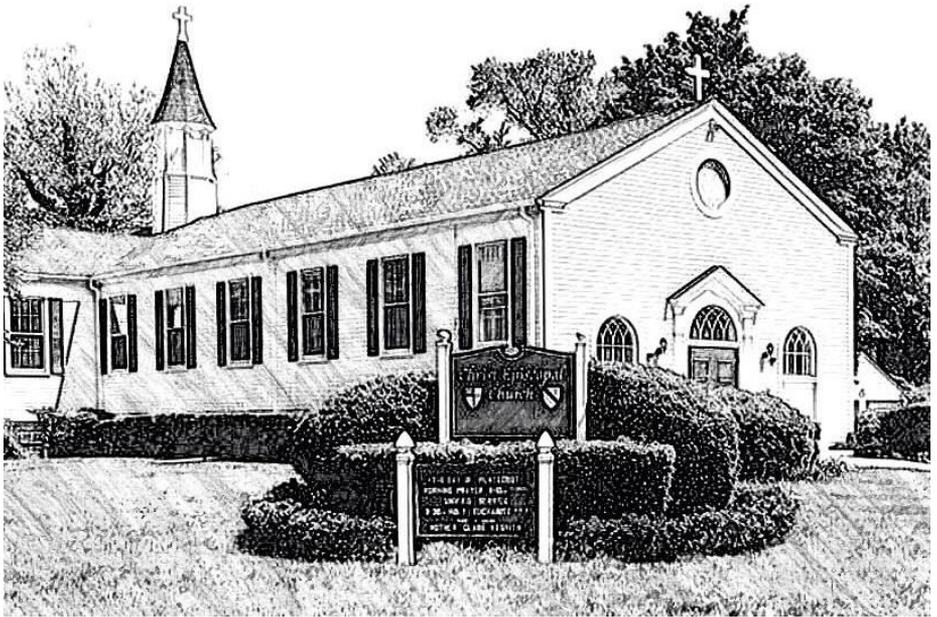


# *Christ Episcopal Church*



**The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost  
July 11, 2021**

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

12 Prospect Street  
Babylon, New York

# *The Seventh Sunday after the Pentecost*

Proper 10B

**July 11, 2021**

## **8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I**

Book of Common Prayer, page 323

*[We ask that during the service you mute all electronic devices]*

Prelude

### **The Word of God**

Opening Hymn

Hymnal 436, v1-2

*Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates*

Opening Acclamation

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Collect for Purity

Song of Praise *Gloria in excelsis Deo*

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The Collect of the Day

*see readings insert*

First Lesson: Amos 7:7-15

Psalms 85:8-13

*see readings insert*

Second Lesson: Ephesians 1:3-14

The Holy Gospel: Mark 6:14-26

The Sermon

Mother Nesmith

Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People

Response: *Hear our prayer*

Confession & Absolution

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The Peace

### **The Holy Communion**

Offertory Hymn

Hymnal 686

*Come, thou fount of every blessing*

Offertory Response *Doxology*

Hymnal 380, v 3

Eucharistic Prayer 2

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The Lord's Prayer

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The Breaking of the Bread

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Post Communion Prayer

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The Blessing

Announcements, Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

Recessional Hymn

Hymnal 436, v 4-5

*Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates*

Dismissal

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Postlude

# 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Summer Service Booklet

*[We ask that during the service you mute all electronic devices]*

Prelude

## The Word of God

Processional Hymn

Hymnal 436

*Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates*

Opening Acclamation

*summer booklet*

Song of Praise

*summer booklet*

*Glory to you, O Lord*

The Collect of the Day

*see readings insert*

First Lesson: Amos 7:7-15

Psalms 85:8-13

*see readings insert*

Second Lesson: Ephesians 1:3-14

Gospel Acclamation *Halle Halle Halleluia*

*summer booklet*

Verse: *I am the Rock of Ages, cleft for thee*

The Holy Gospel: Mark 6:14-26

The Sermon

Mother Nesmith

Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People Response: *Hear our prayer*

