



# 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. Today's liturgy is a blend of our pattern at 9 and 10:30 AM, as we combine congregations. 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 SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

### 10:30 AM HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

#### Voluntary

#### Welcome and Announcements

#### THE WORD OF GOD

*Please stand, as able, and sing*

**Entrance Hymn 390** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

(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 -

hea - ven, and God's good will un - fail - ing - ly be  
gave us, who for 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. 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. ***Amen.***

*Please be seated for*

## The First Reading

*Genesis 50:15-21*

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

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

*All recite responsively*

## Psalm 103:8-13 *Benedic, anima mea*

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and of great kindness.

***He will not always accuse us, nor will he keep his anger for ever.***

He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

***For as the heavens are high above the earth, so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.***

As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our sins from us.

***As a father cares for his children, so does the Lord care for those who fear him.***

*Please stand and sing*

## The Gospel Alleluia

Muscogee (Creek) Indian, transcribed Charles Webb



*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 18:21-35*

*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."

*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**

*Each petition ends, "In faith we pray" to which the People respond, "We pray to you, our God." At the conclusion of the prayers, the Leader says*

*Leader As we offer these prayers, we say together*

*People God of mercy, you know us and love us and hear our prayer.  
Keep us in the eternal fellowship of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.*

## **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**

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands;  
Serve the Lord with gladness,  
And come before His presence with a song.  
  
Be ye sure that the Lord He is God:  
It is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves;  
We are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.  
  
O go your way into His gates with thanksgiving,  
And into His courts with praise;  
Be thankful unto him, and speak good of His name.  
  
For the Lord is gracious, His mercy is everlasting  
And His truth endureth from generation to generation.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

*Please stand and sing*

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

Hymnal 1982

*The children of the congregation are invited to follow the offering procession and gather around the altar for the prayer.*

**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.

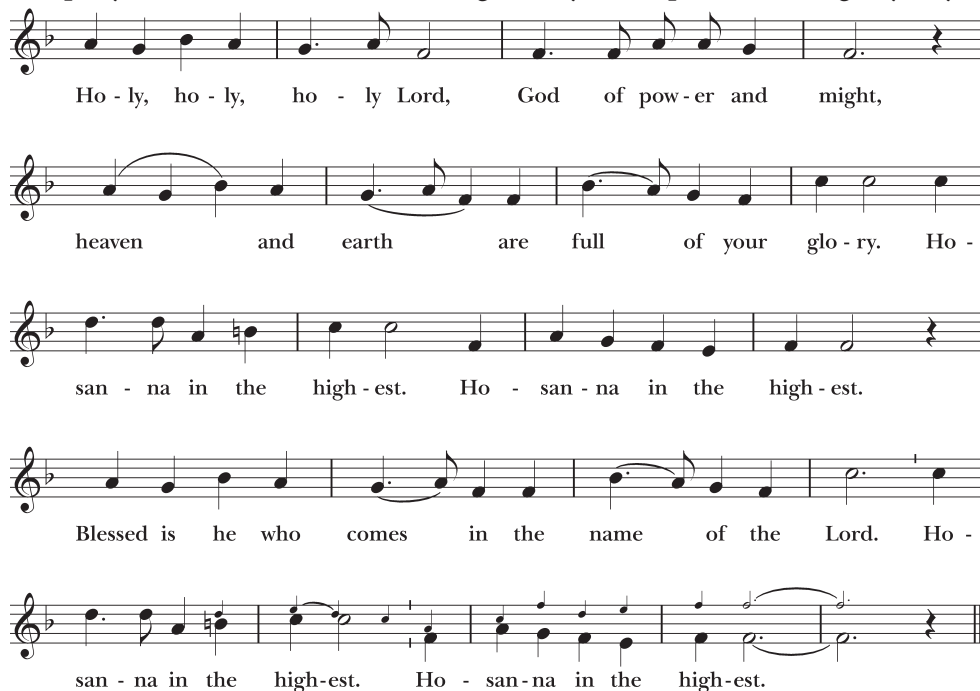
*People* ***We lift them to the Lord.***

*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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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 invited forward up the center aisle to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion or a blessing. Gluten-free host is available; just ask the priest. You may choose to drink from the cup, to carefully dip the host in the wine, or to touch the edge of the cup with your wafer. After you have received communion, you may kneel at the altar rail for personal prayer or return to your seat. Please use the side aisles. If you are unable to come forward, ask an usher to let the clergy know, and communion will be brought to you.*

## **Communion Hymn 339 Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness**

Hymnal 1982

*Please stand for*

## **The Post-Communion Prayer**

by Fr. Michael Kurth

*People God, we thank you for this meal,  
how you help us grow and heal.  
Send us out to serve and love,  
with your mercy from above. Amen.*

## **The Blessing**

*The Celebrant blesses the People.*

*People Amen.*

*All sing*

## **Hymn in Procession 473 Lift High the Cross**

Hymnal 1982

## **Dismissal**

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

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

## **Voluntary**

*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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