



## **Christ Episcopal Church**

*Roxbury, Connecticut*

**Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

*11 August 2024, 9:00 AM*

**Ringling of the Bells**

*At ten minutes before the hour, the altar candles are lit, inviting all into a time of preparation for our worship.  
Please silence electronic devices.*

**Prelude** *Italian Song, Op. 39 No. 15, composed by Peter Illych Tchaikovsky*

**Welcome** *The Rev. Stephen Nagy*

### **THE WORD OF GOD**

**Processional Hymn** *Now Thank We All Our God* Hymn 397

*Celebrant* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

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

**Gloria** *Mass for Christ Church in F Major of Gregory J. Cava* Please see last page

### **The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* God be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**Jesus, the true bread that comes down from heaven: Leaven us with your Holy Spirit, that the world may know the abundance of life in your new creation. Amen.**

## The Lessons

### A Reading from The First Book of Kings (19:4-8)

*Read by Stephen Morris*

Elijah went a day's journey into the wilderness. He came to a broom bush, sat down under it and prayed that he might die. "I have had enough, LORD," he said. "Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors." Then he lay down under the bush and fell asleep.

All at once an angel touched him and said, "Get up and eat." He looked around, and there by his head was some bread baked over hot coals, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again.

The angel of the LORD came back a second time and touched him and said, "Get up and eat, for the journey is too much for you." So he got up and ate and drank. Strengthened by that food, he traveled forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 34:1-8

*Led by Stephen Morris*

*In Unison*

- 1 I will bless the LORD at all times; \*  
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
- 2 I will glory in the LORD; \*  
let the humble hear and rejoice.
- 3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; \*  
let us exalt his Name together.
- 4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me \*  
and delivered me out of all my terror.
- 5 Look upon him and be radiant, \*  
and let not your faces be ashamed.
- 6 I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me \*  
and saved me from all my troubles.
- 7 The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, \*  
and he will deliver them.
- 8 Taste and see that the LORD is good; \*  
happy are they who trust in him!

### A Reading from the letter to the Ephesians (4:25-5:2)

*Read by Stephen Morris*

Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body. "In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold. Anyone who has been

stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need.

Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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People **Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn**

*I Am the Bread of Life*

Hymn 335, vv. 1, 2 & 4

**The Good News of Jesus Christ, according to John (6:35, 41-51)**

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

Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

At this the Jews there began to grumble about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They said, "Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I came down from heaven'?"

"Stop grumbling among yourselves," Jesus answered. "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them, and I will raise them up at the last day. It is written in the Prophets: 'They will all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard the Father and learned from him comes to me. No one has seen the Father except the one who is from God; only he has seen the Father. Very truly I tell you, the one who believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, yet they died. But here is the bread that comes down from heaven, which anyone may eat and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world."

The Gospel of our Savior.

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

**The Sermon**

*The Rev. Stephen Nagy*

**The Nicene Creed**

*In unison; please stand as able*

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 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 VI)

*Led by Judy Martinez*

*Please stand or kneel as able*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;  
**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Michael our presiding bishop, Sean our presiding bishop-elect, Jeffrey and Laura our bishops, the ministers of Christ Church Roxbury, and all who proclaim the Gospel in word and deed.

**For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence*

Gracious God, we pray for those for whom prayers have been requested: Alba, Astrid, Barbara, the family of Bob Bevans, Carl, Caroline, Christine, Cory, Deke, Diane, Drew, Elaine, Emily, Esther, Hiram, Jaime, James and Robert, Jane, Jean, Jeff, Jeffrey, Jennifer, Jenny, Judy & Mike, Linda, Mary, Mayo, Meg, Mike, Millie, Nonie, Ronda, Ryan, Sarah, Stephen, Stephen and Lisbet, Tim, Thomas, Tom, Todd, Tony and those we name before you aloud and in our hearts.

*Silence*

Hear us Lord;  
**For we put our trust in you.**

We pray for an end to war and all acts of violence of one group of people against another.

