

The Holy Eucharist Rite II

The First Sunday after Pentecost/Trinity Sunday

June 15, 2025 • 10:00 a.m.



Christ Episcopal Church, North Hills

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PRELUDE

THE ENTRANCE RITE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN * 365 (*The Hymnal 1982*)

Come, thou almighty King

Moscow

1 Come, thou almighty King,
help us thy Name to sing,
help us to praise.
Father whose love unknown
all things created own,
build in our hearts thy throne,
Ancient of Days.

3 Come, holy Comforter,
thy sacred witness bear
in this glad hour:
thou, who almighty art,
now rule in every heart,
and ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of power.

2 Come, thou incarnate Word,
by heaven and earth adored;
our prayer attend:
come, and thy people bless;
come, give thy word success;
stablish thy righteousness,
Savior and friend.

4 To Thee, great One in Three,
the highest praises be,
hence evermore;
thy sovereign majesty
may we in glory see,
and to eternity
love and adore.

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

The Celebrant then continues

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

People: Amen

When appointed, the following hymn or some other song of praise is sung or said, all standing.

CANTICLE 13 * S-236 (*The Hymnal 1982*)

A Song of Praise - Benedictus es, Domine Setting: John Rutter (b. 1945)

1 Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers;
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.

4 Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

2 Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

5 Glory to you, beholding the depths;
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.

3 Glory to you in the splendor of your temple;
on the throne of you majesty, glory to you.

6 Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY *(please remain standing)*

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

A PRAYER FOR THE CHRIST CHURCH DISCERNMENT COMMITTEE

Heavenly Father, in our Holy Scriptures we learn that discernment means separating from many thoughts what is true and good. By your Holy Spirit, so guide the hearts and minds of our Discernment Committee, and of the Christ Church family, that together we may know what it means to follow your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ; and that we may call a faithful rector to lead us in creating the Kingdom of God here on earth.

People: Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON *(please be seated)*

(Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31)

Reader: A Reading from Proverbs

Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out "To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live. The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth~ when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil. When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race."

After the reading, the Lay Reader says

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 8 *(please remain seated)*

1 O Lord our Governor, *
how exalted is your Name in all the world!

2 Out of the mouths of infants and children *
your majesty is praised above the heavens.

3 You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, *
to quell the enemy and the avenger.

4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, *
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

5 What is man that you should be mindful of him? *
the son of man that you should seek him out?

6 You have made him but little lower than the angels; *
you adorn him with glory and honor;

7 You give him mastery over the works of your hands; *
you put all things under his feet:

8 All sheep and oxen, *
even the wild beasts of the field,

Continued...

9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, *
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.

10 O Lord our Governor, *
how exalted is your Name in all the world!

THE EPISTLE

(Romans 5:1-5)

Reader: A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

After the reading, the Lay Reader says

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN * 379 (The Hymnal 1982)

God is Love, let heaven adore him

Abbot's Leigh

1 God is Love, let heaven adore him;

God is Love, let earth rejoice;

let creation sing before him

and exalt him with one voice.

God who laid the earth's foundations,

God who spread the heavens above,

God who breathes through all creation:

God is Love, eternal Love

2 God is love; and love enfolds us,

all the world in one embrace:

with unfailing grasp God holds us,

every child of every race.

And when human hearts are breaking

under sorrow's iron rod,

then we find that self-same aching

deep within the heart of God.

3 God is Love; and though with blindness

sin afflicts all human life,

God's eternal loving kindness

guides us through our earthly strife.

Sin and death and hell shall never

o'er us final triumph gain;

God is Love, so Love forever

o'er the universe must reign.⁹

THE GOSPEL

(John 16:12-15)

Then, all still standing, the Deacon reads the Gospel, first saying:

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the disciples, "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

After the reading, the Deacon says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Brandon P. Cooper

THE NICENE CREED

On Sundays and other Major Feasts there follows, all standing

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 - Form VI

The Leader and People pray responsively

Leader: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *(silence)*

Leader: For all people in their daily life and work;

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

Leader: For *Donald*, our president; *Joshua*, our governor, and this community, the nation and the world;

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

Leader: For the just and proper use of your creation;

People: **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Leader: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People: **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Leader: For the peace and unity in the Church of God;

