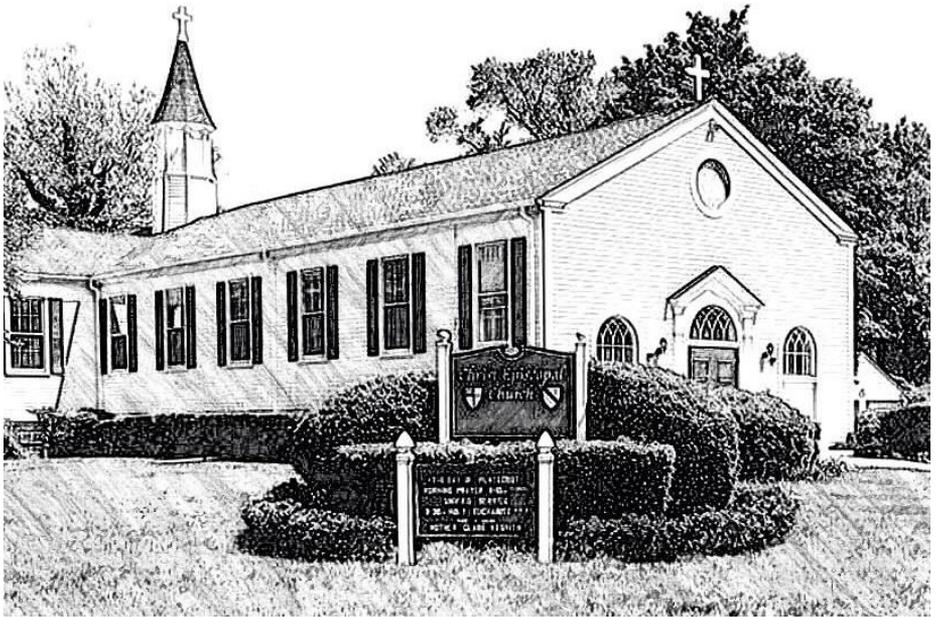


Christ Episcopal Church



**The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 26, 2021**

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

12 Prospect Street
Babylon, New York

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Proper 21B

September 26, 2021

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

Book of Common Prayer, page 323

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Prelude

The Word of God

Opening Hymn

Hymnal 546, v 1-2

Awake my soul, stretch every nerve

Opening Acclamation

BCP p 323

Collect for Purity

Song of Praise *Gloria in excelsis Deo*

BCP p 324

The Collect of the Day

readings insert

First Lesson: Numbers 11:4-6,10-16,24-29

Psalm 19:7-14

readings insert

Second Lesson: James 5:13-20

The Holy Gospel: Mark 9:38-50

The Sermon

Mother Nesmith

Nicene Creed

BCP p 326

The Prayers of the People

Response: *Hear our prayer*

Confession & Absolution

BCP p 330

The Peace

The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn

Hymnal 552

Fight the good fight with all thy might

Offertory Response

Hymnal 400, v 7

Let all things their creator bless

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 546, v3-4

Awake my soul, stretch every nerve

Dismissal

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Postlude

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

The Word of God

Processional Hymn <i>Awake my soul, stretch every nerve</i>	Hymnal 546
Opening Acclamation	BCP p 355
Song of Praise <i>Glory to God in the highest</i>	Hymnal S280
The Collect of the Day	<i>readings insert</i>
First Lesson: Numbers 11:4-6,10-16,24-29	
Psalm 19:7-14	<i>readings insert</i>
Second Lesson: James 5:13-20	
Sequence Hymn <i>Open your ears, O faithful people</i>	Hymnal 536, v 1,4
The Holy Gospel: Mark 9:30-37	
The Sermon	Mother Nesmith
Nicene Creed	BCP p 358
Prayers of the People Response: <i>Hear our prayer</i>	
Confession & Absolution	BCP p 360
The Peace	