We pray for peace in the Holy Land.

We pray for an end to the violence and polarization that plague our communities.

Hear us, Lord;  
**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. The flowers today are given by Stephen and Lisbett Morris in honor of Ted and Ingrid Martland.

*Please add your own thanksgivings.*

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.

*Silence*

*Please add your own petitions.*

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

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**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Minister and People*

**God of all mercy,  
we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.  
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will. 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.**

**August Birthdays** (BCP p. 830)

**O God, our times are in your hand. Look with favor, we pray, on your servants N. as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **The Peace**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

**Announcements** (*Also see page 10 of service bulletin*)

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Hymn

*Taste and See*

WL&P Hymn 764

*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 (*Old Hundredth*)

## The Great Thanksgiving

*Eucharistic Prayer 1 from Enriching Our Worship*

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.**

*Please stand or kneel as able. Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

*Celebrant and People sing together*

**Sanctus**

Service Music S-124

*The Celebrant continues*

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made

mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, 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."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and 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

*Please come forward to receive communion either standing or kneeling along the altar rail.*

*Gluten free wafers are also available.*

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

### Communion Anthem

*Loaves and Fishes*

Words by Shawna Edwards & Linda Urquhart; Music by Shawna Edwards

Linnea Szantyr and Steve Morris, Duet Vox

### After Communion

Let us Pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

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

### Recessional Hymn

*All Things Bright and Beautiful*

Hymn 405

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

Let us go forth carrying the Good News of Jesus Christ to a needy world.

People **Thanks be to God.**

### Postlude

Opening of the *Funeral March in G Minor* composed by Gregory J. Cava

## Ringling of the Bells

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## Announcements

Please join us for **coffee hour** in the parish hall.

**Deep Dive Bible Study today** after coffee hour. We'll spend ~45 minutes exploring the scripture readings we heard today but didn't get a chance to ponder. Bring your curiosity and your inspiration.

The **Celebration of Life for Bob Bevans** will be Saturday, August 17 at 1:00 PM.

**Picnic at Bernhardt Meadow** following a short healing and Eucharist service on Wednesday, August 21 at 4:00 PM. All are welcome. Please check with Dona about bringing your favorite home-made picnic goodies.

Save the date: We will be having a **joint service and luncheon with Roxbury Congregational Church on Sunday, September 1 at 10:30 AM.**

Summer is here! Help beautify our sanctuary and honor a loved one or celebrate a special occasion with flowers. **Sign up on the bulletin board** in the narthex or call Millie Snowden at 203-266-7404 for information.

Join the **"Green Thumb Brigade"**! Would you like to help keep our grounds weed free and blooming? There is always something to do! Please speak to Ken Murphy to join in.

Would you like a **yard heart** like the one in front of our church and many of our homes? Ask a Vestry member. Spread the love!

### *Thank you to our ministers today*

*Music Minister: Mr. Gregory J. Cava*

*Soloists: Linnea Szantyr and Stephen Morris*

*Welcoming: Linda West*

*Lector: Stephen Morris*

*Eucharistic Minister: Judy Martinez*

*Altar Guild chair: Deb Howes*

*Sonneur: Larry Apolzon*

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The Right Reverend Jeffrey W. Mello, Bishop Diocesan

The Right Reverend Laura J. Ahrens, Bishop Suffragan

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FROM MASS FOR CHRIST CHURCH ROXBURY IN F MAJOR

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Glo-ry to God in the hi-gh - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God. Hea-ven-ly King. Al - mi - gh - ty God and

Fa-ther. We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we pra - ise you for your glo-ry! Lord Je - s - us Christ; On-ly s - on of the

Fa-ther. Lord God. Lamb of God. You take a - way the sins of the world have mer-cy on us. You are seat-ed at the

right hand of God: Fa-ther re-ceive our prayer. For you - a - lone are the Ho-ly One. You a - lone are he Lord.

You a - lo-ne are the Most High Je - sus Christ with the Ho-ly Spir-it in the glo-ry o - f God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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