

Christ Episcopal Church

M O U N T P L E A S A N T

*The Altar Flowers are given today by Peggy Nesmith
to the Glory of God and in loving Memory of Dane Nesmith.*

13th Sunday after Pentecost
August 23, 2026
10:30 a.m.

We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us today. This bulletin has been created from the prayers found in *The Book of Common Prayer*, and it contains most of the spoken parts of our worship. The Hymnal in your pew rack contains the hymns we will sing.

All are welcomed to our altar at Communion. Baptized Christians (in any Church) are invited to receive the Sacrament of bread and wine. If you would prefer instead to receive a blessing from the priest, you may indicate your desire for a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest.

We are glad you're here, and grateful for your contribution to our common prayer today!

The Holy Eucharist: Rite 2

Prelude

Canzona in C Major, BuxWV 166

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Hymn: # 521

Put forth, O God, thy Spirit's might

Chelsea Square

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 355

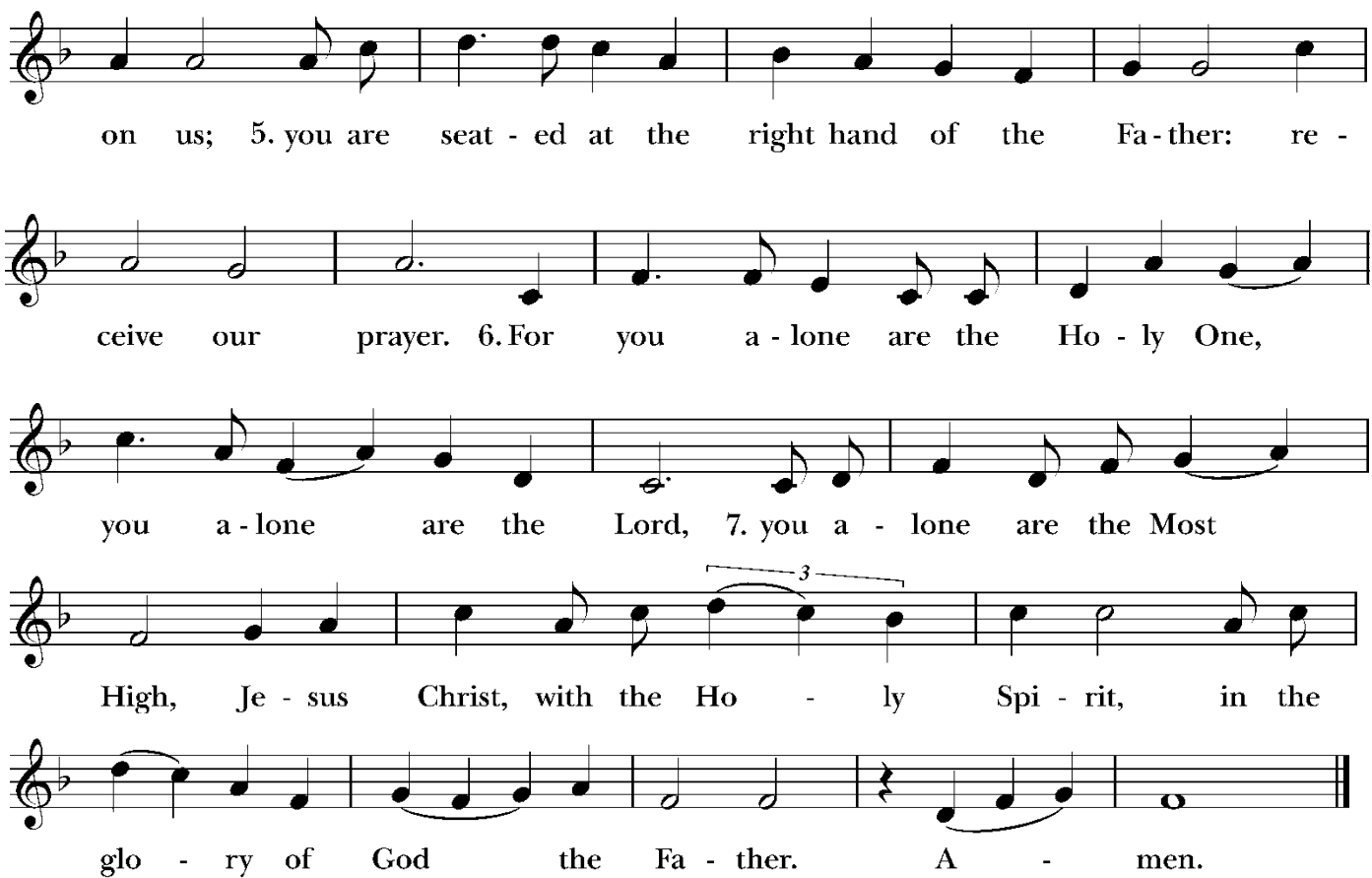
The people standing, the Celebrant says, Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The people respond, And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

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. **Amen.**

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy



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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Following the collect, the people respond, Amen.

The Lessons *The people sit for the lessons.*

1st Lesson - *The people sit. After the lesson is read, the lector says, 'The Word of the Lord.*

The people respond, Thanks be to God.

