



**CHRIST CHURCH**  
- PITTSFORD -

**SEPTEMBER 17, 2023**  
**TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING**  
**THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II, SEASON OF CREATION**

**WELCOME!** We are delighted to have you worship with us today. If you are a visitor, we hope you leave as a friend; please complete a “welcome card” found in the pew racks. Please join us at the altar rail for Communion. You may request gluten free wafers from the clergy. We hope you will return!

**CARE FOR OUR YOUNG CHILDREN.** We have a terrific Sunday School program for kids, age 3 through high school. Sunday School Classes are during at the 10:00 am service for all ages.

We also offer nursery care for infants and children through age 2 at the 10:00 am service.



To use our hearing loop, activate the telecoil on your hearing aid/cochlear implant. Adjust the volume as needed.

## THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

8:00 am

Worship Service with Holy Eucharist Rite I

9:00 am

Coffee Hour

10:00 am

Worship Service-Holy Eucharist, Rite II

10:00 am

Sunday School and Nursery Care

11:00 am

Coffee Hour

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

9:00 am

Stretch and Strengthen

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

10:00 am

Worship Service with Holy Eucharist

7:00 pm

Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

8:00 am

Worship Service with Holy Eucharist Rite I

9:00 am

Coffee Hour

10:00 am

Worship Service-Holy Eucharist, Rite II

10:00 am

Sunday School and Nursery Care

11:00 am

Celebration Sunday Picnic

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS AT TODAY'S SERVICE

CHALICE MINISTERS

Laura Despard, Wes Harris

LECTORS

John W. Stewart, Bonnie Kunze, Pat Hainen

COUNTERS

Cork Young, Andrew Goeckel

USHERS

Kay Marshman, Mary Ann Chiella, Jack MacArthur

LIVE STREAMING TECHNICIAN

Ray Preble

We are grateful for the hard work of the Altar Guild every week for their care of the altar, vestments, vessels, and altar linens of the parish.

**THE ACCLAMATION**

*Presider* Blessed be the One, Holy, and Living God.

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

*Presider*

**A**lmighty 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.**

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS S280** (Blue Hymnal)

*Robert Powell*

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*Presider* God be with you.

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

*Presider* Let us pray.

**O** God, because in our ignorance and selfishness we so often fail to care rightly for your Creation, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may soften and unite our hearts with all living beings who suffer; through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**THE FIRST LESSON**

**Exodus 14:19-31**

**T**he angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots,

and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.  
*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 114** *In exitu Israel (recited responsively, Pulpit side **Bold print**, Lectern side unbolded print)*

1 Hallelujah!

When Israel came out of Egypt, \*

**the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,**

2 Judah became the sanctuary of the Lord \*

**and Israel the dominion of God.**

3 The sea beheld it and fled; \*

**Jordan turned and went back.**

4 The mountains skipped like rams, \*

**and the little hills like young sheep.**

5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? \*

**O Jordan, that you turned back?**

6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams? \*

**You little hills like young sheep?**

7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, \*

**at the presence of the God of Jacob,**

8 who turned the hard rock into a pool of water \*

**and flint-stone into a flowing spring.**

### **A Reading from “Our Relationship with Creation,”**

**by Brother Keith Nelson, SSJE**

**W**hen we violate, abuse, exploit, or even simply ignore non-human creatures, we are rejecting a core dimension of our humanity and of God’s calling for us. We are crucifying the earth. We are interrupting, speaking over, or bickering with God’s gentle language of love, in which each creature is like a syllable of the living Word. Each creature is an instance of Divine Gift, God’s gift to Godself, the love language of the Trinity. We believe God became a Creature in Jesus Christ and redeemed Creation from the inside out so that we creatures can participate directly in this infinite pattern of God’s giving-and-receiving.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

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

*All stand, as able.*

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



*Choir* Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

*People* **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

*Choir* Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening; You have the words of eternal life.

*People* **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

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

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

## THE GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21-35

**P**eter 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.”

*Reader*            The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*            **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## SERMON

*The Rev. Julianne Buenting*

*Please stand or kneel, as able.*

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**L**et us offer our prayers to God who gives life and breath to all creatures, saying, “God of glory, hear us.”

I ask your prayers for the mission of the church throughout the world, for sharing the promise of abundant life and working toward it for all.

**God of glory, hear us.**

I ask your prayers for the leaders of the nations, and for all who make or influence decisions for the health of our planet and the well-being of its peoples and creatures.

**God of glory, hear us.**

I ask your prayers that peace, justice and healing may come to all people and creation.

**God of glory, hear us.**

I ask your prayers for those who suffer illness, want, or exile because of environmental degradation or disaster, remembering especially those affected by the earthquake in Morocco and flooding in eastern Libya.

**God of glory, hear us.**

I ask your prayers for those who in their daily work are stewards and protectors of God's creation in ways large and small; for gardeners, farmers, and ranchers; for rangers and park managers; for fishers and foresters; for climate and other environmental scientists, ecologists, and activists, and for all who work to restore and heal our wounded Earth.

