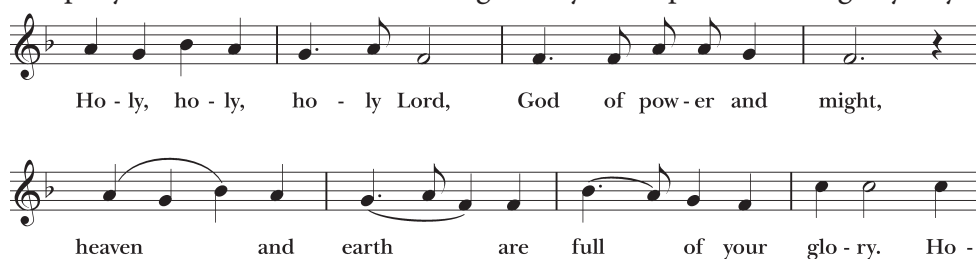
*People* ***We lift them to the Lord.***

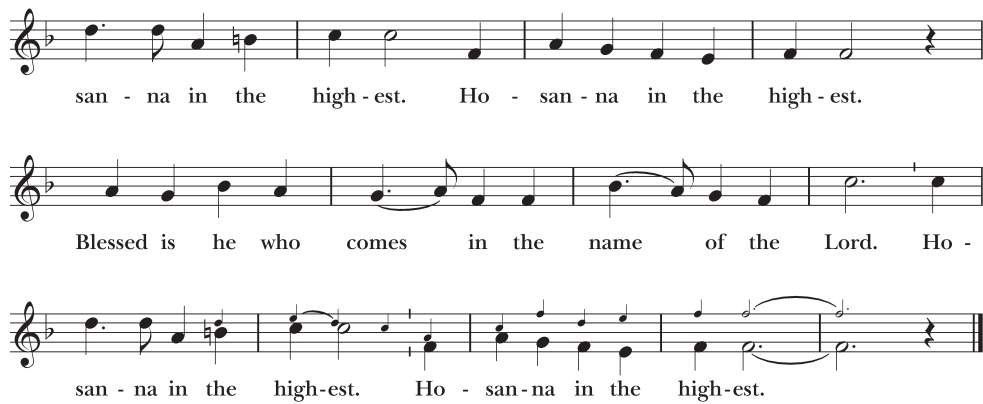
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* ***It is right to give God thanks and praise.***

*The Celebrant continues the prayer, inviting our praise in the ancient song of the Sanctus.*

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:





Setting: From *A Community Mass*; Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

*The Celebrant continues the prayer, inviting our acclamation of Christ's sacrificial death and triumphant resurrection, saying*

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

***Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.***

*The Celebrant continues the prayer, concluding*

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 Celebrant invites the People to say the prayer Jesus taught his first disciples.*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

***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**

*We sing the anthem at the breaking of the bread, which is Christ's Body, broken for us. Please be seated after the sacrament is presented.*



Setting: Gerald Near (b. 1942)

*All are welcome to receive the sacrament of Christ or a blessing. Come up the center aisle and take your place along the altar rail, kneeling or standing. If you desire a blessing, cross your arms over your chest to indicate your intent. Receive the host in open hands. Gluten-free host is available; let the clergy know your need when they approach you. When you are presented with the cup, drink from it or dip the bread carefully into the cup and consume in both kinds together. If you do not wish to receive the cup, please cross your arms to indicate your intent, but wait for the minister to pass you before you leave the rail. Please use the side aisle to return to your pew. If you are unable to come forward, ask an usher to let the clergy know, and communion will be brought to you.*

### **Music during Communion**

**Flute Solo** *Menuet from Suite in B minor*

Johann Sebastian Bach

**Hymn 658** *As Longs the Deer for Cooling Streams*

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*Please stand for*

### **The Post-Communion Prayer**

*Celebrant* In thanksgiving, let us pray.

*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.***

### **A Prayer for Labor Day**

Almighty God, you have so linked our lives one with another that all we do affects, for good or ill, all other lives: So guide us in the work we do, that we may do it not for self alone, but for the common good; and, as we seek a proper return for our own labor, make us mindful of the rightful aspirations of other workers, and arouse our concern for those who are out of work; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

### **The Blessing**

*The Celebrant blesses the People.*

*People* ***Amen.***

*All sing*

**Hymn in Procession 376** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

Hymnal 1982

### **Dismissal**

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

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

**Voluntary** *Badinerie from Suite in B minor*

Johann Sebastian Bach

*Please take your bulletin with you or return it to the table in the narthex as you leave.*

*We are sent forth to be Christ's blessing in the world. Our prayer is that today's worship has encouraged you in love and filled you with peace. Ask God to lead you to someone who needs an invitation to worship or encouragement in the blessing of your care. We look forward to your presence again in worship, in service to others, in learning and fellowship.*

*Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, Christ Church welcomes you into a loving and joyful community that serves others and seeks to grow deeper in relationship with God through Jesus Christ.*

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