

Christ Episcopal Church



*Held in the Hands of God...
Reaching our Hands out to others*

The Third Sunday after Pentecost Father's Day

Sunday, June 20, 2021

10:00 a.m.

Christ Episcopal Church
12 Prospect Street
Babylon, New York

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Year 7B

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10:00 a.m. Holy Communion, Rite II

Book of Common Prayer, page 355

Prelude

Opening Hymn *Praise to the living God!*

Hymnal 372

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 aye the same.

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant
People

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Song of Praise Gloria

Hymnal S280

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.

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

The Collect

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your lovingkindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Lesson A Reading from Job

The Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind: "Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me. "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy? "Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb?—when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band, and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors, and said, "Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stopped'?" *Job 38:1-11*

Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32

1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, *
and his mercy endures for ever.

2 Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed proclaim *
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.

- 3 He gathered them out of the lands; *
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.
- 23 Some went down to the sea in ships *
and plied their trade in deep waters;
- 24 They beheld the works of the LORD *
and his wonders in the deep.
- 25 Then he spoke, and a stormy wind arose, *
which tossed high the waves of the sea.
- 26 They mounted up to the heavens and fell back to the depths; *
their hearts melted because of their peril.
- 27 They reeled and staggered like drunkards *
and were at their wits' end.
- 28 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, *
and he delivered them from their distress.
- 29 He stilled the storm to a whisper *
and quieted the waves of the sea.
- 30 Then were they glad because of the calm, *
and he brought them to the harbor they were bound for.
- 31 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy *
and the wonders he does for his children.
- 32 Let them exalt him in the congregation of the people *
and praise him in the council of the elders.

Epistle A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

As we work together with Christ, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you." See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see-- we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything. We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return-- I speak as to children-- open wide your hearts also. *2nd Corinthians 6:1-13*

Reader The Word of the Lord
People Thanks be to God

Sequence Hymn *Lead us heavenly Father, lead us*

Hymnal 559 v. 1

1 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
for we have no help but thee,
yet possessing every blessing,
if our God our Father be.

The Gospel The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

People Glory to you, Lord Christ

When evening had come, Jesus said to his disciples, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?" *Mark 4:35-41*

*Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord
People Praise to you, Lord Christ*

Sermon

Mother Nesmith

Nicene Creed

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

Prayer Leader:

In confidence we offer our Sunday prayers to the Lord, saying: Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Keep the Church confident in faith and works, secure against the conflicting demands of the world We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Lawrence, GERALYN, Daniel, and Bill, our Bishops; Clare, our Rector; and all ministers, lay and ordained. Armed with your righteousness and trusting in you alone, make your people ready to meet the needs of all. Lord in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Give peace to all places in the world that are torn by the storms of war and violence. Come into the hearts of the powerful, giving them a desire to be reconciled with their enemies and to live in harmony We pray for Joseph, our President; Congress and the Supreme Court; Andrew, our Governor; and Mary, our Mayor. We pray for leaders all around the world. Where there is hatred, let there be love. Lord in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

In our work, let us remember that we are workers together with Jesus. Give us grace to be mediators in disputes and to calm the tensions in our daily lives with others. Lord in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Have mercy on those who have no peace in themselves and bring them the peace of your presence. Watch over sailors and all who travel by sea, and preserve them from danger. Lord in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Grant to all who suffer the knowledge of where true healing is to be found. We pray especially for [insert list]. Heal those with hurt and broken bodies, give peace to those with troubled minds, restore hope to those with a grieved and anxious spirit. Lord in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We celebrate with and give thanks for our Christ Church family, for all fathers and those who are father-figures and in whose memory and thanks the altar gifts are given today., for [insert special thanks], for the birthdays of [insert list], and wedding anniversaries of [insert list]. We give thanks for all these blessings and for all who are blessings in our lives, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as He loves us. Lord in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We give thanks for those who have crossed from life through death, and have come to rest in life eternal, especially we remember this day Loraine Richardson in whose memory the altar flowers are given today. Grant them a safe harbor and the peace that cannot be broken. Lord in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Celebrant:

God of loving-kindness, you have ordered all things for our benefit. Listen to our prayers and answer them with blessings. This we ask through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Confession of Sin

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

Celebrant 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.

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

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you

People And also with you.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

Walk in Love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, and offering and sacrifice to God.
Ephesians 5:2

During this time of pandemic, the people are asked to place their offerings, their alms and oblations, on the greeters' table in the offering basket, either before or after the worship service.

Offertory Hymn *Jesus, lover of my soul*

Hymnal 699

1 Jesus, Lover of my soul,
let me to thy bosom fly,
while the nearer waters roll,
while the tempest still is high:
hide me, O my Savior, hide,
till the storm of life be past;
safe into the haven guide,
O receive my soul at last.

2 Other refuge have I none,
hangs my helpless soul on thee;
leave, ah! leave me not alone,
still support and comfort me!
All my trust on thee is stayed;
all my help from thee I bring;
cover my defenseless head
with the shadow of thy wing.

3 Plenteous grace with thee is found,
grace to cleanse from every sin;
let the healing streams abound,
make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art,
freely let me take of thee:
spring thou up within my heart,
rise to all eternity.

The priest prepares the altar for the celebration and offering of the Eucharist Feast

Offertory Response

Priest All things come from you, O Lord

People And of your own have we given back to you.

The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer B)

BCP p 367

The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says

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.