**God of glory, hear us.**

I ask your prayers for those who have died, especially for those who have died from violence, war and natural disaster.

**God of glory, hear us.**

*Presider*

God of peace, let us your people know, that at the heart of turbulence there is an inner calm that comes from faith in you. Keep us from being content with things as they are, that from this central peace there may come a creative compassion, a thirst for justice, and a willingness to give of ourselves in the spirit of Christ.

**Amen.**

## **THE PEACE**

*Presider*      The peace of the risen Christ be always with you.

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

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us. *Ephesians 5:2a*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Charles Villiers STANFORD (1852-1924)

**O** For a closer walk with God, a calm and heavenly frame; a light to shine upon the road that leads me to the Lamb. Return, O holy Dove; return, sweet messenger of rest; I hate the sins that made thee mourn, and drove thee from my breast. So shall my walk be close with God, calm and serene my frame: so purer light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

WILLIAM COWPER, 1769

DOXOLOGY: HYMN 380, v. 3

*All stand as able.*

**P**RAISE GOD, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heavenly host:  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THOMAS KEN 1637-1711

PSEAUMES OCTANTE TROIS DE DAVID 1551, alt.

THE HOLY COMMUNION (EP C, Book of Common Prayer 1979)

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

**By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers and stewards of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.



**By his blood, he reconciled us.  
By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

**S. 125            SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS            Richard Proulx 1937-2010**  
**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Presider continues*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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." Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers: God of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, God of Sarah, Rebekah, Leah, and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Gracious God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

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

**O**UR 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 Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

### FRACTION ANTHEM: S. 151



*Choir Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia*

*People Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia*

*Choir Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast.*

*People Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia*

*Presider* 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 welcome to receive Holy Communion. The consecrated Bread is received in the open palm. The consecrated Wine, if desired, may be taken from the common cup by drinking (placing your hand gently on the base of the chalice to guide it) or by dipping the wafer of consecrated Bread. You may request gluten free wafers from the clergy at the altar rail.*

## COMMUNION MOTET

O Taste and See How Gracious the Lord is Blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Psalm 34

**HYMN 467** Sing, my soul, his wondrous love

ST. BEES

## POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

*All stand or kneel, as able.*

*Presider* Let us pray.

**L**oving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

## THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

**T**he God of all grace, who called you to eternal glory in Christ Jesus, establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith; and the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you and those you love, now and for ever. Amen.

*Presider:* Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit, Alleluia, alleluia!

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

**HYMN 594** Grace of God and God of Glory

CWM RHONDA

## Postlude

TOCCATA QUINTA

GEORGE MUFFAT (1653-1704)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

### SEPTEMBER 2023

#### **Sunday, September 24**

Celebration Sunday after the 10:00 am service  
Hot Dogs, Hamburgers. Salads  
Bounce House and Face Painting for the children  
Look for a sign-up in the front hall!

#### **News on First Steps for Rector Search:**

At its meeting this week, the Vestry began discussion about preparing for the Rector Search process. Their first step will be the selection of co-chairs for the Search Committee. If you have nominations for parishioners to lead the search committee, please speak to Pat Morrow or Daryl Sharp, our wardens. On Sunday, October 22nd, the Rev. Virginia Tyler Smith, our Diocesan Transition Officer, will be here for our 9 AM Adult Forum to present the Clergy Search Process in the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester to the parish. We hope many of you will be able to join that session.

**A Note about COVID-19 and Masks:** There has been a small increase in the rates of COVID-19 cases in recent weeks, including in our area. This is just a reminder that some folks may want or need to wear a face mask to worship and church events. We encourage you to think about your health status and whether that is a good choice for you. Mask wearing is welcome at Christ Church and masks will be available at church for those who might need one.

#### **Non Fiction Book Club**

On **Tuesday, September 26th at 3:00** we will resume meeting to discuss *Sinkable: Obsession, the Deep Sea and the Shipwreck of the Titanic* by Daniel Stone. The Titanic had hardly settled to the seafloor when efforts began to find and recover the ship. Stone recounts these efforts will also educating about our understanding of the seafloor. We welcome all members of the parish and their friends to participate in the book club. Meetings will be held in a hybrid format with both in person attendance and via Zoom. To get more information about the book club, to be added to our distribution list or to suggest a book for discussion, please contact Jim Baroody ([jimbaroody@gmail.com](mailto:jimbaroody@gmail.com)).

## **Usher's Dinner**

**Thursday, October 12 at 6:00 pm** in the Christ Church Dining Room

If you are an usher or would like to be an usher, including those who help with funerals and special occasions you are welcome to join us. We welcome families who would like to usher as well. The food will come from Dinosaur BBQ and the dinner will be in the church dining room. Please RSVP to Cindy 585-586-1226.



Our worship is the action of the whole congregation. For this reason, multiple roles must be filled by lay ministers. We need more participants in these activities at Christ Church. If you would like to be involved in one of these activities, please let Cindy know, [parishadmin@christchurchpittsford.com](mailto:parishadmin@christchurchpittsford.com) or 585-586-1226. Training is provided for all these activities!

