

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

COLUMBIA, MD

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

and

ANNUAL MEETING

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 18, 2020 | 10:00 AM

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THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE

Plein Jeu (Et in terra pax), from the Mass for the Parishes

François Couperin (1668-1733)

If you plan to give to Christ Church this morning, please leave your offering in the box during this time.

The People stand as able.

OPENING HYMN

Please hum or mouth the words only.

Old 100th

All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice:
him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell,
come ye before him and rejoice.

Know that the Lord is God indeed;
without our aid he did us make:
we are his folk, he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise,
approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud, and bless his Name always,
for it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good,
his mercy is for ever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.

People: Amen.

GLORIA

Sung by the Cantor on behalf of the Congregation

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Let us pray.

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.

People: Amen.

The People may be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 45:1-7

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped
to subdue nations before him
and strip kings of their robes,
to open doors before him--
and the gates shall not be closed:
I will go before you and level the mountains,
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron,
I will give you the treasures of darkness
and riches hidden in secret places,

so that you may know that it is I, the LORD,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
For the sake of my servant Jacob,
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me.
I am the LORD, and there is no other;
besides me there is no god.
I arm you, though you do not know me,
so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
I am the LORD, and there is no other.
I form light and create darkness,
I make weal and create woe;
I the LORD do all these things.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The following Psalm is read responsively by half-verse.

PSALM 96:1-9

Cantate Domino

Sing to the LORD a new song; *
sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.

Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples.

For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; *
he is more to be feared than all gods.

As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *
but it is the LORD who made the heavens.

Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!

Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; *
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; *
bring offerings and come into his courts.

Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble before him.

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead-- Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The People stand as able.

SEQUENCE HYMN

Please hum or mouth the words only.

Monk's Gate

Jesus, our mighty Lord, our strength in sadness,
the Father's conquering Word, true source of gladness;
your Name we glorify, O Jesus, throned on high;
you gave yourself to die for our salvation.

Good shepherd of your sheep, your own defending,
in love your children keep to life unending.
You are yourself the Way: lead us then day by day
in your own steps, we pray, O Lord most holy.

Glorious their life who sing, with glad thanksgiving,
true hymns to Christ the King in all their living:
all who confess his Name, come then with hearts aflame;
the God of peace acclaim as Lord and Savior.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 22:15-22

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said

to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

As is our custom, there is no sermon on the day of the Annual Meeting.

THE NICENE CREED

All: 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. Heavenly Father, we give thanks for our time together on this the day of our Annual Meeting. May our voices rise up to you this morning, and may our faith carry us far beyond the limitations of a global pandemic. May we reach beyond our own lives in this world and into God's calling for us and for our church.

People: Call me, Lord, to your service, this day and every day.

Intercessor: We give thanks for the incredible gift of Christ Church and for each person worshipping here, both in person and virtually. We celebrate, Father God, that you call us together in all our beautiful diversity, as one family, brothers and sisters in Christ.

People: Call me, Lord, to your service, this day and every day.

Intercessor: We celebrate all who minister in your name, in our Liturgy, Christian Education, Pastoral Care, and Community, National and World Outreach Commissions. We give thanks for all who give of their time, talent and treasure in service to one another and to you.

People: Call me, Lord, to your service, this day and every day.

Intercessor: We are blessed by all who lead and serve and we lift in prayer Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Eugene and Robert, our Diocesan Bishops; Emmanuel, our Rector; Denise, our Deacon; Adam, our Director of Music; Kareem, our Cantor; and our retired Rectors, Richard and James. This morning we lift in prayer Emmanuel, Cumberland; St. Matthew's, Oakland; and St. John's, Deer Park. Within the Anglican Communion, we pray for The Episcopal Church.

People: Call me, Lord, to your service, this day and every day.

Intercessor: You, Lord, are at our side, surrounding us with your love, grace, peace and mercy. We pray you lift up those who live in fear, poverty, and desperation. We pray for those in prison, those who are homeless, those who are alone, and those who are ill. Be their healing and their hope. We pray especially this morning for Nell, Alta, Pamela, Chad, Joan, Richard, Rebecca, Jean, Alfred, Stan, Brady, Paul, Nick, Ashley, Anthony, Jim and those you now name.

People: Call me, Lord, to your service, this day and every day.

