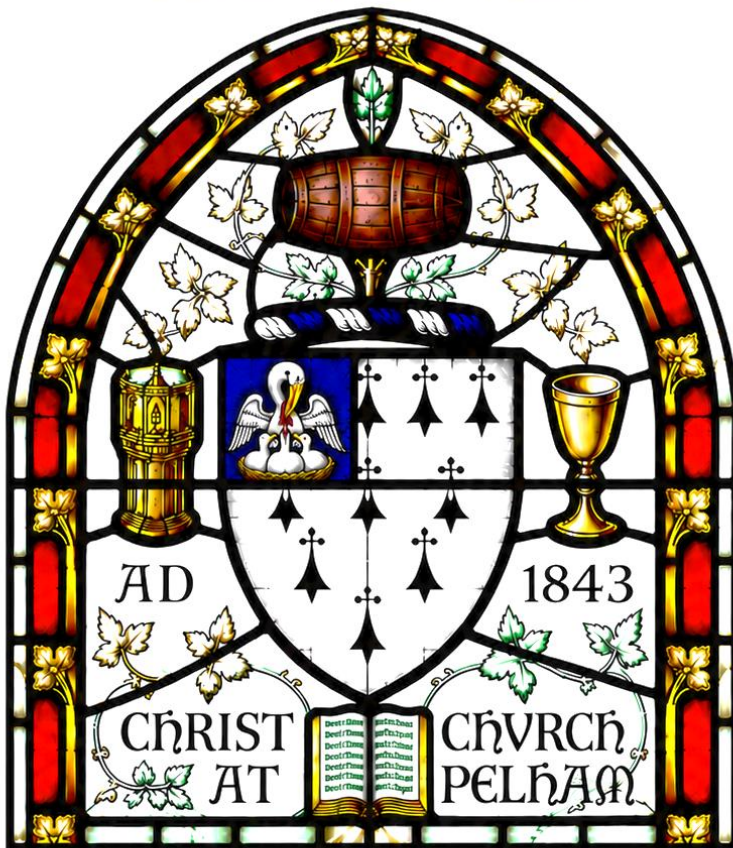


THE PARISH OF CHRIST THE REDEEMER

PELHAM, NEW YORK



THE 19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
(PROPER 22A, TRACK 1)

THE HOLY EUCHARIST
10:00 AM, OCTOBER 4, 2026



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CHILDREN, NURSERY CARE, AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School is at 10am during the academic year. Sunday School children join the rest of the congregation for the Holy Communion. Scan the QR code to register for Sunday School. Childcare is available in the Nursery every Sunday during the 10am Eucharist.

ABOUT CHRIST CHURCH

The Parish of Christ the Redeemer (known as Christ Church) is the Episcopal Church in Pelham, New York. The Episcopal Church is part of the Anglican Communion which is made up of 85 million people in over 165 countries and is the third largest Christian denomination in the world. Christ Church was founded in 1843 and is the first house of worship in Pelham. This building was consecrated on September 15, 1843, the original church building was expanded in 1910, and the sanctuary was reconstructed in 1968 to allow for the current, more intimate worship space. Our congregation draws primarily from Pelham, New Rochelle, Mount Vernon, and the Bronx, and includes people from diverse denominational and cultural backgrounds.

ABOUT THE SEASON AFTER PENTECOST

This period in the Church year is known as “The Season after Pentecost” or “Ordinary Time.” The term “ordinary” refers to how the New Testament passages are generally read in order or in sequence, as opposed to being arranged by specific theme as in other seasons. During this season the Gospel passages focus on Jesus’ ministry, how he is revealed to the world as the Christ, and what he teaches to his followers. In Year A (the first in a three-year cycle: A, B & C) most of the Gospel passages are from the Gospel according to Matthew.

When Track 1 is used, the Old Testament Lesson is read in thematic sequence throughout the summer, in Year A we will read from the Pentateuch (first five books of the Bible). The New Testament Lesson is independent of these readings and is almost always taken from one of the Letters in the New Testament that reflects the common life and mission of the first Christian community.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

The Holy Eucharist, the principal act of Christian worship on the Lord's Day and other major Feasts, and Daily Morning and Evening Prayer, as set forth in the Book of Common Prayer, 1979, are the regular services appointed for public worship in the Episcopal Church. At Christ Church we celebrate the Holy Eucharist every Sunday, and also on Holy Days and other occasions. Today's liturgy is from the red *Book of Common Prayer* 1979. All hymns are taken from the blue *Hymnal* 1982 or other authorized hymnals for use in the Episcopal Church. All hymns are reprinted with permission under OneLicense.net A713125.



