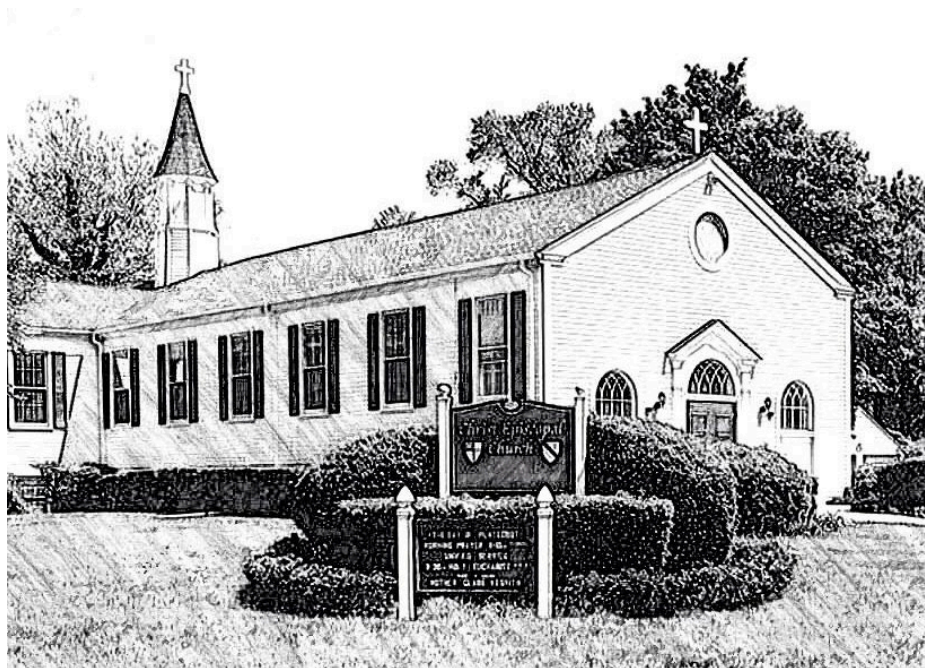


# *Christ Episcopal Church*



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

**The Second Sunday after Pentecost  
June 11, 2023**

Christ Episcopal Church  
12 Prospect Street  
Babylon, New York

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Proper 5, Year A

**June 11, 2023**  
**8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I**

Book of Common Prayer, page 319

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

Prelude

## **The Word of God**

Opening Hymn <i>The God of Abram praise</i>	Hymnal 401, v 1-2
Opening Acclamation	BCP p 323
Collect for Purity	
Song of Praise <i>Gloria</i>	BCP p 324
The Collect of the Day	<i>see following pages</i>
First Lesson: Genesis 12:1-9	
Psalm 33:1-12	<i>see next pages</i>
Second Lesson: Romans 4:13-25	
The Holy Gospel: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26	

The Sermon	Mother Nesmith
Nicene Creed	BCP p 326
Prayers of the People <i>Response Lord, hear our prayer</i>	
Confession & Absolution	BCP p 331
The Peace	

## **The Holy Communion**

Offertory Hymn	Hymnal 493
<i>O for a thousand tongues to sing</i>	
Offertory Response <i>Let all things their Creator bless</i>	Hymnal 400, v7
Eucharistic Prayer 2	BCP p 340
The Lord's Prayer	BCP p 336
The Breaking of the Bread	BCP p 337
Post Communion Prayer	BCP p 339
Blessing	
Announcements, Birthday & Anniversary Blessings	
Recessional Hymn <i>The God of Abram praise</i>	Hymnal 401 v 3-5
Dismissal	BCP p 340
Postlude	

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

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Pg. 351

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Prelude

## The Word of God

Processional Hymn <i>The God of Abram praise</i>	Hymnal 401
Opening Acclamation	BCP p 355
Song of Praise <i>Gloria</i>	Hymnal S280
The Collect of the Day	see next pages

First Lesson: Genesis 12:1-9

Psalm 33:1-12 see next pages

Second Lesson: Romans 4:13-25

Sequence *Alleluia. Our Savior Jesus Christ has destroyed death,  
and brought life to light through the Gospel. Alleluia.*

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

The Sermon	Mother Nesmith
Nicene Creed	BCP p 358
Prayers of the People <i>Response Lord, hear our prayer</i>	
Confession & Absolution	BCP p 360
The Peace	

## The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn <i>Will you come and follow me</i>	see music insert
Offertory Response <i>Let all things their Creator bless</i>	Hymnal 400, v7

Eucharistic Prayer B	BCP p 367
Sanctus <i>Holy, holy, holy</i>	Hymnal S125
The Lord's Prayer	BCP p 364
The Breaking of the Bread	
Fraction Anthem <i>The disciples knew the Lord Jesus</i>	Hymnal S167

Post Communion Hymn <i>Let all who are thirsty come</i>	see music insert
Post Communion Prayer	BCP p 365
Blessing	

Announcements, Birthday & Anniversary Blessings	
Recessional Hymn <i>O for a thousand tongues to sing</i>	Hymnal 493
Dismissal	
Postlude	

**The Lessons appointed for the Second Sunday after Pentecost  
Proper 5, Year A, RCL**

**The Collect**

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**Old Testament: Genesis 12:1-9**

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the Lord appeared to Abram, and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

**Psalm 33:1-12**

1 Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous; \*  
it is good for the just to sing praises.