People: **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Leader: For *Sean*, our Presiding Bishop, *Ketlen*, our Bishop; *Chuck*, *Brandon*, and *Christopher*, our priests; *Lorena* and *Christine*, our Deacons; and for Fr. Rich Witt and The Rural and Migrant Ministries; the people of All Saints', Brighton Heights; [*The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer; Outreach Organization; The Parish Cycle of Prayer*]; for those who are deployed, [*especially* _____] and for all bishops and other ministers;

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

Leader: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, [*especially* _____]. I invite your own petitions, either out loud or in silence. *(The people may add their petitions during this brief pause.)*
Hear us, Lord;

People: **For your mercy is great.**

Leader: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life [*especially* _____]. I invite your own thanksgivings. *(The people may add their petitions during this brief pause.)*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

People: **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Leader: We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom [*especially* _____]. I invite your own petitions. *(The people may add their petitions during this brief pause.)*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People: **Who put their trust in you.**

Leader: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept

Leader and people

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.

THE PEACE

All stand. The celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Then the ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION - RITE II

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THE DOXOLOGY

Hymn Tune: *Old 100th*

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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A

Celebrant 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.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

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

SANCTUS * S-125 (*The Hymnal* 1982)

Holy, holy, holy Lord

Hymn Tune: *Land of Rest*

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel as able.

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.

People: Amen.

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

Celebrant and People

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

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread; all sing

FRACTION ANTHEM * S-164 (*The Hymnal 1982*)

Jesus, Lamb of God *Agnus Dei*

Jesus, Lamb of God:

have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins:

have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:

give us your peace,

give us your peace.

Facing the people, the Celebrant may say the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. *And may add* Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

You may opt to instinct (dip) in the small chalice, or you may drink from the common chalice.

COMMUNION HYMN #1 * 362 (*The Hymnal 1982*)

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty

Niecea

1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee:

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,

God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,

though the sinful human eye thy glory may not see,

only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,

perfect in power, in love, and purity.

2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,

casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;

cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,

which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,

God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

1 Praise to the living God!

All praised be his Name
who was, and is, and is to be,
for ay the same.
The one eternal God
ere aught that now appears:
the first, the last, beyond all thought
his timeless years!

2 Formless, all lovely forms

declare his loveliness;
holy, no holiness of earth
can his express.
Lo, he is Lord of all.
Creation speaks his praise,
and everywhere above, below,
his will obeys.

3 His Spirit floweth free,

high surging where it will:
in prophet's word he spake of old:
he speaketh still.
Established is his law,
and changeless it shall stand,
deep writ upon the human heart,
on sea, on land.

4 Eternal life hath he

implanted in the soul;
his love shall be our strength and stay
while ages roll.
Praise to the living God!
All praised be his Name
who was, and is, and is to be,
for ay the same.

THE SENDING FORTH OF LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

The Celebrant presents the visitors with the Holy Gifts saying

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. We, who are many, are one body because we all share one bread; one cup.

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 BLESSING

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, gives the blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

People: Amen.

HYMN IN PROCESSION * 473 *(The Hymnal 1982)* Lift high the cross

Crucifer

Refrain:

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred Name.

1 Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
the hosts of God in conquering ranks combine. *Refrain*

2 Each newborn servant of the Crucified
bears on the brow the seal of him who died. *Refrain*

3 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw the world to thee. *Refrain*

4 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory. *Refrain*

DISMISSAL

The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses them with these (or similar) words

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Participants in Today's Service

Celebrant & Preacher.....The Rev. Brandon P. Cooper
 Assisting Minister..... The Rev. Chuck Weiss
 Acolyte..... Nathalie Keebler
 Altar Guild.....Marianne Mathews, Janet Stephenson
 Greeters..... David & Lisa Bischoff
 Lay Readers..... Carol Behring, Jim Neral, David Bischoff
 Ushers..... Rick Mathews, Ed Hall, Barb Hall, Brian Rearick

Post-Worship Ministries

Altar Flower Delivery.....Adam Scholl
 Coffee Hour..... Jerry & Janet Stephenson
 Counters.....Ryan Baker, David Bischoff
 Lay Eucharistic Visitors.....Ted Roller, Elizabeth Gallotta

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