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. Or by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. 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

Hymnal S125

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.

The people continue standing

Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Glorious and Ever-blessed Mary, Saints Francis and Clare and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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. *AMEN.*

The Lord's Prayer

BCP p 364

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

People and Officiant

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

Priest Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast.

Fraction Anthem

Hymnal S 164

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.

Invitation to Communion

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

Communion

A Prayer for those of us who are unable to physically receive the Body and Blood of Christ at this time.

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you are already there, I embrace you and unite myself wholly to you; permit not that I should ever be separated from you. Amen.

Post Communion Hymn Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face

Hymnal 318

1. Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face;
here would I touch and handle things unseen;
here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace,
and all my weariness upon thee lean.
2. Here would I feed upon the Bread of God,
here drink with thee the royal Wine of heaven;
here would I lay aside each earthly load,
here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.

3. I have no help but thine; nor do I need
another arm save thine to lean upon;
it is enough, my Lord, enough indeed;
my strength is in thy might, thy might alone.

4. Mine is the sin, but thine the righteousness;
mine is the guilt, but thine the cleansing Blood.
Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace;
thy Blood, thy righteousness, O Lord, my God!

Post-communion Prayer

Priest Let us pray.

Priest and People together

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

Announcements

Closing Hymn *Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim*

Hymnal 535

1 Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,
and publish abroad his wonderful Name;
the Name all-victorious of Jesus extol:
his kingdom is glorious; he rules over all.

2 God ruleth on high, almighty to save;
and still he is nigh: his presence we have.
The great congregation his triumph shall sing,
ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

3 Salvation to God who sits on the throne!
Let all cry aloud, and honor the Son.
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.

4 Then let us adore, and give him his right:
All glory and power, all wisdom and might,
all honor and blessing, with angels above,
and thanks never ceasing and infinite love.

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, walking in the Way of Love.
People Thanks be to God!

Prayer List for Sunday, June 20, 2021

Let us offer prayers of healing, comfort and strength for:

Barbara & Frank, Bill D., Bob C., Bob N., Bonnie H., Deb, Eileen & Kirstin, Grace, James, Joanne, Karen, Lydia, Mama Clare, Nora, Phil B., Ronnie, Sandy, Elizabeth, Wayne, Sr. Joy, Jeff, Michele, John, Peggy, Gina, Mike, The Caribbean Island of St. Vincent, Corwin, Chris, Earl, Lorraine, Stefanie, Bill M., Patty, Dianne, Jackie, Ken, Canon Glenworth Miles

We pray for all across the United States and the globe suffering from Covid-19 especially the people of India. We pray for all who are worried about their loved ones and friends who suffer and are hospitalized, and those who are in grief following the death of their loved ones from this disease. We pray for those who still do not understand the seriousness of this disease.

We pray for all living in congregate settings: nursing homes, assisted living and other senior facilities, group homes, prisons, and jails, and in all places where people must live closely together.

We pray for all those in the field of medicine: doctors, nurses, nurses' aides, therapists, and all who work in hospitals and group settings including building engineers and building custodians. We pray for those in medical research, for those working to administer the vaccine, and for all those working in public health, especially Nancy and our local Suffolk County Dept. of Health. And we pray for all who work in public safety, all emergency personnel and first responders.

We pray for all who are struggling economically during this time, for those who are unemployed and under-employed, those who are hungry and food insecure, and those who are homeless or fear eviction or foreclosure. We give thanks for and pray for all those involved in feeding ministries and with the homeless ministry, especially for those volunteers who give of their energy and passion to Nourish Babylon.

We give thanks for all who continue to work behind the scenes to keep our church running over these many months we have not been able to gather in the building.

Let us celebrate and pray for those celebrating birthdays: Aidan DeLuca, Matthew DeLuca, Katie DeLuca, June Shepard, Vikki Boning, Deborah Austin, Nancy Hemendinger

Let us celebrate and pray for those celebrating their wedding anniversary:

Let us pray for those who have died:

We pray for the over 600,000 who have died of Covid-19 in our country, and we pray for all who have died as a result of gun violence and racial violence, especially those who have been killed in the past weeks. We pray for their family members and friends who mourn and we pray for a time when we will not fear gun violence.

Prayer for the Human Family

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *BCP p 815*

All Are Welcome

Christ Episcopal Church of Babylon represents and celebrates the diversity that is Long Island. We welcome everyone and believe that there should be no outcasts in the Episcopal Church. Our welcome knows no boundaries of marital status, age, race, ethnicity, cultural or religious background, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, economic condition, and physical or mental ability. Wherever you are on your journey of faith, there is a place for you at Christ Episcopal Church.

This is God's House...

and we are blessed by the gift of your presence with us. In the Episcopal Church all baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion. If you would like to receive a blessing instead, please let the priest know by crossing your arms in front of your chest when you come forward. Gluten-free bread is available; please ask at the communion rail.

Handicapped Accessibility

Our building is equipped with a lift located in the Sanctuary Annex, and a handicapped bathroom located on the lower level. For full access of the building and to join us for Coffee Hour downstairs, please ask a Greeter for assistance.

Sunday Worship Schedule

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Proper physical distancing protocols and face coverings are required.

The 10:00 a.m. service is also livestreamed

In-person Sunday School is suspended for the present time.

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The Rt. Rev. Lawrence C. Provenzano, Bishop of Long Island

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