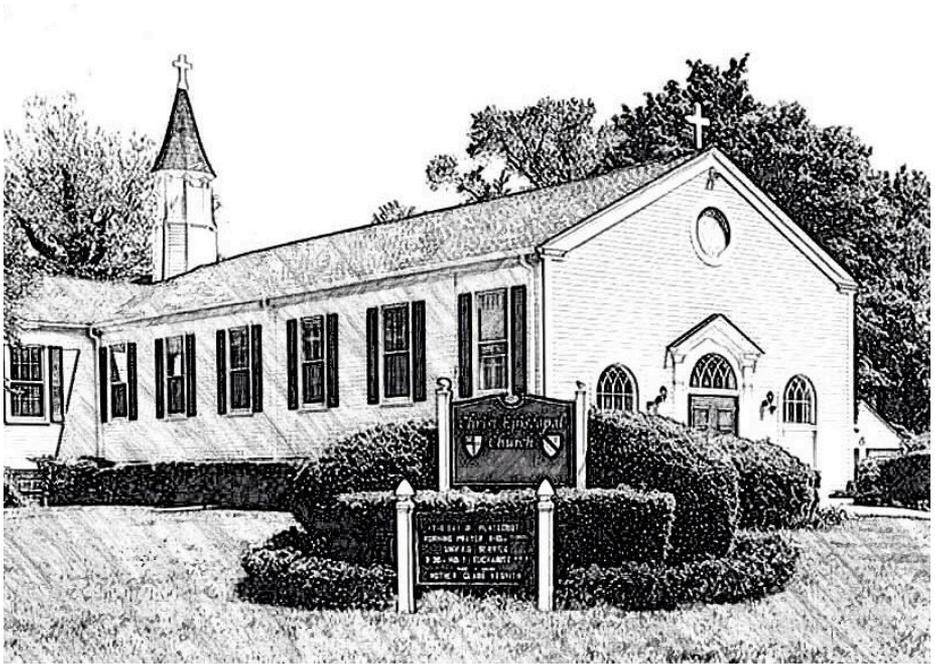


# *Christ Episcopal Church*



**The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost  
October 10, 2021**

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

12 Prospect Street  
Babylon, New York

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Proper 23B

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

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Prelude

### **The Word of God**

Opening Hymn

*God himself is with us*

Hymnal 475, v 1-2

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

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First Lesson: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Psalm 90:12-17

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Second Lesson: Hebrews 4:12-16

The Holy Gospel: Mark 10:17-31

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 460, v1, 3-5

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

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

Closing Hymn

Hymnal 546, v3-4

*God himself is with us*

Dismissal

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

**The Word of God**

Processional Hymn <i>God himself is with us</i>	Hymnal 475
Opening Acclamation	BCP p 355
Song of Praise <i>Glory to God in the highest</i>	Hymnal S280
The Collect of the Day	<i>next page</i>
First Lesson: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15	
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Sequence Hymn <i>Open your ears, O faithful people</i>	Hymnal 536, v1-4
The Holy Gospel: Mark 10:17-31	
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>Alleluia! Sing to Jesus</i>	Hymnal 460, v1, 3-5
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>Take my life and let it be consecrated</i>	Hymnal 707
Post Communion Prayer	BCP p 365
The Blessing	
Announcements, Birthday & Anniversary Blessings	
Closing Hymn <i>O Jesus, I have promised</i>	Hymnal 655
Dismissal	

**The Lessons Appointed for  
Proper 23, Year B, RCL**

**The Collect:** Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**First Lesson: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15**

Seek the LORD and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground! They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. Therefore, because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins—you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time. Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

**The Response: Psalm 90:12-17**

- 12 So teach us to number our days \*  
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.
- 13 Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? \*  
be gracious to your servants.
- 14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; \*  
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.
- 15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us \*  
and the years in which we suffered adversity.
- 16 Show your servants your works \*  
and your splendor to their children.
- 17 May the graciousness of the LORD our God be upon us; \*  
prosper the work of our hands;  
prosper our handiwork.

## **Second Lesson: Hebrews 4:12-16**

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

### **The Gospel: Mark 10:17-31**

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.” Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

## Prayer List for Sunday, October 10, 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., Jackie & Sarah, Elizabeth, Wayne, Sr. Joy, Jeff, Michele, John, Chris, Earl, Lorraine, Lou-Ann, Debbie, Stefanie, Dianne, Ken, Melanie, Samantha, Ralph, Nikki, Reese, the people of Haiti, Frank, Diane, Donna, and their families, Dcn. Jennifer Webster, Canon Glenworth Miles, Mthr. Liz Tunney, Mthr. Sonia Waters

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:*** Kathy Cunningham, Matthew Speacht, Mike DeBlasio, Kristen Shepard, Brianna Szala, Aliyah Bey

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

***Let us pray for those who have died:*** We pray for Aileen Calandra in whose memory the flowers are given this morning, and we also pray for the over 705,000 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**

### **Thursday Evening Bible Study – 7:30pm over Zoom**

This year's all-year program *Celebrating the Saints* is the final year of the three-year program *Living Discipleship* from Forward Movement and will equip us to follow Jesus while learning more about the many of the named saints in The Episcopal Church's calendar, studying the church's history through the lens of these individuals who lived their lives following Christ. We began on September 30, and will continue our pattern of meeting on Thursday evenings from 7:30-9:00pm over Zoom. You are welcome to join us whenever you can.

### **All Souls' and All Saints'**

You will be receiving the annual All Souls' letter regarding memorials for the annual All Souls' Day service which will be Tuesday, November 2, at 7:00pm. If you wish to have your dearly departed loved ones remembered in this service of light and remembrance, please send their names in to the church office by Sunday, October 24. Your gifts each year on this feast day in the Church support the ministry of Altar Guild over the course of the year.

### **Calling All Parents at Christ Church**

On Tuesday evening, September 28th, nine families gathered together in Miller Hall for dinner to reconnect and meet, followed by a presentation and activity facilitated by Kristin Ochtera. This provided an opportunity for parents and children to reflect on their current and past Christian experience as well as think about their future hopes for Christian formation at Christ Church. We will continue to have these gatherings as we discern our way forward together.

### **Fall Plant Sale – October 1 & 2**

Thank you to all who volunteered at our plant sale, and to those who purchased plants. We do have some plants available for sale. Just ask!

### **Outreach Needs**

We are looking for donations of supermarket gift cards, razors, and several belts. Thank you for your generosity.

### **Our Organist Today**

Please be sure and say "Thank You!" to Eleanor Gould, 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.

## **Church Officers and Vestry**

John Foley, Warden (2023)

Diane Gaidon, Warden (2022)

Anne Napolitano, Treasurer

Vikki Boning, Clerk

Jackie Barnes (2022)

Vera Langstone (2024)

Vikki Boning (2024)

Annette Lepsis (2022)

Karen Drummond (2022)

Lynn Simmons (2023)

Kathy Hannan (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:**

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

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