

# *Christ Episcopal Church*



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

## ***Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost***

Sunday, September 18, 2022

8:00 & 10:00 a.m.

12 Prospect Street

Babylon, New York



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Proper 20, Year C

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

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# Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

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### *Prelude*

**Opening Hymn** *Sing praise to God who reigns above*

Hymnal 408

1 Sing praise to God who reigns above,  
the God of all creation,  
the God of power, the God of love,  
the God of our salvation;  
with healing balm my soul he fills,  
and every faithless murmur stills:  
to God all praise and glory.

2 What God's almighty power hath made,  
his gracious mercy keepeth;  
by morning glow or evening shade  
his watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.  
Within the kingdom of his might, lo!  
all is just and all is right:  
to God all praise and glory.

3 Let all who name Christ's holy Name  
give God all praise and glory;  
let all who know his power proclaim  
aloud the wondrous story!  
Cast each false idol from its throne,  
the Lord is God, and he alone:  
to God all praise and glory.

### The Word of God

#### **Opening Acclamation**

*Presider* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

*People* *Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.*

#### **Song of Praise** *Canticle 13*

Glory to you, O Lord *Benedictus es, Domine*

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The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems. The first system has a vocal line with the lyrics 'Glo-ry to you, O Lord, glo-ry to you, O Lord.' and a piano accompaniment. The second system has a vocal line with the lyrics 'you are wor - thy of praise.' and a piano accompaniment. The third system is a piano accompaniment consisting of several chords. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 12/8.

Glory to you, Lord God of our **fathers**; \*  
you are worthy of praise; glory to **you**.  
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy **Name**; \*  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for **ever**. *Refrain*

Glory to you in the splendor of your **temple**; \*  
on the throne of your majesty, glory to **you**.  
Glory to you, seated between the **Cherubim**; \*  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for **ever**. *Refrain*

Glory to you, beholding the **depths**; \*  
in the high vault of heaven, glory to **you**.  
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy **Spirit**; \*  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for **ever**. *Refrain*

***The Collect of the Day***

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

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

**Old Testament** A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Amos

Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false

balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat." The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

*Amos 8:4-7*

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God

**Psalm 113**

1 Hallelujah!

Give praise, you servants of the Lord; \*  
praise the Name of the Lord.

2 Let the Name of the Lord be blessed, \*  
from this time forth for evermore.

3 From the rising of the sun to its going down \*  
let the Name of the Lord be praised.

4 The Lord is high above all nations, \*  
and his glory above the heavens.

5 Who is like the Lord our God, who sits enthroned on high \*  
but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?

6 He takes up the weak out of the dust \*  
and lifts up the poor from the ashes.

7 He sets them with the princes, \*  
with the princes of his people.

8 He makes the woman of a childless house \*  
to be a joyful mother of children.

**Epistle** A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to Timothy

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all -- this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

*1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 2:1-7*

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God

**Gradual Hymn** Open your ears, O faithful people

Hymnal 536, v 1 & 2

1 Open your ears, O faithful people,  
Open your ears and hear God's word.  
Open your ears, O royal priesthood,  
God has come to you. *Refrain*

2 They who have ears to hear the message,  
They who have ears, then let them hear.  
They who would learn the way of wisdom,  
Let them hear God's word. *Refrain*

*Refrain*

God has spoken to his people, Hallelujah!  
And his word are words of wisdom, Hallelujah!  
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And his words are words of wisdom, Hallelujah!

**The Gospel** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

*People Glory to you, Lord Christ*

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, ' hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

*Luke 16:1-13*

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

**The 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 and Confession***

Form VI, BCP p392

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.  
*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;  
*For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*

For this community, the nation, and the world;  
*For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

For the just and proper use of your creation;  
*For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
*For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.*

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
*For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.*

For Michael our Presiding Bishop; Lawrence, Geralyn, Daniel, and Bill our Bishops; and for  
Clare, our Rector, and for all ministers, lay and ordained;  
*For all who serve God in his Church.*

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.  
*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Hear us, Lord;  
*For your mercy is great.*

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own thanksgivings*

We will exalt you, O God our King;  
*And praise your Name for ever and ever.*

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.  
*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
*Who put their trust in you.*

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.