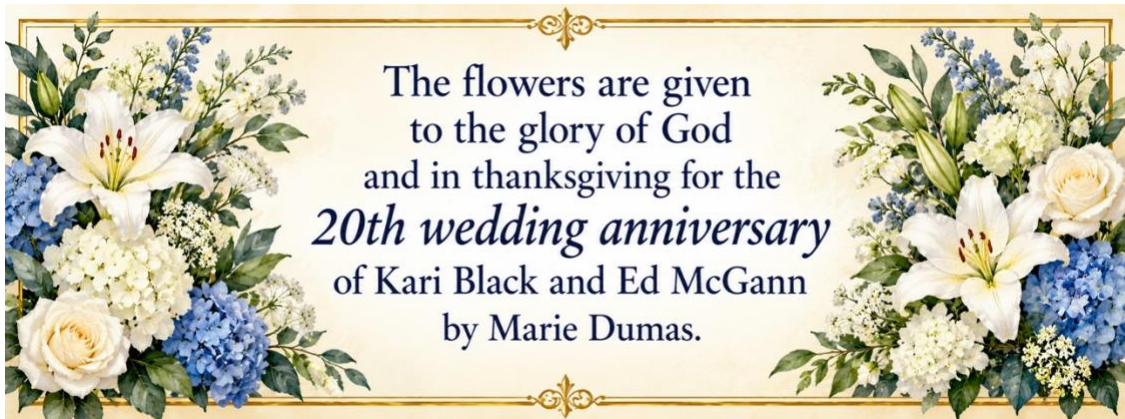
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2026 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN: PLEDGE TODAY

Our pledge goal this year is \$550,000 which accounts for cost increases. We want every parishioner to pledge. Your continued support ensures we have excellent clergy and staff, keeps our buildings beautiful and safe, and funds our programs and ministries.



ORGAN PRELUDE

The prelude is offered before worship as a form of prayer. Once the prelude begins, please refrain from conversation in the church or outside the Sacristy.

Meditation

Bischof

ENTRANCE HYMN (#397)

All stand and sing the hymn as the ministers enter.

1 Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voices,
2 O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us!
3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,

who won-drous things hath done, in whom his world re-joice-es;
 With ev-er-joy-ful hearts and bless-ed peace to cheer us;
 the Son, and him who reigns with them in high-est hea-ven,

who from our mo-ther's arms hath blessed us on our way
 and keep us in his grace, and guide us when per-plexed,
 e-ter-nal, Tri-une God, whom earth and heaven a-dore;

with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be, ev-er-more.

Section: Praise to God

Words: Martin Rinkart (1586–1649); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827–1878), alt.

Music: Nun danket alle Gott, melody Johann Cruger (1598–1662); harm. William Henry Monk (1823–1889), after Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1947) — Meter: 67. 67. 66. 66

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant ✠ Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant

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.

All

Amen.



BRIEF WELCOME & SUNDAY SCHOOL PROCESSION

All remain standing for a very brief welcome from the Priest. During the following Song of Praise, the Sunday School students go to their classes. Sunday School children will rejoin the rest of the congregation for the Holy Communion. Scan the QR code to register for Sunday School. Childcare is available in the Nursery every Sunday during the 10am Eucharist.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (S-280)

All sing the song of praise.

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 - y 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
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Title: Canticle 20, Glory to God: *Gloria in excelsis*
Music: Robert Powell (b. 1932), rev.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

All **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON: EXODUS 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

All are seated.

Reader

A Reading from Exodus.

Then God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor. When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die." Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 19

The Psalm is sung by the choir to an Anglican Chant by Samuel Sebastian Wesley.

The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.

Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,
Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.
In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
The law of the Lord is perfect
and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the Lord is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.
The statutes of the Lord are just
and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the Lord is clear
and gives light to the eyes.
The fear of the Lord is clean
and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.
More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.
By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.
Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.
Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

THE SECOND LESSON: PHILIPPIANS 3:4B-14

All are seated.

Reader

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN (#593)

All stand and sing the hymn.



