



Christ Episcopal Church

Roxbury, Connecticut

The Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost

13 October, 2024, 9:00AM

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 *My Heart Ever Faithful* from the *Pentecost Cantata* [BWV 68] of Johann Sebastian Bach

Welcome: Tom O'Connor, Worship Leader

Hymn *Alleluia, Sing to Jesus*

Hymn 460, vv. 1 & 2

Officiant: God is Spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and in truth.

Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept. Please kneel if possible.

Officiant and People together,

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.

Officiant:

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

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

***People:* And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit* as
it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

Officiant: God is the Rock of our salvation: O come let us worship.

Jubilate (*Psalm 100*) **In Unison**

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *

serve the Lord with gladness

and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

Psalm 90:12-17 In Unison

- 12 So teach us to number our days *
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.
- 13 Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? *
be gracious to your servants.
- 14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; *
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.
- 15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us *
and the years in which we suffered adversity.
- 16 Show your servants your works *
and your splendor to their children.
- 17 May the graciousness of the LORD our God be upon us; *
prosper the work of our hands;
prosper our handiwork.

The Lessons

A Reading from Amos 5:6-7,10-15

Read by Deb Howes

Seek the LORD and live,
or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire,
and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.

Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,
and bring righteousness to the ground!

They hate the one who reproves in the gate,
and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

Therefore, because you trample on the poor
and take from them levies of grain,
you have built houses of hewn stone,
but you shall not live in them;
you have planted pleasant vineyards,
but you shall not drink their wine.
For I know how many are your transgressions,
and how great are your sins—
you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,
and push aside the needy in the gate.
Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time;
for it is an evil time.

Seek good and not evil,
that you may live;
and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you,
just as you have said.
Hate evil and love good,
and establish justice in the gate;
it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts,
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people.

People: Thanks be to God.

Canticle N A Song of God's Love (1 John 4:7-11) **In Unison** *Led by Deb Howes*

Beloved, let us love one another, *
for love is of God.

Whoever does not love does not know God, *
for God is Love.

In this the love of God was revealed among us, *
that God sent his only Son into the world,
so that we might live through Jesus Christ.

In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us *
and sent his Son that sins might be forgiven.

Beloved, since God loved us so much, *
we ought also to love one another.

For if we love one another, God abides in us, *
and God's love will be perfected in us.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

A Reading from Hebrews 4:12-16

Read by Deb Howes

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please Stand

Hymn *O For a Closer Walk With Thee*

Hymn 684, vv. 1 & 2

A Reading from the Holy Gospel of Mark (10:17-31

Read by Tom O'Connor

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

Officiant: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people.

People: Thanks be to God.

Contemplative Silence

Please take this time to prayerfully consider the word of our Lord in today's Gospel reading.

The Apostles' Creed

Led by Tom O'Connor

In Unison, Please stand if able

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,**

the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. *Amen.*

Officiant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Please greet each other warmly. **Announcements**

The Offertory

Officiant: *Judy Martinez, Worship Leader*

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

Offertory Hymn *O Lord, Hear my Pray'r*

WL&P Hymn 827

The ushers will collect your gifts and bring them before God's Holy Table.

Doxology

Tune: *Old Hundredth*

Hymn 380, v. 3

The Prayers

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

The congregation may stand or kneel.

Officiant and People

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.**

Suffrages

V. Help us, O God our Savior;

R. Deliver us and forgive us our sins.

V. Look upon your congregation;

R. Give to your people the blessing of peace.

V. Declare your glory among the nations;

R. And your wonders among all peoples.

V. Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;

R. Never forget the lives of your poor.

V. Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;

R. And your favor to those who are true of heart.

V. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;

R. So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

The Collects

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

A Collect for Grace In Unison

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we many not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

A Prayer for Mission In Unison

O God, you have made on one blood all the peoples of the Earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those Who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the Nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord *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; especially those who are recovering from the recent hurricanes in the South.
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, Jeff 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, Caroline, Charlie, Christine, Cory, Deke, Dona, Drew, Emily, Esther, Ginny, James and Robert, Jane, Jean, Jeff, Jeffrey, Jennifer, Jenny, Jerry, Judy & Mike, Linda, Mary, Mayo, Meg, Mike, Millie, Nonie, Ronda, Ryan, Sarah, Stephen, Stephen and Lisbet, 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 are given today by Judy Martinez in loving memory of her husband Peter, who was a good steward of Christ Church in countless ways.

Silence

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. We pray especially for the mortal soul of Gary Isbell, who performed skilled carpentry work around our buildings. Gary will be laid to rest this Saturday, 10/19 at Roxbury Center Cemetery in a private ceremony. We pray for the comfort of his wife, Mary, and his family.

Silence

Please add your own petitions.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

The Officiant 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.**

A Prayer for our Candidates for Confirmation and Reception* *In Unison*

O God, you prepared your disciples for the coming of the Spirit through the teaching of your Son Jesus Christ: Make the hearts and minds of your servants ready to receive the blessings of your Holy Spirit, that they may be inspired and sustained by your very breath; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

** Adapted from the prayer for those about to renew their Baptismal Covenant, BCP p.819*

A Prayer for People Critically Ill or Facing Great Uncertainty *In Unison*

God of the present moment, God who in Jesus stills the storm and soothes the frantic heart; bring hope and courage to all who wait or work in uncertainty. Bring hope that you will make them the equal of whatever lies ahead. Bring them courage to endure what cannot be avoided, for your will is health and wholeness; you are God, and we need you.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom *In Unison*

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions

as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Please Stand

Closing Hymn *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

Hymn 680, vv. 1-3

Dismissal

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant: Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Ephesians 3:20,21

Postlude *The Prince of Denmark's March (Trumpet Voluntary)* of Jeremiah Clarke

Ringling of the Bells

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Announcements

All are invited to Coffee Hour in the parish hall following the service today.

If you would like to contribute to the **relief effort for Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton**, you may contribute to your favorite charity or to the Episcopal Relief & Development Hurricane Relief Fund at <https://www.episcopalrelief.org/>.

Vestry Meeting this month is back to our usual third Tuesday, October 15 at 6:00 PM in the parish hall.

The **monthly Bernhardt Meadow healing and Eucharist service** will be Wednesday, October 16 at 4:00 PM at their community center.

Confirmation Preparation 10/14 at 6:00 PM by Zoom. Please contact Pastor Stephen if you'd like to join.

Campus Clean Up! October 19, 1:00-3:00PM

Come and help spruce up our campus for the Bishop's visit.

Bishop Mello is visiting us on Sunday, November 10. He will join us for a special coffee hour time after, followed by a Vestry Meeting.

Thank you to our ministers today.

Music Minister: Mr. Gregory J. Cava

Welcoming: Jean Blanchard

Lector: Deb Howes

Worship Leaders: Tom O'Connor and Judy Martinez

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