*Presider*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ,  
strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.  
*Amen.*

### ***The Peace***

*Presider* The peace of Christ 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*

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### ***Offertory Hymn*** *Be thou my vision*

Hymnal 488

1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
all else be nought to me, save that thou art--  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light

2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my great Father; thine own may I be;  
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

3 High King of heaven, when victory is won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,  
still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

*The altar is prepared for the celebration and offering of the Eucharist Feast*

**Offertory Response**

*Presider* All things come from you, O Lord

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

**Eucharistic Prayer EOW1**

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* We lift them to the Lord.

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Presider proceeds*

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing (say):

**Sanctus**

*tune Land of Rest (Hymnal 620)*

*Presider and People together*

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.

*Then the Presider continues*

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us;

and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or 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 before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Presider and People*

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

*The Presider continues*

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with The Glorious and Ever-Blessed Mary, Saints Francis and Clare, and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. AMEN.

### ***The Lord's Prayer***

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

*People and Presider*

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.

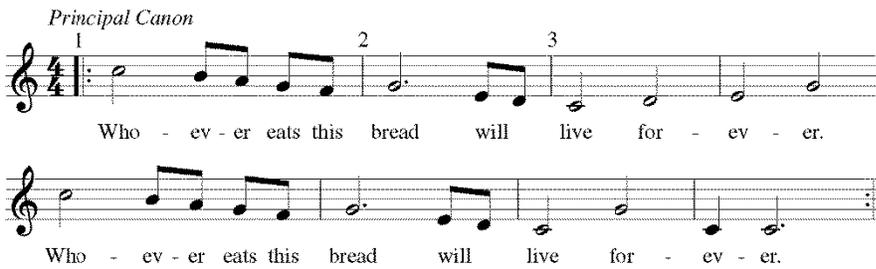
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

### ***The Breaking of the Bread***

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

### **FRACTION ANTHEM** *Whoever eats this bread*

*Principal Canon*



Who - ev - er eats this bread will live for - ev - er.

Who - ev - er eats this bread will live for - ev - er.

*Secondary Canons*



A 1 3 2  
This is the true bread which comes down from heaven, and gives life to the world.

### ***Invitation to Communion***

*Presider* 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 who are unable to physically receive the Body and Blood of Christ at this time.*

*Faithful God, in the wonder of your wisdom and love you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of angels, and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life. Though I cannot consume these gifts of bread and wine, I thank you that I have received the sacrament of Christ's presence, the forgiveness of sins, and all other benefits of Christ's passion. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may I embody your desire and be renewed for your service. Through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.*

### ***Post-Communion Hymn*** *Day by day*

Hymnal 654

Day by day, dear Lord,  
of thee three things I pray:  
to see thee more clearly,  
love thee more dearly,  
follow thee more nearly, day by day. *Repeat*

## ***Post-communion Prayer***

*Presider* Let us pray.

*Presider and People together*

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

## ***Blessing***

## ***Announcements***

***Recessional Hymn*** *God of grace and God of glory*

*Hymnal 594*

1 God of grace and God of glory,  
on thy people pour thy power;  
crown thine ancient Church's story;  
bring her bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour.

3 Cure thy children's warring madness,  
bend our pride to thy control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,  
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

2 Lo! the hosts of evil round us  
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us  
free our hearts to faith and praise:  
grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the living of these days,  
for the living of these days.

4 Save us from weak resignation  
to the evils we deplore;  
let the gift of thy salvation  
be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
serving thee whom we adore,  
serving thee whom we adore.

## ***Dismissal***

*Celebrant* Let us go forth into the world, walking in the Way of Love.

*People* Thanks be to God!

## ***Postlude***

## **Prayer List for Sunday, September 18, 2022**

### ***Let us offer prayers of healing, comfort and strength***

Bill D., Bob C., Bob N., Bonnie H., Deb, Karen, Lydia, Mama Clare, Nora, Phil B., Ronnie, Sandy M., Elizabeth, Wayne, Sr. Joy, Earl & Lorraine, Lou-Ann, Penny, Jonathan, Michelle, Brianna and family, Maggie, Ralph, Robin, Audrey, Lillian, Virginia, Carol, Nathaniel, Melissa, Ray & Betsy, Mthr. Sonia Waters

We continue our prayers for all across the United States and the globe suffering from Covid-19, those who 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 searching for employment, those who are hungry and food insecure, and those who are homeless or fear eviction or foreclosure.