Intercessor: Hold closely, Lord, those who grieve this day; especially Ginger and Melanie. We pray for the souls of those who have passed from this life into the peace of eternal life with you. We remember Doug, Vera, and those you now name.

People: Comfort all who grieve this day.

Intercessor: We rejoice in the birthdays, baptismal anniversaries and wedding anniversaries in our church family this week, especially: Bob, Ernest, Elizabeth, Alice, Robert, Helen, Suzanne, Niki, Yvonne, Christina, Michael, Adam, Brian, Assunta, Barbara, Nicolaisen, Olivia, Eve, Noel, Douglas, Nicole, Mason, Nicholas, Hannah, Mary, Erik, Haso, Maggie, Ronald, Randy, Samantha, Gavin, William, and Michelle. May their year ahead be one of joy!

People: Call me, Lord, to your service, this day and every day.

Intercessor: Lord and Savior, Holy Spirit of the Living God, our peace is in you. We know you are with us in our times of joy and our times of trial. Be present with us, we pray, on this Sunday of our Annual Meeting.

People: May thy will, always and ever, be done. Amen.

The Celebrant concludes with a collect, to which the People respond *Amen*.

THE PEACE

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

People: And also with you.

The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord *with a wave or nod* and then be seated.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev'd Emmanuel Ato Mercer, Rector

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN

Please hum or mouth the words only.

Duke Street

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
doth his successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
the prisoners leap to lose their chains,
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.

People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song;
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his Name.

Let every creature rise and bring
peculiar honors to our King;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud amen.

The People stand as able.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A

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 him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth...

... 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:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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."

Celebrant: 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."

All: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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.

All: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

All: 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

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

All: In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church,
 where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated,
 I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving.
 I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection;
 I await your coming in glory.
 And since I cannot receive you today
 in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood,
 I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart.
 Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus,
 and let me never be separated from you.
 May I live in you, and you in me,
 in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN

Please hum or mouth the words only.

Caithness

<p>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!</p> <p>Return, O holy Dove, return, sweet messenger of rest; I hate the sins that made thee mourn, and drove thee from my breast.</p>	<p>Where is the blessedness I knew when first I saw the Lord? Where is the soul-refreshing view of Jesus and his word?</p> <p>The dearest idol I have known, whate'er that idol be, help me to tear it from thy throne, and worship only thee.</p>
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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.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: 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.

THE BLESSING

The Celebrant blesses the People, who respond *Amen*.

CLOSING HYMN

Please hum or mouth the words only.

Komm, o komm, du Geist des Lebens

Judge eternal, throned in splendor,
Lord of lords and King of kings,
with thy living fire of judgment
purge this land of bitter things;
solace all its wide dominion
with the healing of thy wings.

Still the weary folk are pining
for the hour that brings release,
and the city's crowded clangor
cries aloud for sin to cease;
and the homesteads and the woodlands
plead in silence for their peace.

Crown, O God, thine own endeavor;
cleave our darkness with thy sword;
feed all those who do not know thee
with the richness of thy word;
cleans the body of this nation
through the glory of the Lord.

DISMISSAL

The Deacon dismisses the people, who respond:
Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Deo Gratias (Petit plein jeu), from the Mass for the Convents

Couperin

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Sunday School | We hold Sunday School weekly classes on Zoom from 9:15 to 9:45 a.m. (with no classes on November 29th and December 27th). Please download and fill out a Sunday School registration form at <https://www.christchurchcolumbia.org/youth-formation> so we are able to provide you with the Zoom codes. Our curriculum is "Weaving God's Promises" and we are in Year 3: Weaving God's Community. If you have any questions or are able to help facilitate classes, please contact Jennifer Atkins - dandjatkins@verizon.net.

Bible Study | Bible Study meets Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. via Zoom. Email info@christchurchcolumbia.org for the Zoom link and details.

Centering Prayer at Christ Church | On Monday evenings at 6:00 p.m. Christ Church hosts a Centering Prayer gathering in New Brick. This is a form of contemplative prayer that is meditative and involves opening ourselves to God by listening in silence, as it can move us beyond conversation with Jesus and towards communion with Him. Centering Prayer relies on our awareness that the Holy Spirit resides in each one of us. Please know that all social distancing guidelines will be strictly adhered to during this gathering, and masks will be required by all participants. We hope that you will come and take part in this gathering of communal prayer.