The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn <i>Fight the good fight with all thy might</i>	Hymnal 552
Offertory Response <i>Let all thing their creator bless</i>	Hymnal 400, v7
Eucharistic Prayer C	BCP p 369
Sanctus <i>Holy, holy, holy Lord</i>	Hymnal S125
The Lord's Prayer	BCP p 364
The Breaking of the Bread	
Fraction Anthem <i>Alleluia, Christ our Passover</i>	Hymnal S154
Post Communion Hymn <i>If thou but trust in God to guide thee</i>	Hymnal 635
Post Communion Prayer	BCP p 365
The Blessing	
Announcements, Birthday & Anniversary Blessings	
Recessional Hymn <i>Go forth for God</i>	Hymnal 347
Dismissal	
Postlude	

The Lessons Appointed for Proper 21, Year B, RCL

The Collect

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Old Testament: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16,24-29

The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at." Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the Lord, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child,' to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, 'Give us meat to eat!' I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery." So the Lord said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you. So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!"

Psalm 19:7-14

7 The law of the LORD is perfect
and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the LORD is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.

- 8 The statutes of the LORD are just
and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the LORD is clear
and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the LORD is clean
and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the LORD are true
and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.
- 13 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.
- 14 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 Epistle: James 5:13-20

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

The Gospel: Mark 9:38-50

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. "If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for

you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. "For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

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Prayer List for Sunday, September 19, 2021

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

Bill D., Bob C., Bob N., Bonnie H., Deb, Eileen & Kirstin, Grace, James, Joanne, Karen, Lydia, Mama Clare, Nora, Phil B., Ronnie, Bill & Sandy M., Elizabeth, Wayne, Sr. Joy, Jeff, Michele, John, Chris, Earl, Lorraine, Stefanie, Dianne, Ken, Melanie, Samantha, Ralph, Nikki, Reese, the people of Haiti, Frank, Diane, Donna, and their families, Noelle, Alex, Dcn. Jennifer Webster, Canon Glenworth Miles, Mthr. Liz Tunney

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.

Let us celebrate and pray for those celebrating birthdays: Sheldon Whyte

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

Let us pray for those who have died: We pray for the repose of the soul of Barbara Gaidon, and we also pray for the over 680,000 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.

Announcements

Thursday Evening Bible Study – This Thursday, Sept. 30

This year's all-year program is the final year of the three-year program *Living Discipleship* from Forward Movement. We began in the Fall of 2019 with *The Path: A Journey through the Bible*, our yearlong study of scripture, and continued last year with *Walk in Love: Episcopal Beliefs & Practices*, a yearlong study that focused on who we are as Episcopalians through the lens of our basic beliefs, our liturgy and sacraments, and how we live our faith as Christians. This year's study is *Celebrating the Saints*, and "equips us to follow Jesus while learning more about 24 of the monks, missionaries, prophets, doctors, evangelists, and more who are named saints in The Episcopal Church's calendar." This is a year of studying the church's history through the lens of these individuals who lived their lives following Christ and will begin this Thursday evening, September 30, continuing our pattern of meeting from 7:30-9:00pm over Zoom.

Calling All Parents

If you are interested in Christian formation, you and your children (toddlers through teenagers) are requested to attend an evening meeting Tuesday, September 28, from 5:30 to 7:30pm, including a time for dinner and fellowship. Children will be supervised while the grown-ups convene about our dreams and desires for our children's Christian education and formation.

THANK YOU! Bike & Brunch to Nourish Babylon –

Thank you to all who assisted in making our Bike & Brunch to Nourish Babylon fundraiser a success. It was a day of great fun, fellowship and service to support the good works of Nourish Babylon in the community.

Fall Plant Sale – October 1 & 2

Next weekend is our Fall Plant Sale. Plants will be on sale on Friday, October 1, from 12 noon to 6:00pm and Saturday, Oct. 2, from 10:00am to 3:00pm. If there are any plants remaining, they will be sold on Sunday, following the 10:00am service.

Blessing of the Animals – October 3

Next Sunday, October 3, is our annual St. Francis Day celebration and Blessing of the Animals. Following the 10am service the pet blessing will be on the front lawn of the church (weather permitting). If it's not possible to bring your family pet, please bring a photo or one of their toys or blanket for a blessing. Please be sure to join us.

Our Organist Today

Please be sure and say "Thank You!" to Carol Haberly, who is our organist this Sunday. We will be seeing her and others on our organ bench 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.

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