

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect, then bids the Confession.

Celebrant *Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.*

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 PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, BIRTHDAYS, & ANNIVERSARIES

We are doing weekly birthday blessings and monthly anniversary blessings (first Sunday of the Month)

HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic Prayer A,* BCP, p. 361

THE SANCTUS, S-125

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *Traditional* BCP, p. 364

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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

AT COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive Communion in the Episcopal Church. You may receive in both kinds, the Body and Blood—Bread and Wine, or only in one kind.

Gluten-free bread and grape juice are available upon request to the priest or chalice bearer.

Laying on of Hands for healing is available during Communion to the right of the altar.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP, p. 365

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.

BLESSING

THE DISMISSAL

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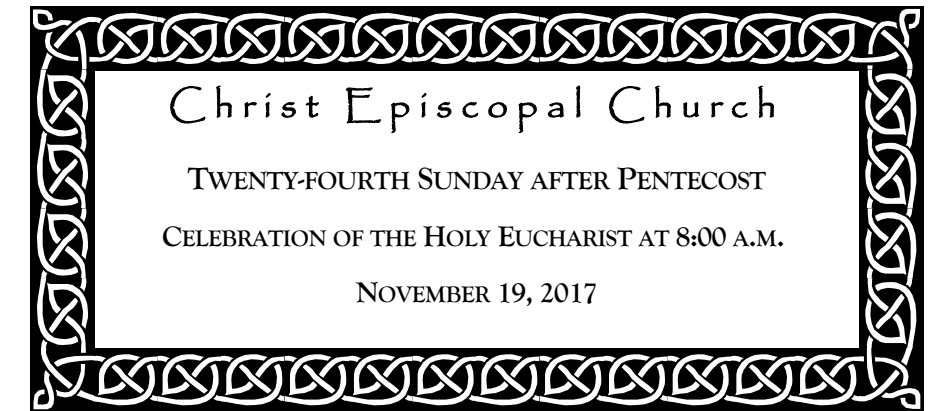
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DISCIPLES MAKING DISCIPLES FOR JESUS CHRIST:

By Encountering God, Equipping God's People, and Extending God's Kingdom

WELCOME GUESTS!

Christ Episcopal Church is a Christ-centered, joy-filled community that is blessed by your presence. Be assured that no matter who you are or where you are in your journey of faith, you are welcome here.

If you are a newcomer, please fill out a pew card and put it in the collection plate. Please join us for coffee-hour in the Guilds Room after worship!

Parts of the liturgy not printed in this bulletin are found in the red book, *The Book of Common Prayer (BCP)*.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.
Amen.

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.

GLORIA *spoken, all standing* BCP, p. 356

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father:

receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect
THE COLLECT OF THE DAY *see reading insert* (Contemporary)

THE FIRST READING *see reading insert* **Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18**

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 90:1-8, 12 *BCP, p. 717-718*

1 Lord, you have been our **refuge** *
from one generation to a**nother**.
2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth **were born**, *
from age to age you **are God**.
3 You turn us back to the dust **and say**, *
"Go back, O child of **earth**."
4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is
past *
and like a watch in **the night**.
5 You sweep us away like **a dream**; *
we fade away suddenly like **the grass**.
6 In the morning it is green and **flourishes**; *
in the evening it is dried up and **withered**.
7 For we consume away in your dis**pleasure**; *
we are afraid because of your wrathful indig**nation**.
8 Our iniquities you have set be**fore you**, *
and our secret sins in the light of your **countenance**.
12 So teach us to number **our days** *
that we may apply our hearts to **wisdom**.

THE SECOND READING **1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**
see reading insert

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL *see reading insert* **Matthew 25:14-30**
before the Gospel

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

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

after the Gospel

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE HOMILY **The Rev. Thomas E. Mathews Jr.**

THE NICENE CREED *BCP, 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 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, FORM IV *BCP, p. 388*

Leader

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, remembering especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Primate; Mark, our Bishop; and Tom and Bill, our priests.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy **People: Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy **People: Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy **People: Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy **People: Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy **People: Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy **People: Hear our prayer.**