Music at Christ Church | Music is central to Christ Church's mission and worship life. Recognizing the unique dangers posed by singing at this time, we sadly must also put a hiatus on in-person choir rehearsals until our diocese allows choral and congregational singing to resume. During this time, we are delighted to offer the following digital offerings for musical formation, focusing on building vocal and theoretical skills. When we return to our church building, we will be stronger singers than when this pandemic started!

Our RSCM Chorister Program continues to flourish – digitally! We invite all boys and girls age eight and up to participate in Thursday rehearsals from 5:00 to 5:45 PM via Zoom. We begin with a brief warm-up, followed by focused rehearsal time on hymns and anthems. Then our fabulous Vocal Coach Dr. Madeline Miskie (known to our Choristers as "Dr. Miskie") works with Choristers individually while others work on music theory packets. Our long-term goal is for Choristers to record their individual parts, which we will splice into a fabulous "virtual choir" performance. For more information and to enroll your child, please fill out [this form](#).

For our Adult Choirs, we are partnering with the choirs of St. John's, Norwood Parish to offer digital voice, theory, and sight-singing lessons. We will offer an optional Tuesday session from 7:30 to 8:15, holding virtual "office hours" to answer theory questions. We will distribute workbooks, packets, and other music theory materials for our choir members to work on at their own pace. During this Tuesday session, our RSCM Vocal Coach Madeline will offer group voice classes. Thursday evenings, also from 7:30 to 8:15, will be focused on sight-singing, using solfège and scale degrees to become competent readers of music. For more information and to sign up, please email Adam Detzner, Director of Music, at music@christchurchcolumbia.org. This is a great time for people new to our church or music program to jump in! Don't know how to read music? We'll teach you! Don't know how to sing? We'll help!

CEC Book Discussion Group | Our Book Discussion Group has restarted, meeting online each Friday from 7:30-9:00 p.m. via Zoom. Our next book was written by Samuel Wells, a British theologian from Cambridge who was a visiting Professor at Duke Divinity school. The book is titled "Learning to Dream Again - Rediscovering the Heart of God" and is available in paperback and e-book from www.christianbook.com, as well as from other retailers. If you are interested, please call Ellen Hoke at 301-452-7115 or email:efboudreau1@gmail.com, and she will give you more details and links, as well as a scanned first chapter to provide to folks who are waiting for a hard copy of the book to arrive. All are welcome, so sign up and join us for a vibrant and enlightening online discussion.

The Christ Church Annual Parish Auction | Thank you to all of you who have donated for this year's auction! This would not be possible without your kindness and generosity. Now.... stay tuned! As you know, the 31st Annual Christ Church Auction will be held virtually this year, from Saturday November 7th through November 14th, and is THE major fundraiser for the Church each year. Although we cannot be together in person for the 2020 version, we can still meet in spirit and online. We look forward to your participation in the event, and we encourage you to invite your friends to log in, as well. Links, details about the auction items and other news will be coming in future CEC communications.

CEC Book Discussion Group Update | On Friday, October 23rd, the Christ Church Book Discussion Group will begin a new book, "The Book of Joy". It is centered on how to achieve lasting happiness in a changing world. It is based on a 5-day conversation in India between Archbishop Desmond Tutu and the Dalai Lama in April 2015, and has been a New York Times Bestseller. It is available on Amazon, Barnes and Noble and thru the Howard County Library as an e-book. The Christ Church discussions are conducted via Zoom from 7:30-9 p.m. on a weekly basis. We usually cover 40-45 pages per week. We assign 10-page sections to different members of the group as primary presenters and then the rest of the group contributes to the discussion. We have hosted 10-15 individuals for past book discussions, and we are very open to expanding our group. Please join us! If there are any questions, please contact Ellen Boudreau Hoke at efboudreau@gmail.com. We hope you that you can join us, as we are a friendly group and enjoy sharing our thoughts.

Please Consider a Contribution to Christ Church.

Recent world events have been challenging for us all. It has also affected how we are able to continue to help others. Please consider contributing to Christ Church so that we may continue to support our parish staff, as well as those in need in our community and around the world. Christ Church has achieved much in the past because of everyone's generosity, and for that we are very grateful. We are still carrying out an amazing ministry for a moderate-sized church - even through this very challenging time - but it does require everyone's assistance. Each contribution helps greatly.

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