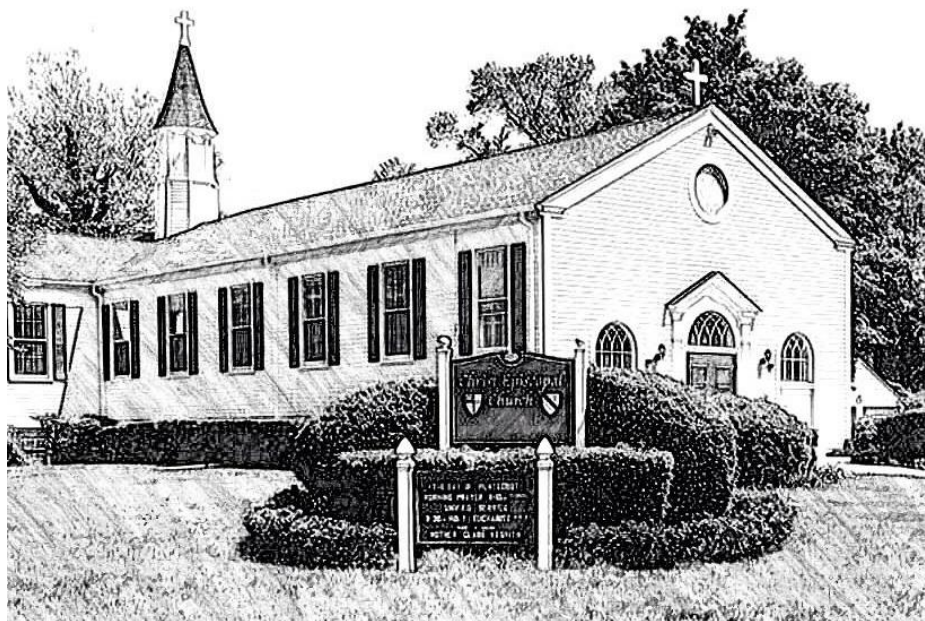


Christ Episcopal Church



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

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 17, 2023

Christ Episcopal Church
12 Prospect Street
Babylon, New York

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Proper 19, Track 2, Year A

September 17, 2023
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 <i>Father, we praise thee</i>	Hymnal 1, tune #360
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 50:15-21	
Psalm 103:8-13	<i>see next pages</i>
Second Lesson: Romans 14:1-12	
The Holy Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35	

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 <i>Lord, make us servants of your peace</i>	Hymnal 593
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	
Closing Hymn <i>Day by day (sing through twice)</i>	Hymnal 654
Dismissal	BCP p 340
Postlude	

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

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) page 355

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Prelude

The Word of God

Processional Hymn *Father, we praise thee* Hymnal 1, tune #360
Opening Acclamation BCP p 355
Song of Praise *Glory to you, O Lord* Fall Service Music
The Collect of the Day see next pages

First Lesson: Genesis 50:15-21
Psalm 103:8-13 see next pages
Second Lesson: Romans 14:1-11
Gospel Acclamation Fall Service Music
Open your ears (v 1-2)
The Holy Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

The Sermon Mother Nesmith
Nicene Creed BCP p 358
Prayers of the People, Form IV *Response Hear our prayer*
Confession & Absolution BCP p 360
The Peace

The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn Hymnal 593
Lord, make us servants of your peace
Offertory Response *Let all things their Creator bless* Hymnal 400, v7

Eucharistic Prayer C BCP p 369
Sanctus *Holy, holy, holy* Fall Service Music
The Lord's Prayer BCP p 364
The Breaking of the Bread
Fraction Anthem Fall Service Music
Post Communion Hymns *Day*
Forgive our sins as we forgive Hymnal 674
Day by day Hymnal 654
Post Communion Prayer BCP p 365
Blessing

Announcements, Birthday & Anniversary Blessings
Recessional Hymn *Go forth for God* Hymnal 347
Dismissal
Postlude

The Lessons appointed for the Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 19, Track 2, Year A, RCL

The Collect

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Old Testament: Genesis 50:15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Psalm 103:8-13

8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 He will not always accuse us, *
nor will he keep his anger for ever.