Confession & Absolution

*summer booklet*

The Peace

## The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn

Hymnal 686

*Come, thou fount of every blessing*

Offertory Response *Doxology*

Hymnal 380, v 3

Eucharistic Prayer EOW1

*summer booklet*

Sanctus *Holy, holy, holy Lord*

*summer booklet*

The Lord's Prayer

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The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem *Whoever eats this bread*

*summer booklet*

Post Communion Hymn

Hymnal 304

*I come with joy to meet my Lord*

Post Communion Prayer

*summer booklet*

The Blessing

Announcements, Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

Recessional Hymn

Hymnal 671

*Amazing grace! How sweet the sound*

Dismissal

Postlude

**The Lessons Appointed for  
Proper 10, Year B, RCL**

**The Collect**

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**Old Testament: Amos 7:7-15**

This is what the Lord GOD showed me: the LORD was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword." Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.' " And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom." Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

**Psalm 85:8-13**

- 8 I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, \*  
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people  
and to those who turn their hearts to him.
- 9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, \*  
that his glory may dwell in our land.
- 10 Mercy and truth have met together; \*  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- 11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, \*  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
- 12 The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, \*  
and our land will yield its increase.
- 13 Righteousness shall go before him, \*  
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

## **The Epistle: Ephesians 1:3-14**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

## **The Gospel: Mark 6:14-29**

King Herod heard of Jesus and his disciples, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother.

When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

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## **Prayer List for Sunday, July 11, 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, The Caribbean Island of St. Vincent, Corwin, Chris, Earl, Lorraine, Stefanie, Bill M., Dianne, Ken, D'Andrea Family, Bill M., Mary S., Melanie, Canon Glenworth Miles

We pray for all across the United States and the globe suffering from Covid-19. 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 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.

The flowers and the bread and wine are given today in Celebration for many Blessings.

***Let us celebrate and pray for those celebrating birthdays:*** Chynna-Monica Chung, Kathy DeBlasio,

***Let us celebrate and pray for those celebrating their wedding anniversary:*** Richard and Angelina Gambuzza

***Let us pray for those who have died:*** We pray for the over 606,000 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. We pray for their family members and friends who mourn and we pray for a time when we will not fear gun violence or being targeted for the color of our skin.

### **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*

## **Announcements**

### **Summer Bible Study: An Overview of Job, Proverbs, and other Old Testament wisdom literature**

*Wisdom “is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her; fortunate are they who embrace her.” Prov3:18* Within the Old Testament, wisdom literature is exciting because it deals directly with *life* itself. The sages were concerned with the present, and how to cope with the challenges provoked by one’s immediate experience. Beginning Thursday, July 22, 7:30 – 9:00pm, we will spend six weeks exploring these books of the Bible that are important for daily living.

### **SOS: Supply Our Students school supply drive**

Christ Church is hosting a drive to help the Long Island Coalition for the Homeless with their annual school supply drive, as well as for folks in our local community. The final date for the collection will be Sunday, July 25. Supplies can be dropped off in the Narthex of the church or you can donate online.

### **Altar Flowers and Gifts**

Anyone may give altar gifts for any Sunday. Flowers on the altar can mark a special event, honor the memory of a loved one, or be used as an expression of joy or thanksgiving at any time. A special prayer is offered and a notation in the prayer list for the week is made. These donations go to the Altar Guild Fund, which provides all the flowers and decorations in the church and chapel, as well as liturgical vestments, altar linens, candles, and the bread and wine used at communion. Green envelopes are available in the pews for your gifts.

Please be sure and say “Thank You!” to Alex Leonardi, who is our organist this Sunday! We will be seeing him and others on our organ bench this summer as they fill in while we search for a new organist and minister of music.

## **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 covering are required.

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

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

## **Church Officers and Vestry**

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Blosome Whyte (2023)

## **Clergy and Staff**

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

The Rev. E. Clare Nesmith, Rector

## **Parish Office Hours:**

Wednesday 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
and by appointment

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