

Christ Episcopal Church



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

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost and Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 2, 2022

8:00 & 10:00 a.m.

12 Prospect Street

Babylon, New York

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Propers for the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, transferred

October 2, 2022

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

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

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Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Propers for the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, transferred

October 2, 2022

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

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Prelude

Opening Hymn *All creatures of our God and King*

Hymnal 400, v 1, 4-5

1 All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voices, let us sing:
alleluia, alleluia!
Bright burning sun with golden beams,
Pale silver moon that gently gleams,
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4 Dear mother earth, you day by day
unfold your blessings on our way;
O praise him, Alleluia!
All flowers and fruits that in you grow,
let them his glory also show:
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

5 All you with mercy in your heart,
forgiving others, take your part,
O sing now: Alleluia!
All you that pain and sorrow bear,
praise God, and cast on him your care:
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

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

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

Song of Praise *Glory to God in the highest*

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.

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may, for love of you, delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy; 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 Job

Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind: "Do you know when the mountain goats give birth? Do you observe the calving of the deer? Can you number the months that they fulfil, and do you know the time when they give birth, when they crouch to give birth to their offspring, and are delivered of their young? Their young ones become strong, they grow up in the open; they go forth, and do not return to them. Who has let the wild ass go free? Who has loosed the bonds of the swift ass, to which I have given the steppe for its home, the salt land for its dwelling-place? It scorns the tumult of the city; it does not hear the shouts of the driver. It ranges the mountains as its pasture, and it searches after every green thing. Is the wild ox willing to serve you? Will it spend the night at your crib? Can after you tie it in the furrow with ropes, or will it harrow the valleys you? Will you depend on it because its strength is great, and will you hand over your labor to it? Do you have faith in it that it will return, and bring your grain to your threshing-floor? The ostrich's wings flap wildly, though its pinions lack plumage. For it leaves its eggs to the earth, and lets them be warmed on the ground, forgetting that a foot may crush them, and that a wild animal may trample them. It deals cruelly with its young, as if they were not its own; though its labor should be in vain, yet it has no fear; because God has made it forget wisdom, and given it no share in understanding. When it spreads its plumes aloft, it laughs at the horse and its rider."

Job 38:1, 39:1-18

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God

Psalm 121

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
 from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the Lord, *
 the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved *
 and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
 shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The Lord himself watches over you; *
 the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.

7 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.

8 The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

Epistle A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Galatians

May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule-- peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God. From now on, let no one make trouble for me; for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

Galatians 6:4-18

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Celtic Alleluia

People Alleluia, Alleluia

Cantor Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.

Speak your words of wisdom,
for the words you speak are everlasting life.

People Alleluia, Alleluia

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Matthew 11:25-30

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

These Prayers of the People were crafted by the Rev. Rick Morley and are based on The Canticle of the Sun, a prayer/ hymn attributed to St. Francis of Assisi. Theologically, it identifies the elements of creation as sisters and brothers to humanity, and calls upon the forces of nature to praise God with us, and us with them.

Presider Most high, all powerful, all good Lord!
All praise is yours, all glory, all honor, and all blessing.
And, it is to you alone, Most High, that we pray.

Intercessor You are praised, O Lord by our Brother, Sun,
who brings the day; and you give light through him.
May light be shed on your Church,
That your faithful people may bear your likeness.

People O God, hear us.

Intercessor You are praised, O Lord, through our Sister, Moon, and the stars;
in the heavens you have made them bright, precious and beautiful.
May the nations of the earth, whom they look down upon each night
Be blessed with your peace.

People O God, hear us.

Intercessor You are praised, O Lord, through our Brothers, Wind and Air,
and clouds and storms, and all the weather;
May you rain down your grace upon our nation, and its leaders and people

People O God, hear us.

Intercessor You are praised, O Lord, through our Sister, Water;
Quench the thirst of the poor, the downtrodden, and those who are ill, or in trouble of any kind
(especially...)

People O God, hear us.

Intercessor You are praised, O Lord, through our Brother, Fire,
through whom you brighten the night;
We pray you to brighten your Kingdom, where the souls of the faithful departed rest
[especially...].
For them, as you, may there be no night.

People O God, hear us.

Intercessor You are praised, O Lord, through our sister, and Mother, Earth,
who feeds us and rules us,
and produces various fruits with colored flowers and herbs;
Give us the will to care for her, as you created her.

People O God, hear us.

Intercessor Be praised, my Lord, through those who forgive for love of you;
through those who endure sickness and trial.
Happy those who endure in peace,
for by you, Most High, they will be crowned.

People O God, hear us.

Presider O Lord, we praise and bless you, and we give you thanks,
and with all of creation, we serve you and pray to you with great humility. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.
Silence may be kept.

Leader 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. Amen.

Presider

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

Presider 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

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Offertory Hymn *My God, accept my heart this day*

Hymnal 697

1 My God, accept my heart this day,
and make it always thine,
that I from thee no more may stray,
no more from thee decline.