2 Praise the Lord with the harp; \*  
play to him upon the psaltery and lyre.

3 Sing for him a new song; \*  
sound a fanfare with all your skill upon  
the trumpet.

4 For the word of the Lord is right, \*  
and all his works are sure.

5 He loves righteousness and justice; \*  
the loving-kindness of the Lord fills the  
whole earth.

6 By the word of the Lord were the  
heavens made, \*  
by the breath of his mouth all the  
heavenly hosts.

7 He gathers up the waters of the  
ocean as in a water-skin \*  
and stores up the depths of the sea.

8 Let all the earth fear the Lord; \*  
let all who dwell in the world stand  
in awe of him.

9 For he spoke, and it came to pass; \*  
he commanded, and it stood fast.

10 The Lord brings the will of the  
nations to naught; \* he thwarts the  
designs of the peoples.

11 But the Lord's will stands fast for  
ever, \* and the designs of his heart  
from age to age.

12 Happy is the nation whose God is  
the Lord! \*  
happy the people he has chosen to be  
his own!

## **The Epistle: Romans 4:13-25**

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

## **The Gospel: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26**

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.” While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, “My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.” And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.” Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader’s house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, “Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

## **Prayer List for Sunday, June 11, 2023**

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

Bill D., Bob C., Deb, Karen, Lydia, Mama Clare, Nora, Phil B., Ronnie, Sandy M., Wayne, Sr. Joy, Lorraine and Lou-Ann, Michelle and Brianna and family, Robin, Audrey, Lydia, Dottie Z and Angela, John, Joseph, Joanne, Emily, Terry, Nikki, Tom & Ann, Melanie, Carol, Diane, Lisa, Nick, Kaiden, Melanie, Helen, Tara, Mikey M, family of Patricia Woodruff., Fr. Eric Snyder, Mthr. Sonia Waters, and those who continue to suffer 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, those looking for housing.

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

We give thanks for and pray for all those involved in feeding ministries and homeless ministries, especially for our Nourish Babylon volunteers and all those who support the various feeding ministries in the Babylon area. As another choir season concludes, we give thanks for and pray for those who give voice to our worship in song: to the choir, its members, and the Minister of Music. May they be blessed with good health and strength to sing God's praises in majestic harmony. We celebrate and give thanks for the 18<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Mother Clare Nesmith's ordination to the diaconate (6/11/2005).

### ***Let us celebrate with and pray for this week's birthdays***

Amelia Verni-Vazzano (6/12) in whose celebration altar flowers are given today, Grace Holzmacher (6/12), Hank Szala (6/13), Fred Reuther (6/17)

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

We pray for the repose of the soul of Patricia Woodruff. We remember all who have died as a result of gun violence and racial violence and all who have died in the war in Ukraine.

### **Assisting Our Worship**

**8:00 a.m.**

Eucharistic Minister:

Lector/s:

Server/s:

Greeter:

Coffee Hour Coordinator:

**10:00 a.m.**

Martha Richardson

Beth Krivohlavy

Hannah Boning,

Eden Verni-Vazzano

Kathy Carhart

# Announcements

## Concert featuring our Minister of Music & Rector!

Join us on Sunday, June 25th at 3pm for "Summer Break," a concert featuring Dr. Christopher Hopkins, Minister of Music, with Mother Clare Nesmith. Support the mission of the church at this musical fundraiser with songs you know and love. There will be a reception after the concert.

## Summer Taizé Service

Join us Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, at 7:00pm for our Taizé/Summer Solstice event. There will be song, meditation, poems. related to God and God's creation – earth, sun, moon, stars and all in between. A night of thanks and praise to God for all the elements. All ages welcome.

## Religion on the Vine

On Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, we will have a bus to pick us up at Christ Church to visit vineyards on the east end of Long Island. Prices will be determined when we have a confirmation of attendance, and make the bus and winery reservations. Signup sheet in church lobby/narthex as well as administration office. This is a church-sponsored family event – a day to enjoy creation and each other's company. Please invite friends and family to join us, **ALL ARE WELCOME!**



We hope all Christ Church folk can join us at our SUMMER EVENTS and invite friends and family. More info to follow the closer we get to the date.

## Readers & Greeters

We are in search of greeters and readers for both services. If you are interested, please call the office Wednesday or Thursday 10:30am-2:30pm.

## Digital Giving Options

Scan this QR code to access our online giving site:



Scan this QR code to learn more about stewardship and fill out an online pledge card:



## **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 both upstairs and 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

Healing Service, 3rd Sundays following the Eucharist

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 (2024)

Kathy Hannan (2025)

Michelle Taormina, Treasurer

Annette Lepsis, Clerk

Michael Vazzano (2026)

Jackie Barnes (2025)

Vikki Boning (2024)

Blosome Whyte (2026)

Annette Lepsis (2025)

Michael DeBlasio (2024)

Martha Richardson (2026)

Debbie Szala (2025)

Vera Langstone (2024)

### **Clergy and Staff**

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

The Very Rev. E. Clare Nesmith, Rector

Dr. Christopher Hopkins, Minister of Music

Ms. Marie Rivera, Parish Administrator

### **Parish Office Hours:**

Wednesday & Thursday, 10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

and by appointment

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