

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

A Reading from the Prophet Jeremiah (23:23-29)

Read by Jean Blanchard

Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 82

Led by Jean Blanchard

In unison

- 1 God takes his stand in the council of heaven; *
he gives judgment in the midst of the gods:
- 2 "How long will you judge unjustly, *
and show favor to the wicked?
- 3 Save the weak and the orphan; *
defend the humble and needy;
- 4 Rescue the weak and the poor; *
deliver them from the power of the wicked.

- 5 They do not know, neither do they understand;
they go about in darkness; *
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.
- 6 Now I say to you, 'You are gods, *
and all of you children of the Most High;
- 7 Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, *
and fall like any prince.'"
- 8 Arise, O God, and rule the earth, *
for you shall take all nations for your own.

A Reading from Hebrews (11:29-12:2)*

Read by Jean Blanchard

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as on dry land; but when the Egyptians tried to do so, they were drowned.

By faith the walls of Jericho fell, after the army had marched around them for seven days.

By faith the prostitute Rahab, because she welcomed the spies, was not killed with those who were disobedient.

And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson and Jephthah, about David and Samuel and the prophets, who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies. Women received back their dead, raised to life again. There were others who were tortured, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better resurrection. Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were put to death by stoning; they were sawed in two; they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated—the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, living in caves and in holes in the ground.

These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

* From the New International Version

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 worshipped 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 (Based on Form I)

Led by Judy Martinez

Please stand or kneel as able

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying “Lord, have mercy.”

Silence

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, we pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Michael our presiding bishop, Ian and Laura our bishops, Jeffrey our bishop-elect, Stephen our priest, for all Christ Church’s ministers who serve the Gospel in word and deed, we pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those in positions of governmental authority, that they may find their calling in your wisdom, justice and mercy, we pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the well-being of the people of Roxbury, and for those in all the places in which we live and work, we pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, we pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, we pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For an end to the war in Ukraine and all places beset by the violence of one group of people against another, we pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For an end to the violence and polarization that plague our communities, that we may feel your love for us, and that we may be guided by your call to love our neighbor and by the desire for your peace, we pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and oppressed, the aged and infirm, the sick and the suffering, prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, we pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Gracious God, we pray for those for whom prayers have been requested: Carolyn, Jennifer, Mary, Meg, Stephen, Lisbet, Alex, Alice, Betty, Bill, Bronwyn, Danielle, Deke, Don, James, Jeff, Jim, John, Kevin, Robert, Roger, Ronda, Heather, Dominic, Stella, Tim, Bambi and John Roy.

We also now bring before you the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Please add your own petitions, silently or aloud.

Hear us, Lord.

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Please add your own thanksgivings, silently or aloud.

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. The altar flowers are given by Ed and Sharon Benedict in loving memory of their granddaughter, Cassidy Westervelt.

Silence

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

The Celebrant says

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and 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 Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Please stand as able. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Please greet each warmly and safely.

August Birthdays (*please see BCP p. 830, #50*)

Announcements (*Also see last page of service bulletin*)

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Hymn

This is the Hour of Banquet and of Song
Hymn 317, Tune: *Morestead*

During the offertory hymn, the ushers will collect your gifts and bring them before God's Holy Table. The Celebrant receives the gifts and all sing

Doxology

Hymn 380 vs. 3, Tune: *Old Hundredth*

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

The people stand. The Celebrant faces them and says

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.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

Celebrant and People sing together

Sanctus

Service Music S-130; Setting: *Schubert*

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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."

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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

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.

Amen.

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

People and Celebrant

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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Then may be sung

Fraction Anthem

Service Music S-155; Setting: *Near*

The ushers will invite you to come forward to receive in a single queue. You may receive either just the bread, or the bread dipped into the chalice of wine by the minister. Please let the minister know which you prefer. Gluten free wafers are also available. You may return to your seat by the side aisles.

If you do not wish to receive, you are invited to come forward for a blessing.

Communion Hymn *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* Hymn 490, Tune: *Houston*

After Communion

The Celebrant says

Let us Pray.

Celebrant and 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.

The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, may bless the people

Recessional Hymn *Holy God, We Praise Thy Name*

Hymn 366 vv. 1-3
Tune: *Grosser Gott*

The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses the people with these words

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

The Prelude in C Minor Op. 28 No. 20 of Frédéric Chopin

Ringing of the Bells

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Announcements

Coffee Hour today in the Parish Hall. Eat, converse and come **Stump the Priest** with your burning religious questions.

Joint Service with the Roxbury Congregational Church, Sunday June 4 at 10:30 at the pavilion at Hurlburt Park. Please bring your favorite side dish.

Join the **Red Door Welcome Team**. Please reach out to Stephen, Anissa or Stephen.

Become an **Altar Guild minister!** Reach out to Barbara, Millie or Meg to learn more about this holy and fun ministry.

The **Flower List** is on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Nothing fancy required! Remember a loved one or celebrate a special occasion. Reach out to Millie Snowden for information.

Do you have newer **photos of parish life** at Christ Church that we might be able to use on our website? Please contact Pastor Stephen.

Thank you to our ministers today

Organist & Music Director: Mr. Gregory J. Cava

Lay Minister: Judy Martinez Lector: Jean Blanchard

Ushers: Anissa Roy, Stephen Durr, Stephen Page

Altar Guild: Barbara Spencer, Millie Snowden, Meg Mongin, Cynthia Willett

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