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 TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 25, 2026
10:30 AM HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

Voluntary *Toccata per l'Elevation* Girolamo Frescobaldi (1583-1643)

Welcome and Announcements

THE WORD OF GOD

Please stand, as able, and sing

Entrance Hymn 525 *The Church's One Foundation* (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

Gloria in Excelsis





Music: John Rutter (b. 1945)

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Please be seated for

The First Reading *Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18*

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy. You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the Lord. You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

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

The Choir sings

Psalm 1 *Beatus vir qui non abiit* Chant: George Elvey (1816-1893)

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
Their delight is in the law of the Lord, and they meditate on his law day and night.
They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season,
with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.
It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked is doomed.

The Second Reading *1 Thessalonians 2:1-8*

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

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

Please stand and sing

Gradual Hymn 404 *We Will Extol You, Ever-Blessèd Lord* 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 22:34-46*

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

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

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul,

and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"'? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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 Brad Hinton

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

Gracious God, fountain of all wisdom, we pray for all Christian people; for Sean, our presiding bishop, and Kevin, our bishop; for our parish clergy, staff, and preschool, and for all who teach and nurture faith. We give thanks for our parish ministry, especially *N.*, and for our companions in the Dominican Republic. May the word of Christ dwell in our hearts and knit us together in the bond of your love. Hear our prayer.

Hear us, good Lord.

We pray for the world and for the nations, especially those in crisis, war, or conflict; for diplomats and those who use their influence for the welfare of all people. Lord God, guide every nation and people to turn their swords into plowshares for a harvest of peace. Hear our prayer.

Hear us, good Lord.

We pray for this nation, that in unity we may hold fast to the way of freedom and peace. We pray for our president Donald, and for all who hold or seek elected office. Give them the gift of your wisdom, and a right discernment in all things. Hear our prayer.
Hear us, good Lord.

We pray for this community, for those who live, work, and visit here, and for all in our schools and universities. We pray for our outreach partners, especially *N.,* and all who seek the common good. Lead us to share what you have given and serve one another as Christ has served us. Hear our prayer.
Hear us, good Lord.

We pray for those who do not believe and those broken in faith or without hope. Through our ministry, open their ears to hear your voice, and open their hearts to receive you as savior and friend. Hear our prayer.
Hear us, good Lord.

We pray for those bowed down with grief or fear, those caught by addiction or anxiety, for the sick who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, and for those who have asked our prayers, especially *N.,* and those we remember now…that they may be comforted and healed in the name of Christ Jesus. Hear our prayer.
Hear us, good Lord.

We remember all who have died in the faith of Christ and those whose faith is known to you alone, especially *N.,* and those we remember now…we rejoice with all your saints, trusting in the promise of your word fulfilled. Hear our prayer.
Hear us, good Lord.

Celebrant O God our King, by the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, you conquered sin, put death to flight, and gave us the hope of everlasting life in your kingdom: redeem all our days by this victory and make us bold to praise you and to do your will; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. ***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.

Please stand for

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 Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness,
make thy way plain before my face.
For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord, only,
that makest me dwell in safety.

Please stand and sing

Presentation Hymn 424, v. 1 *For the Fruit of All Creation* 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.

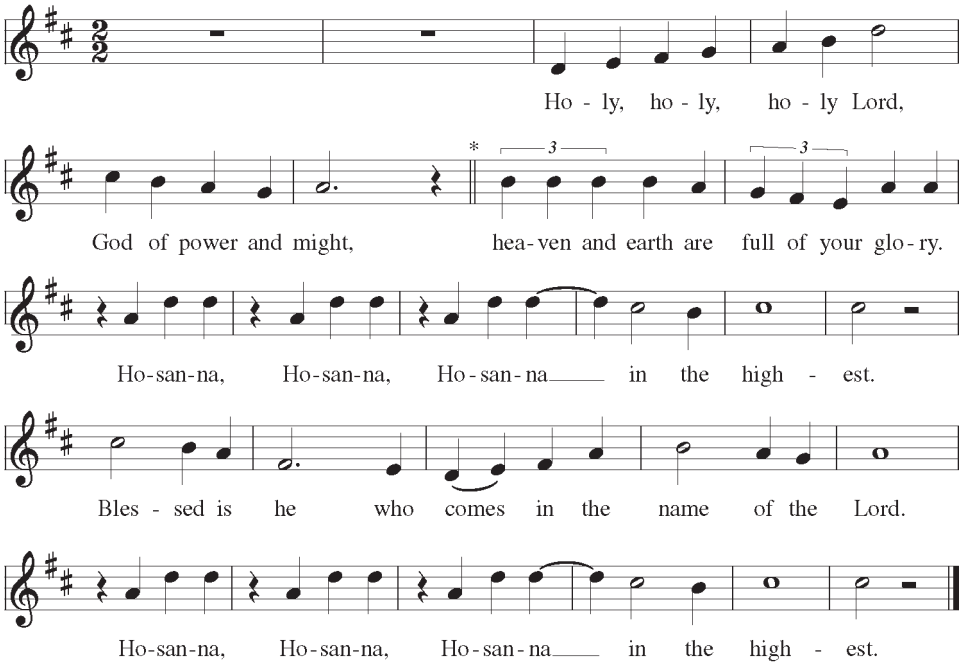
People ***We lift them to the Lord.***

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:



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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 R. 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.

Communion Anthem Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

If ye love me, keep my commandments.
And I will pray the Father,
and he will give you another Comforter,
that he may bide with you for ever;
e'en the Spirit of truth.

Communion Hymn 603 *When Christ Was Lifted from the Earth* Hymnal 1982

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.***

Sending Eucharistic Visitors

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, we 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 because we all share one bread, one cup.***

The Blessing

The Celebrant blesses the People.

People ***Amen.***

All sing

Hymn 375 *Give Praise and Glory Unto God* Hymnal 1982

Dismissal

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

Voluntary *Grand Jeux* François Couperin (1668-1733)

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, strengthened you for service, and filled you with joy. 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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