1 Lord, make us ser - vants of your peace: where there is
 2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is
 3 Je - sus, our Lord, may we not seek to be con -
 4 May we not look for love's re - turn, but seek to
 5 Dy - ing, we live, and are re - born through death's dark



1 hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we for -
 2 gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow
 3 soled, but to con - sole, nor look to un - der - stand - ing
 4 love un - self - ish - ly, for in our giv - ing we re -
 5 night to end - less day: Lord, make us ser - vants of your



1 give; where there is strife, may we make one.
 2 light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.
 3 hearts, but look for hearts to un - der - stand.
 4 ceive, and in for - giv - ing are for - given.
 5 peace, to wake at last in hea - ven's light.

Section: Christian Responsibility

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Music: Dickinson College, Lee Hastings Bristol, Jr. (1923–1979)

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THE HOLY GOSPEL: MATTHEW 21:33-46

All remain standing for the Gospel.

Deacon ✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Jesus said, “Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.” Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes’? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.” When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

All are seated for the sermon by the Rev. Dr. Meredith Hawkins.

NICENE CREED

All stand and join in saying the Nicene Creed.

Celebrant

We believe in one God,

All

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

Deacon Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
People **That we all may be one.**

Deacon Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
People **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Deacon We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
People **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Deacon We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
People **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Deacon Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
People **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Deacon Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
People **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Deacon Give to the departed eternal rest;
People **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Deacon We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
People **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Deacon Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. I invite you to add your own petitions said silently or aloud.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Our prayers are asked for Sean our Presiding Bishop, Matthew and Allen our Bishops, Father Matt our Rector, Mother Meredith, Deacon Chisara, and our Wardens, Officers, and Vestry members. We pray also for: Charles, Sara, Edward, Cathy, Annette, Patricia, M&D, Brian, Marion, Fronda, Coulby, Michael, Jane, and Sandy. We pray for those in our Armed Services. We also pray for those who have died. We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays this week: Jeff Bodenmann (10/8), Glenn Burlingame (10/8), Jesse Cruz (10/9), Margo Hastings (10/7), Albert Kotoloa (10/7), Ed McGann (10/6), Sandra Rivera (10/4), William Scherer (10/7), Barbara Zambelli (10/8).

CONFESSION OF SIN

All kneel (as able).

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant Most merciful God,
All **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.

All **Amen.**

THE PEACE

All stand.

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

WELCOME & OFFERTORY SENTENCE

All are seated. The announcements conclude with the offertory sentence.



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HOLY COMMUNION IN THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

All baptized persons, including children, are full members of the Body of Christ and are invited to participate in every aspect of the service and receive the Holy Communion. Members of other Christian churches who are baptized are also invited to receive the Body and Blood of Christ. Persons who do not wish to receive Holy Communion are also invited to come forward with everyone else to receive a blessing (cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you want a blessing and not Holy Communion).

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The choir sings the anthem as the bread and wine are prepared and an offering is taken.

O come, ye servants of the Lord

Christopher Tye c 1505-1573

O come, ye servants of the Lord,
and praise His holy name;
from early morn to setting sun
His might on earth proclaim.

His laws are just, and glad the heart;
He makes His mercies known:
ye princes come, ye people too,
and bow before His throne.

OFFERTORY DOXOLOGY (#380, VS 3)

All stand and sing the Doxology as the offering is brought to the altar and blessed.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him a-bove, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

Music: *Old 100th*, melody from *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551, alt.; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

All remain standing. The chanted parts may be said at the discretion of the Celebrant.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And al - so 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.

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

The Celebrant continues with the Proper Preface assigned for the day.

Celebrant 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:

All sing "Holy, holy, holy" (#S 130)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, _____ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, _____ hea - ven and earth are

full, _____ full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Title: The Holy Eucharist II, Holy, holy, holy Lord: *Sanctus*
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The people stand or kneel.

Celebrant 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.

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.”

Celebrant There-fore we proclaim the myst-er-y of faith:

People Christ has died. Christ is ris-en. Christ will come a-gain.

Celebrant 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 **X** him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father,

Celebrant
 now and for ev - er.

People A - MEN.

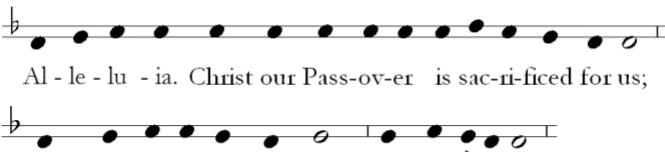
Celebrant
All

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

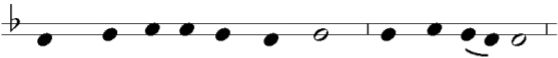
The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is observed.