### ***Let us offer prayers of thanksgiving***

We give thanks for and pray for all those involved in feeding ministries and homeless ministries, especially for those volunteers who give of their energy and passion to Nourish Babylon.

### ***Let us celebrate and pray for those celebrating birthdays***

Jack Scharf, Ellen Conner

### ***Let us celebrate and pray for those celebrating anniversaries***

### ***Let us pray for those who have died***

We pray for the over 1,030,000 (one million, thirty thousand) who have died of Covid-19 in our country, those who have been killed in mass shootings across the United States, for all who have died as a result of gun violence and racial violence, and all who have died in the war in Ukraine.

### **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*

### **Prayers for Ukraine**

Gracious God, we pray for the people of Ukraine and for all whose lives and livelihoods are endangered by war. May they be held in your loving care and protection, and given strength to endure what suffering or hardship may come. Transform the hearts and minds of those inflicting harm, and guide leaders and citizens to choose the way of peace. We ask this through your son Jesus, the true Prince of Peace. *Amen.*

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. *Amen.*

## Announcements

### **October 1<sup>st</sup> Harvest Festival to be postponed until next year**

The Babylon Village administration will not allow us to hold the Harvest Festival as it was planned. What they would allow was so constricted that the decision was made to cancel this year, and try again next fall. Please be on the lookout for information regarding tours of the new Pride and Joy childcare center location in our lower level. We will have the Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, October 2.

### **Vestry news**

We have a tenant in place (Pride & Joy) and are working to finalize the terms of the lease agreement for approval by the Bishop and Standing Committee of the diocese. A week ago we met with the childcare center operator regarding the placement of a fence, interior modifications and painting, and with the state inspector for approval in order to grant a license for the center. Continued prayers for everything to be in place soon are requested!

### **Greeters Meeting – Today**

TODAY – the Sunday before Welcome Home Sunday – following the 10:00am service, we are having a one-hour gathering of all those who are serving as greeters, and those who are interested and would like to join this important ministry of welcome.

### **Welcome Home Sunday and Michaelmas – September 25**

#### **Celebrating the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels**

Welcome Home Sunday is next Sunday, a unified service at 10:00am. Immediately following the service we will celebrate the Church's Feast of St. Michael & All Angels with a little party! Young people can make angel wings to wear, and any age can do our visual scavenger hunt for a prize, and enjoy Coffee Hour treats. We will be looking for angels, for messengers and protectors, and learning what is special about this feast of the church! Please bring a treat to share for Coffee Hour.

### **Calling all creatures great and small – Sunday, October 2**

Bring your pets for a blessing on Sunday, October 2nd following the 10am service on the front lawn. More details to come.

### **Healing Prayer Service returns! – Tuesday, October 4**

Are you struggling with any physical, emotional, or spiritual illness? God's greatest desire is to heal you and make you whole. While God does not promise us a life free from suffering, God does promise to be present with us in our suffering and infuse us with comfort and hope. Starting on October 4, on the first Tuesday each month in the chapel at 7:00pm, we will be inviting God to be deeply present with us in the midst of our struggles. A healing service is a time when we pray for, lay hands on, and anoint with oil those who ask and trust God to bring healing.

### **Thursday Evening Bible Study**

Our Thursday Evening Bible Study was on sabbatical over the summer. We have the materials to conclude the all-year program for 2021-2022 *Celebrating the Saints*, the final year of the three-year program *Living Discipleship*, studying the church's history the lens of these individuals who lived their lives following Christ. These materials will be available to you as a self-study, and we will gather one evening to review and discuss.

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## **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  
Physical distancing protocols are requested and face covering are no longer mandatory.  
The 10:00 a.m. service is also livestreamed  
In-person Sunday School is suspended for the present time.

## **Church Officers and Vestry**

Diane Gaidon, Warden (2023)		Annette Lepsis, Clerk
Michelle Taormina, Treasurer		
Jackie Barnes (2025)	Vikki Boning (2024)	Marianne O'Connor (2023)
Annette Lepsis (2025)	Kathy Hannan (2024)	Lynn Simmons (2023)
	Vera Langstone (2024)	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:**

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