

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

The Lessons

A Reading from Amos 8:4-7

Read by Elaine Curley

Hear this, you that trample on the needy,
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,

saying, "When will the new moon be over
so that we may sell grain;

and the sabbath,
so that we may offer wheat for sale?

We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,
and practice deceit with false balances,

buying the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals,
and selling the sweepings of the wheat."

The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 113

Led by Elaine Curley

In unison

1 Hallelujah!

Give praise, you servants of the Lord; *
praise the Name of the Lord.

2 Let the Name of the Lord be blessed, *
from this time forth for evermore.

3 From the rising of the sun to its going down *
let the Name of the Lord be praised.

- 4 The Lord is high above all nations, *
and his glory above the heavens.
- 5 Who is like the Lord our God, who sits enthroned on high *
but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?
- 6 He takes up the weak out of the dust *
and lifts up the poor from the ashes.
- 7 He sets them with the princes, *
with the princes of his people.
- 8 He makes the woman of a childless house *
to be a joyful mother of children.

A Reading from the First Letter to Timothy (1 Timothy 2:1-7) *Read by Elaine Curley*

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For

there is one God;
there is also one mediator between God and humankind,
Christ Jesus, himself human,
who gave himself a ransom for all

— this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn *Father All Loving Who Rulest in Majesty* Hymn 568
Tune: *Was lebet*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke* (16:1-13)

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

Jesus told his disciples: “There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. So he called him in and asked him, ‘What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.’

“The manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I’m not strong enough to dig, and I’m ashamed to beg— I know what I’ll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.’

* NIV Translation

“So he called in each one of his master’s debtors. He asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’

“‘Nine hundred gallons of olive oil,’ he replied.

“The manager told him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred and fifty.’

“Then he asked the second, ‘And how much do you owe?’

“‘A thousand bushels of wheat,’ he replied.

“He told him, ‘Take your bill and make it eight hundred.’

“The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light. I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.

“Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else’s property, who will give you property of your own?

“No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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 I)

Led by Barbara Dratch

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: Alex, Alice, Alison, Bambi, Betty, Bill, Bronwyn, Carolyn, Danielle, Deke, Dominic, Don, Heather, James, Jeff, Jennifer, Jim, John, John Roy, Kevin, Mary, Maureen, Meg, Robert, Roger, Ronda, Stella, Stephen and Lisbet, Tim, and Tracy.

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 flowers today are given in memory of Elinor and Alden Hurlbut by Peter Hurlbut.

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.

September Birthdays (BCP p. 830)

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant N. as he begins another year. Grant that he may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen his trust in your goodness all the days of his life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Hymn

Humbly I Adore Thee

Hymn 314, Tune: *Adoro devote*

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

There is a Balm in Gilead Hymn 676, Tune: *Balm in Gilead*

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

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Hymn 390, vv. 1, 3 & 4

Tune: *New Britain*

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 Postlude in C of Christian Cappelen

Ringling of the Bells

Permission to podcast the music in this service obtained from One License, License #A-733800, and Gregory J. Cava.

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Announcements

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

Vestry Meeting, Tuesday, September 20 at 6:30 PM in the parish hall.

Blessing of the Animals at Christ Church, Saturday, October 8 at 10:00 AM. It's not just a service, it's a petting zoo (with God's tamer creatures), raffle, and more. Pastor Stephen will also come to your barn/home/coop etc. Contact Dona Murphy for more info.

On Saturday, October 15 at 11:00 AM, **The Reverend Jeffrey William Mello will be ordained and consecrated** as the XVI Bishop of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut. Please reach out to your wardens or Pastor Stephen if you would like to join the festivities.

Keep watching this space for news of an **autumn outdoor service, and other fall activities**. Please reach out to Pastor Stephen or a vestry member with your ideas.

Bring your late summer **garden delights for Sunday worship**. Nothing fancy required! Remember a loved one or celebrate a special occasion. Sign-up sheet in the narthex.

Please share your photos as we work to update our parish website. Our life together, our life in the neighborhood and the world, the beauty of our town and church. Contact Pastor Stephen or one of your wardens.

Thank you to our ministers today

Organist & Music Director: Mr. Gregory J. Cava
Lay Minister: Barbara Dratch Lector: Elaine Curley
Ushers: Anissa Roy, Stephen Durr, Stephen Page
Altar Guild: Barbara Spencer, Millie Snowden, Meg Mongin
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