Celebrant



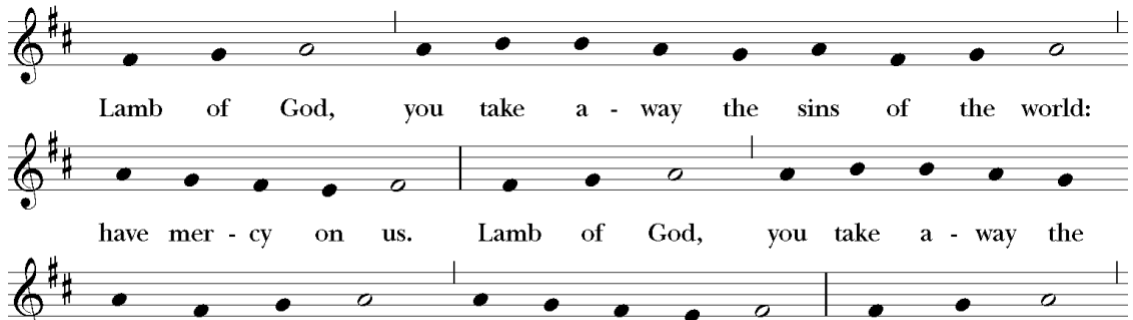
Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass-ov-er is sac-ri-ficed for us;

People

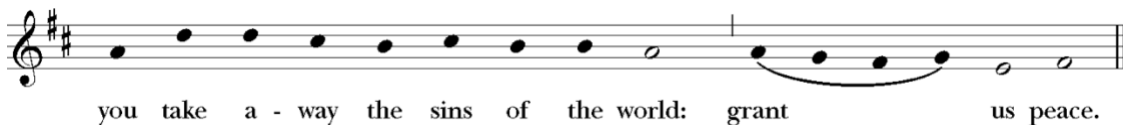


There-fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

All sing "Lamb of God" (Hymn #S 161).



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,



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INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

The Celebrant invites the people to receive the Holy Communion. All baptized persons, including children, are invited to receive Holy Communion. Members of other Christian churches who are baptized are also invited to receive the Body and Blood of Christ. Persons who do not wish to receive Holy Communion are invited to come forward with everyone else to receive a blessing (cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you want a blessing).

ANTHEM AT THE COMMUNION

During the ministration of Holy Communion, the choir sings the anthem.

Grant unto me

Camille Saint-Saëns 1835-1921

Grant unto me Thy mercy, O Father,
And forgive my sore offenses,
For Thou art ever kind and gracious to all.
Washe, me make me undefiled, Cleanse,
O cleanse me from my sin. Gracious God, my heart
Now quicken, Make my spirit right and true. Amen.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

All kneel as you are able.

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever.

POST COMMUNION HYMN (#711)

All stand and sing the hymn.

1
Seek ye first the king - dom of God
Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you,
and its right - eous - ness, and all these things shall be
seek, and ye shall find, knock, and the door shall be
add - ed un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
o - pened un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

Refrain
2

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

Section: Rounds and Canons

Words: St. 1, Matthew 6:33; adapt. Karen Lafferty (20th cent.). St. 2, Matthew 7:7

Music: Seek Ye First, Karen Lafferty (20th cent.)

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Meter: 13. 11. 7 with Alleluias

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

The Celebrant blesses the people with a seasonal or other blessing, which concludes as follows.

...and the blessing of God Almighty ☩ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

People **Amen.**

Then the Deacon dismisses the Congregation.

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PROCESSIONAL VOLUNTARY

All remain standing as the altar party processes from the Sanctuary during the Postlude. Once the altar party has departed, please be seated and be courteous to those who are listening to the music by remaining quiet.