3 Anoint me with thy heavenly grace,
and seal me for thine own,
that I may see thy glorious face,
and worship near thy throne.

2 Before the cross of him who died,
behold, I prostrate fall;
let every sin be crucified,
and Christ be all in all.

4 Let every thought and work and word,
to thee be ever given;
then life shall be thy service, Lord,
and death the gate of heaven.

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

Offertory Response *Let all thing their creator bless*

Hymnal 400, v4

Let all things their creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, Alleluia!
Praise God the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One:
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Eucharistic Prayer C

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

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus

Hymnal S125

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

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. ✠ Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. 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 *Christ, our Passover*

Hymnal S154

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 Make me a channel of your peace

The Prayer of St. Francis

*Music and adaptation
by Sebastian Temple*

1. Make me a channel of Your Peace. — Where there is ha—tred, let me bring Your
2. Make me a channel of Your Peace. — Where there's despair in life, let me bring

1. love. — Where there is in—ju—ry, Your par—don, Lord, — And
2. hope. — Where there is darkness on—ly light, — And

1. where there's doubt, true faith in You. —
2. where there's sad—ness ev—er joy. — Oh

Master, grant that I may nev—er seek, — so much to be con—soled as to con—
sole, — to be un—der—stood as to un—der—stand, — to be loved as to
love with all my soul. — 3. Make me a chan—nel of Your
peace. — It is in par—don—ing that we are par—doned, — in giv—ing of our—
selves that we re—ceive, — and in dy—ing that we're born to e—ter—nal life. —

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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

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.
People Thanks be to God!

A Service of the Blessing of the Animals

Hymn before Pet Blessing *All things bright and beautiful*

Hymnal 405

Refrain
All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.

1 Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings,
he made their glowing colors,
he made their tiny wings. *Refrain*

3 The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden,
he made them every one. *Refrain*

2 The purple-headed mountain,
the river running by,
the sunset, and the morning
that brightens up the sky. *Refrain*

4 He gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty,
who has made all things well. *Refrain*

Blessing of the Animals

see separate leaflet

Dismissal

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

Prayer List for Sunday, October 2, 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, John, Mthr. Sonia Waters

We continue our prayers for all across the United States and the globe suffering from Covid-19, and those who are suffering from long Covid.

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.

We pray for those who are in the path of hurricanes, those who have been struck by hurricanes, and we pray for this earth as we suffer the effects of climate change. God give us the wit and the will to do what is necessary on our part to help bring our planet back to health and balance.

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

Beth Krivohlavy, Judy Bassler

Let us celebrate and pray for those celebrating anniversaries

Let us pray for those who have died

We pray for the repose of the soul of Linda Rastelli. 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

Calling all creatures great and small – TODAY, Sunday, October 2

Bring your pets for a blessing today, Sunday, October 2nd following the 10am service on the front lawn. Our 10am service will be outside on the front lawn, so please BYOC (bring your own chair). Human, canine, and feline representatives from One Love Dog Rescue will be with us following the service, for you to learn more about their mission and maybe add furry friend to your household! If you have blankets, comforters, and towels that you no longer need (no king-size), we will be collecting for local shelters.

The church choir is back!

Do you have a love of music and faith? Children and adults are invited to join the church choir. No prior experience is needed; reading musical notation is a plus. The choir sings at the Sunday 10am service with weekly rehearsals on Wednesdays from 7 to 8 and on Sundays at 9:30am. For more information, call Dr. Christopher Hopkins, Minister of Music, at 631-466-0384.

"Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things." - Psalm 98:1

Vestry news

We have a tenant in place (Pride & Joy) and are still working to finalize the terms of the lease agreement for approval by the Bishop and Standing Committee of the diocese. We have had the boilers and water heater inspected and have some maintenance that must be taken care of. We have a new quote for a different fence that we think will be pleasing to all. Continued prayers for everything to be in place soon are requested!

Healing Prayer Service returns! – This 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.

Taizé Prayer Service – Saturday, October 22, 4-5pm

What is Taizé Prayer? Everyone is welcome, regardless of faith tradition. This low-key prayer service is filled with song, scripture, and silent meditation. This ecumenical form of prayer is modeled on the style as practiced in the Taizé Community in France. Those who attend regularly find a profound peace and tranquility in this style of prayer. Plan to come!

EMLI Celebration of Ministry

You're invited to join Bishop Provenzano for a "Celebration of Ministry" on October 12, 2022 at 6:30pm at The Inn at New Hyde Park. Our own parish ministry, Nourish Babylon is supported by EMLI, and we'll be able to connect with and celebrate the work of our neighbors, partners, and friends. Visit EMLI's website to reserve your seats today! You can also explore opportunities to sponsor the attendance of ministry leaders and invest in ministry across the diocese. We look forward to seeing you on October 12th.

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COVER ART: Giotto di Bondone, St. Francis Preaching to the Birds, c. 1295-1300, tempera and gold on panel (originally in the Church of San Francesco, Pisa)

See website <https://smarthistory.org/giotto-st-francis-of-assisi-receiving-the-stigmata/>

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.

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