### **Acolytes**

8:00 am: Adult individuals to light the candles, assist the priest in setting the table for Communion, and lead the procession and recession.

10:00 am: Adult and youth members light the candles, assist in setting the table for Communion, and lead the procession and recession.

### **Chalice Ministers**

Chalice Ministers serve the consecrated wine to the communicants.

### **Counters**

The counters tally the plate offering money for both services after the 10:00 am service.

### **Lectors**

The lectors support our worship by reading the Lessons and leading the Prayers of the People at the 8:00 am and 10:00 am services.

### **Library**

Take in books and maintain computer files. Maintain library's appearance.

## **Greeters**

The Greeters offer a warm welcome to all who enter Christ Church with particular emphasis on making newcomers feel welcome and comfortable. They also help folks find their way around church.

## **Ushers**

The Ushers make sure the service runs smoothly from start to finish. Their service includes everything from handing out the bulletins, helping folks with the elevator, the offertory, and anything else needed.

## **Sunday School Volunteers**

Our Sunday School program depends on volunteers for teachers, assistants, and helping with the workshops. Scheduling is flexible and no experience is needed.

## **Sunday Nursery Caregivers**

Volunteers are needed to fill in as needed with infants and toddlers during the 10:00 am service. Responsibilities include holding infants, having fun with toddlers, and keeping our youngest parishioners safe.

## **Altar Guild**

The Guild sets up the altar for services, maintains the candles and linens, polishes the brass and silver, and makes sure that everything is at its best and brightest every week. The Altar Guild also sets up for weddings, funerals and evensongs. At the conclusion of Sunday services, they help to break down the flowers from the altar into smaller bouquets that are delivered to parishioners.

## **Flower Delivery**

Members of the Flower Delivery Committee deliver altar flowers every Sunday after the 10:00 a.m. service. Two to four individuals or couples make the deliveries of six or more flower arrangements that have been prepared by Altar Guild volunteers. Parishioners receiving flowers include the people who are homebound, or the bereaved, as well as those who are celebrating birthdays, births or baptisms.

## **Weed and Water Gang**

This group works hard to maintain the beautiful gardens around Christ Church. Members take turns watering and weeding during the summer months. In the fall, they help with the clean up.

**Please Pray For:**

Danny Suy, friend of Ingrid Krogstad, died of leukemia.

Hilda Wiley, cousin of Chris Wylam, ovarian cancer;

Janet Vensel, family of Daryl Sharp, cancer;

Doak Borst, cousin of Julianne Buenting, rehab for head injury;

Tony Sorge, continued treatment for cancer;

**ONGOING:**

Scott Ornt; Tom Blum; Karl Hendrickson; Frances; Bella O'Neil; Austin Kellogg; Barry Balonek; Trevor Smith; Olivia; Judi Bachelder; Tom Wright; Beth; Steve; George Tice; Wayne Denlinger; David Miller; Sarah McCurdy; Sarah Koopus; Anu Abhyankar; Dick Seils; Jean Snyder and family; Andrew Green; Joel Krenis; Gladys Wiedrich; Susan Watt; Tom Frank; Jeannie Young; Carol Bates; Lisa Crocket; David; William Jackman; Ella Dyson; Sue Thomas; Lee McKee; Marjorie Russer; Duane Attinkson; Gene Johnson, John McCleod; Bill Shield; Matt Eggars; Angelina Gentry; Adrian Badlu; Beverly French; Yasuo Onishi; Ron Young; The Rev. Dr. Sonia Waters; Jane Wells; Claire Crump; Ann Dillon; Peter Hazelman; Joani Hauge and Theo Georgiev; Jonathan Ragan; James Brederode, Norma Benedict; Janet Campbell; Mike Longton; James S. Warne; Chrystal Dudley; Tammy Wright; Leo Landhuis; Mary Lou.

*We're grateful to be able to pray for our parishioners, family members, and friends who are in need, and we think it is important to make these concerns known to our community. We generally keep names on this list for about four weeks, unless we're aware of a continuing need. If we've removed a prayer request which you would like to appear for another 4-6 weeks, please call the church office. Thank you for your good help in bringing prayer requests to our attention.*

# PET BLESSING at 10 AM WORSHIP

## Sunday, October 1

*Please join us!*



### CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

INTERIM RECTOR

The Rev. Dr. Julianne Buenting

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Alden Wright

FINANCE ADMINISTRATOR & CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Liz Salamone

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

Cindy Kline

SEXTONS

Mary Thor, Rick Webster, Tristan Berlet

WARDENS

Daryl Sharp, Pat Morrow

VESTRY

Mark Dwyer, Jane Gorsline, Alan Jonason,  
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Nahoko Kawakyu-O'Connor, Mike Kramer, Richard Smith,  
Michael Lehman (Treasurer), Kay Marshman (Clerk of the Vestry)

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