Symphony No. 3 “Organ” Finale

Saint-Saëns

Dr. J’s Notes

Camille Saint-Saëns (1835–1921) was one of the most remarkable musical prodigies of the nineteenth century. He began playing the piano at the age of two, and at his celebrated Paris debut at age ten in 1846, he performed works by Mozart and Beethoven from memory. As an encore, Saint-Saëns reportedly offered to play any one of Beethoven’s 32 piano sonatas from memory, allowing the audience to choose. Possessing extraordinary intellectual gifts as well as musical ones, Saint-Saëns became a celebrated pianist and organist, composer, conductor, and scholar. Franz Liszt famously described him as the greatest organist in the world. His vast catalogue ranges from symphonies and concertos to chamber music, opera, sacred choral works, and such enduring favorites as *The Carnival of the Animals* and the “Organ” Symphony. He served for nearly twenty years as organist of the Church of the Madeleine in Paris, one of the most prestigious musical posts in France. His sacred music combines classical clarity and restraint with the melodic elegance and harmonic richness characteristic of the French Romantic tradition.

Financial Update from the Rector

Dear Friends in Christ,

I write with a financial update from the Vestry.

We began 2026 with a projected deficit of \$65,000. To meet the parish’s financial needs, the Vestry has now taken an \$85,000 draw from the Endowment which should cover the deficit and any cash flow needs for the final quarter of 2026. If you are able to keep current with

your 2026 pledge or pay the remaining balance, doing so will help reduce our deficit and should allow some of that \$85,000 draw to be carried forward into 2027.

2026 Pledge statements were emailed last week. Thank you for taking a moment to review yours, and thank you for the generosity that sustains the worship, ministries, and daily life of Christ Church. Please contact the parish office if you have a question about your statement. If you did not get a statement, we might not have a Pledge for 2026 from you, and it is not too late to make a Pledge for this year.

Looking ahead... our 2027 Stewardship Campaign will begin in the coming weeks. As we prepare for it, I give thanks for your faithful support and for all that we are able to do together as a parish.

In Christ,

The Rev. Matthew Hoxsie Mead



THE MISSIONARY CHURCH...
BOTH *THERE* AND *HERE*!

A Conversation with
Sr. Gwendolyn Hoeffel, RSCJ

50 Years a Missionary in Japan

 **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28 • 6:00 PM**
CHRIST CHURCH PELHAM

 *How can each of us be a missionary today?*

 *Japanese refreshments will be served!*

This Week at Christ Church

Sunday, October 4, 19th Sunday after Pentecost

8:00am: Said Eucharist (Church)

10:00am: Choral Eucharist & Sunday School (Church / Parish House)

12:00pm: Blessing of Animals & Pet Adoption

Preacher: Mother Meredith

Monday, October 5

8:00pm: Evening Prayer (Zoom)

Tuesday, October 6

10:30am: Morning Prayer (Zoom)

5:15pm: Said Eucharist (Garden/Bolton)

October, October 7

5:15pm: Said Eucharist (Garden/Bolton)

October, October 8

8:00am: The Rector's Bible Study (Zoom)

10:00am: Lectionary Bible Study (Library)

Sunday, October 11, 20th Sunday after Pentecost

8:00am: Said Eucharist (Church)

10:00am: Choral Eucharist & Sunday School (Church / Parish House)

Preacher: Father Matt



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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2026
7:00 – 9:00 PM



COMING EVENTS

OCTOBER–DECEMBER 2026

CHRIST CHURCH PELHAM

OCTOBER

10/4	Blessing of the Animals	11am–3pm
10/18	Oktoberfest	5pm–8pm
10/18	Saint Luke's Day	<i>Normal Sunday Schedule</i>
10/21	Friends of Music - Orchestra Concert USA 250th	7pm–9pm
10/23	Holy Eucharist for Saint James of Jerusalem Day	10am
10/25	Children's Halloween Party	11am–12pm
10/28	Holy Eucharist for Saints Simon & Saint Jude Day	5:15pm
10/28	The Missionary Church... both There and Here!	6:00pm

NOVEMBER

11/1	All Saints' Day	<i>Normal Sunday Schedule</i>
11/1	Coat Drive Begins	<i>Continues until 12/31/26</i>
11/2	Holy Eucharist for All Souls' Day	5:15pm
11/7	Classic Car Show	10am
11/15	FOM - Mozart Requiem Choir & Orchestra	4pm–6pm
11/20	Thanksgiving Dinner	6pm–9pm
11/23	Interfaith Thanksgiving at the Pelham Jewish Center	7pm
11/26	Holy Eucharist for Thanksgiving Day	10am
11/30	Holy Eucharist for Saint Andrew's Day	5:15pm