10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, *
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, *
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

12 As far as the east is from the west, *
so far has he removed our sins from us.

13 As a father cares for his children, *
so does the Lord care for those who fear him.

The Epistle: Romans 14:1-11

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the

Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

The Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

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Prayer List for Sunday, September 17, 2023

Let us offer prayers of healing, comfort and strength

Bill D., Bob C., Deb, Karen, Lydia, Mama Clare, Phil B., Sandy M., Sr. Joy, Michelle and Brianna and family, Robin, Audrey, Lydia, Dottie Z and Angela, John, Joseph, Joanne, Emily, Jonathan, Marianne, Frank, Courtney, Ken, Bob L., Nick, Lisa, Diane, Carol, Jason, Kathy, Kaya, Fr. Eric Snyder, Mthr. Vivian Lam, Mthr. Sonia Waters, and those who continue to suffer from long Covid and for those who suffer from illnesses caused by being in lower Manhattan on and following 9/11.

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.

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

Jack Scharf (9/21)

Let us pray for those who have died

We remember all who died on 9/11 and pray for the repose of their souls. 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.

10:00 a.m.

Eucharistic Minister:

Lector/s:

Server/s:

Hannah Boning,
Eden Verni-Vazzano

Greeter:

Lynn Simmons

Vera Langstone

Coffee Hour Coordinator:

Announcements

Emergency Work to the Building

Anthony Natale, Sr. Construction Manager of the diocese, the structural engineer, Michael DeBlasio, Jackie Barnes, and Mother Clare met with the claims adjuster on Wednesday to examine the broken beam and gather information about the structural damage. Anthony has presented our needs to the Trustees of the Diocese, regarding funding for the permanent repair.

Creationtide – September 1 - October 4

During the month of September we are in the Season of Creation, when we join with billions of Christians around the world to celebrate in prayer and action, to renew our relationship with, and commitment to protect the Earth that God has entrusted to our care.

Welcome Home Sunday – Next Week, September 24, 9:00am

We will join together in a unified service at 9:00am. Be sure to plan to be here! We will have a festive coffee hour following the service that day.

Native Plant Sale to benefit Christ Church – Sept. 29 & 30

A portion of all native plants sold next Friday and Saturday, September 29th and 30th, will be donated to Christ Church. Shop Dropseed Native Plants at Crossroad Farm's Farmers Market, 480 Hempstead Ave in Malverne, off Southern State Pkwy, Exit 17S. Friday 12-5pm and Saturday 9-3pm.

Blessing of the Animals – In Two Weeks! Sunday, Oct 1

Bring your pets to church for a blessing on Sunday October 1st! 11:30am on our front lawn. We will also have a pet rescue group to share information about their mission.

Bike & Brunch to Nourish Babylon – Saturday, Oct 7

Come join us for a fun day as we bike through Babylon Village in the morning and gather for an extensive and delicious brunch on the front lawn at noon. You don't have to bike to join us for the good food afterwards! All proceeds go to supporting Nourish Babylon.

Raise the Roof Basket Bash! – November 4

Please join us to support our Basket Bash fundraiser, Sat., Nov. 4, 5-9pm, at the West Islip Firehouse, 309 Union Blvd. Tickets are \$55 each and are available to purchase through the church office by 10/27 which includes entrance, dinner, music and non-alcoholic beverages; cash bar for beer and wine. We will be raffling off baskets of donated items, tickets for the raffles to be purchased that night. We can accept cash, check, credit card and PayPal. *ALSO*, we are right now soliciting for donations and would greatly appreciate all help you can lend (letters are available in the church office). And, soon we will be putting together and wrapping baskets. Helpers are needed. A wrapping schedule will be posted. Please contact Kathy (516) 729-3974 or Jackie (516) 318-5510 with any questions.

Bereavement Group at Christ Church

A 9-week bereavement group met over the summer here at Christ Church on Thursday evenings, using the book *The New Day Journal* by Mauryeen O'Brien. If you are or know someone who would benefit from this type of group, please call the office. The next session will begin September 21.

An opportunity to participate in worship: Readers & Greeters

The goal for the fall is to expand our reader and greeter groups for both services. If you are interested, please call the office Wednesday or Thursday 10:30am-2:30pm, or speak to Mother Clare or a vestry member.

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, 1st 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)	
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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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