Psalm – *The people recite the Psalm according to the direction of the lector.*

2nd Lesson - *After the lesson is read, the lector says, 'The Word of the Lord.*

The people respond, Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn: # 513 Like the murmur of the dove's song *Bridegroom*

The Gospel

The priest reads the Gospel, first saying, 'The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to ____.

The people respond, Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the Gospel, the priest says, 'The Gospel of the Lord.

The people say, Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

The people stand.

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 358

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 *The people may kneel for the prayers.*

Form IV, *The Book of Common Prayer, p. 388*

Priest Kneeling together, let us pray for the Church and for the world,
offering the names associated with our thanksgivings and intercessions,
and then joining the congregational refrain by responding, “Hear our prayer.”

*The Intercessor leads our prayers, offering silence for the congregation and clergy to add any names—
silently or aloud—and then bidding the congregation’s response to each petition by saying,*

“Lord, in your mercy.”

People **Hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant then prays a concluding collect.

The Confession and Absolution

The people kneel.

Priest 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.

Celebrant

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

The people stand.

The celebrant says to the people, The peace of the Lord be always with you.
The people respond, **And also with you.**

The Offertory

Offertory Anthem:

Prayer of St. Francis

Allen Pote (b. 1945)

Soprano: Rachel Lindsay

When the offerings are brought forward, the people sing the Doxology.

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**



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THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

The people stand.

Prayer A

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 361

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.**

The Celebrant gives thanks for the gifts of God, and the people respond with the hymn,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est._____

The people may stand or kneel for the remainder of this prayer. If it is a physical hardship, please be seated.

In the midst of the Great Thanksgiving, the people join in declaring the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again...

At the conclusion of the prayer, the people respond,

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

**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 the Celebrant and people speak the Fraction Anthem:

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

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Distribution of Gifts

The celebrant then says the following invitation: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The people come forward to receive Holy Communion. Those on the right side fill in the rail from right to left (back to front). Those on the left side also fill in the rail from right to left (front to back).

Communion Hymn # 538 God of mercy, God of Grace *Lucerna Laudoniae*

Communion Hymn #315 Thou, who at thy first Eucharist didst pray *Song 1*

Commissioning of Lay Eucharistic Visitor *(only when one is sent)*

The Priest presents the Sacrament to the Lay Eucharistic Visitor and says

In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy Gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

People: **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

Post Communion Prayer *The people stand.* *The Book of Common Prayer, p. 365*

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 Blessing *The celebrant blesses the people.*

Closing Hymn: # 522 Glorious things of thee are spoken *Austria*

The Dismissal *The Book of Common Prayer, p. 366*

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude Concert Fantasia on the German National Anthem *Max Birn (1863-1928)*

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Our Prayers

Thanksgivings

Please share with Fr. Furman any graduations, marriages, births, adoptions, or other special life events if you would like us to include them verbally in our thanksgivings during The Holy Eucharist.

We give thanks for: The birth of Bowie Wilder Hardwick, grandson of Celine Cross

Healing

Please share your name with Fr. Furman if you are preparing for, or recovering from, surgery or other therapies and would like to be remembered verbally during The Holy Eucharist.

We pray for all those who are sick or suffering, or in any need or trouble, including:

Jennifer Boyd	Sharron Huza, friend of Kaitlyn Murray
Capers Cross	Mark Goodman, friend of Dylan Murray
Lauren DeShields	Yvonne Dickson, mother of John Dickson
Charles Farmer	Elee Bassett, friend of Jennie Scudder-Levin
Jack Jansta	Molly Begle, granddaughter of Caroline Gendelman
Ilameta Moore	Anna Clifford, friend of the Buchanan family
Margaret Passailaigue	Carol Stephens, sister-in-law of Taylor & Judy Stephens
Keith Cox, relative of Anne Kilpatrick	Katy Jurkiw, daughter of Suzy & Allyn Jones
Ted Smith, brother of Claire Burt	Sarah Paxton, daughter of Ralph and Andrea Knupp
Carrie Davis, friend of Cheri McCusker	Charlie & Malinda Tulloh, friends of Marianna MacIntyre
Jon Andrew Allan, father of Julie Allan	Nicole Foster, cousin of Cheri McCusker
Sherry Blatt Hooper, friend of Lee Early	Joe Padgam, son-in-law of Dan & Susan Sokoloski
Lola Jones, friend of Katye Daley	Reginald Foxx, brother of Ann Cheri Leach
Chuck Burks, friend of Carrie Dolin	Bill & Lois Dolin, parents of Carrie Dolin & Danielle Bane
Jeffrey Smith, cousin of Kaitlyn Murray	Jeanie Bane, mother-in-law of Daniele Bane
Libby Hood, friend of Jo Hethcox	Pete Kalogridis, brother-in-law of Jo Hethcox
Susan Hodges, aunt of Karen Powell	Sandy & Steve Hobbs, friends of Carolyn Moon
Olivia Nachman, cousin of Natalie Bily	Leo Corrigan, friend of Viktor Hammer
Atticus Pensinger, godson of Natalie Bily	Dick Goodwin, Music Coordinator for our Jazz Mass
Michael Russo, cousin of Susan Lipham	Jack Rogers, friend of Tim Scofield

Repose

Please share with Fr. Furman the names of any relatives or friends who have died, and we will include them in our verbal prayers for repose during The Holy Eucharist.

We pray for those who have died, including:



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