DECEMBER

12/5	Christmas Quiet Day	9am–4pm
12/9	Seniors Christmas Party	12pm–2pm
12/13	Christmas Pageant	4pm–5pm
12/20	Outreach Dessert Auction	11am–12pm
12/20	Christmas Lessons and Carols	4pm
12/21	Holy Eucharist for Saint Thomas's Day	5:15pm
12/24	Christmas Eve Family Mass with Choir & Orchestra	4pm
12/24	Christmas Eve Midnight Mass w Choir & Orchestra	10pm
12/25	Christmas Day Mass with Carols	10am
12/31	Coat Drive Concludes	<i>Begins 11/1/26</i>

COMING EVENTS

JANUARY–MAY 2027

CHRIST CHURCH PELHAM

JANUARY

- 1/1** Holy Eucharist for the Feast of the Holy Name • 10am
- 1/6** Holy Eucharist for the Feast of the Epiphany • 5:15pm
- 1/18** Holy Eucharist for the Confession of Saint Peter • 5:15pm
- 1/25** Holy Eucharist for the Conversion of Saint Paul • 5:15pm
- 1/31** Blessing of Throats for Saint Blaise • 10am
- 1/31** Annual Meeting of the Parish • 11am

FEBRUARY

- 2/2** Holy Eucharist for the Feast of the Presentation • 5:15pm
- 2/7** Scout Sunday Pancake Breakfast • 8am–12:30pm
- 2/7** Evensong for Candlemas & Pizzeria Night • 4pm
- 2/9** Shrove Tuesday and Pancake Supper/Trivia Night • 6pm–7pm
- 2/10** Ash Wednesday Masses • 7am, 12pm, 6pm (choral)
- 2/14** Super Bowl and Chili Fest • 6:30pm
- 2/21** Friends of Music Concert: Justin Bischof, Organ • 7pm–8:30pm
- 2/24** Holy Eucharist for Saint Matthias' Day • 5:15pm
- 2/27** Lenten Quiet Day: The Passion Narratives • 9:30am–4pm

MARCH

- 3/14** Friends of Music: Film Music Favorites: Justin Bischof, Organ • 4pm–5pm
- 3/19** Holy Eucharist for Saint Joseph's Day • 10am
- 3/21** Palm Sunday: Sunday of the Passion—Masses • 8am, 10am
- 3/25** Maundy Thursday Agape Feast • 5:30pm–7:30pm
- 3/25** Maundy Thursday Liturgy and Watch of the Blessed Sacrament • 7:30pm
- 3/26** Good Friday Liturgy • 12pm
- 3/27** Holy Saturday Prayers & Blessing of the Garden of Resurrection • 10am
- 3/27** The Great Vigil of Easter • 7:30pm
- 3/28** Easter Sunday Masses • 9am, 11:15am
- 3/28** Easter Egg Hunt • 10:15am–11:15am

APRIL

- 4/5** Holy Eucharist for the Feast of the Annunciation • 5:15pm
- 4/18** Friends of Music Concert: Monica Berney, Organ • 4pm
- 4/26** Holy Eucharist for Saint Mark's Day • 5:15pm

MAY

- 5/1** Holy Eucharist for Saints Philip & James' Day • 10am
- 5/6** Ascension Day Service and Father Matt's Steakhouse Night • 6pm
- 5/23** Trinity Sunday and Recognition Sunday • 10am



CHRIST CHURCH

Episcopal / Anglican



CLERGY & STAFF

The Reverend Matthew Hoxsie Mead, *Rector*
The Reverend Meredith Hawkins, *Priest Associate*
The Reverend Deacon Chisara Alimole, *Deacon*
Ms. Marika Andersson, *Parish Administrator*
Dr. Justin Bischof, *Director of Music & Organist*
Mrs. Dawn Ryder, *Director of Children's & Family Ministries*
Mr. Michael Moynihan, *Director of Adult Education*
Mr. Walter Roberts, *Verger and Sexton*; Mr. Ed Blue, *Sexton*



HONORARY CLERGY

The Rev. David Hoag, *Rector Emeritus*
The Reverend Deacon Katie Lawrence, *Deacon Emerita*



PARISH OFFICERS & VESTRY

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Charlotte Finch, Robert Landis.



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Every Sunday at 8am & 10am: Holy Eucharist
Sundays as announced at 4pm: Holy Eucharist or Evensong
Wednesdays & Holy Days as announced at 5:15pm: Holy Eucharist



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