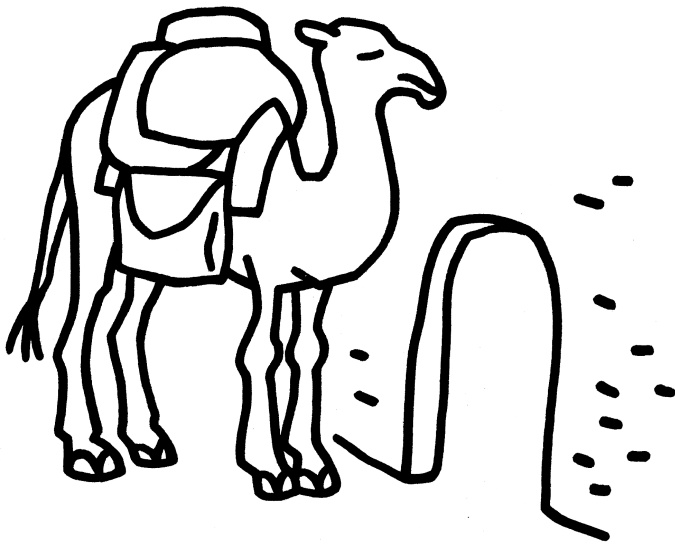


CHRIST CHURCH of Exeter



Live
joyfully in faith

Connect
with God and one another

Serve
the local and global community

October 10, 2021
The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
8:00 and 10:00 am
www.christchurhexeter.org

Reflections on Today's Readings

In the themes of the Sundays in this part of the year, we face some of the strongest challenges presented by our faith. We have reached the portion of the Gospel of Mark in which Jesus, nearing the final conflict, is preparing his followers for what lies ahead, not only for him, but also for them in the remainder of their lives. So today's Gospel is the account of the rich young man who discovers that there is more to salvation than following the Law. Jesus calls for a complete submission to God, even to the point of giving up everything. Only then can we gain what we really need.

The Old Testament reading from the prophet Amos presents a situation in which those who control Israel are so caught up in amassing personal wealth that they ignore the needs of the poor. That social injustice, God warns, will lead to the destruction of the society.

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Welcome to Christ Church: If you are visiting for the first time, please fill out the welcome cards in the pews and hand it to a member of the clergy after the service. Welcome bags available in the narthex entrance hall.

Guidelines for Gathering Indoors: Because New Hampshire (and Rockingham County) is in the "substantial spread" category of Covid-19 infection, we have changed our policy to that of "**Masks Required**" for those worshipping indoors on Sunday mornings and using our buildings. Wearing masks indoors is a proven way to reduce the spread of Covid-19, even for the vaccinated. We encourage all those who can to get vaccinated.

We offer communion in one kind. It should be understood that communion in one kind (bread/wafer only) is sufficient to experience the Real Presence of our Risen Lord.

A Thought for Today: "If I were to wish for anything, I should not wish for wealth and power, but for the passionate sense of the potential, for the eye which, ever young and ardent, sees the possible. Pleasure disappoints, possibility never. And what wine is so sparkling, what so fragrant, what so intoxicating, as possibility!" — *Søren Kierkegaard*

Indigenous Peoples' Day: The idea of replacing Columbus Day with Indigenous Peoples' Day in New Hampshire can be traced to 1992, the 500th anniversary of the first voyages of Christopher Columbus. That year, the New Hampshire House and Senate both voted on a resolution to proclaim Oct. 12, 1992, as Native American Day. The resolution passed the Senate but was voted down in the House. The resolution noted the contributions of the Abenaki, Pennacook, Sakoki, Pigwacke and Micmac nations in New Hampshire.

We are reading through the Epistle to the Hebrews during this period. This letter to early Christians, presents Jesus as Savior, as high priest, and as the model for Christian living. In today's passage the writer tells us that although God's judgment lays all our failure open to God, we know that God's response is that of the merciful high priest and therefore we may approach God with confidence.

Today's liturgy is filled with challenge and with hope. We are faced with the demands of the Gospel and also with its promise of salvation to those who persevere. We are called to enter into the painful yet joyful project of God in bringing the Kingdom into the lives of all people in our time.

In recent years, legislators have resurrected these arguments and introduced bills in 2018, 2019 and 2021 to rename Columbus Day as Indigenous Peoples' Day in New Hampshire. None of these bills passed, although other states, from South Dakota to Maine, have made the switch. (NH Business Review).

On Monday October 11 from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. in Founders Park Exeter will celebrate its own Indigenous Peoples' Day.

What say people of faith? The Episcopal Church celebrates the longstanding presence and influence of Native Americans throughout the history of the church in the U.S., from its earliest days in the New World. Exercising a deep spirituality grounded in respect for and care of creation and others, Indigenous Episcopalians enrich the church through myriad roles in lay and ordained ministry, modeling wisdom, resilience, and forbearance.

[10:00 service] Prelude

Tribute in Courage
Randy Armstrong, guitar

Randy Armstrong

Welcome and Announcements

Page 355 in the Book of Common Prayer

✠ *All stand, as they are able, as the bell tolls.*

[10:00 service] **Hymn 388, vv. 1-3**

O worship the King

Hanover

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

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

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.**

The First Reading

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Reader A Reading from the Book of Amos

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.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 90:12-17 (page 718 in the Book of Common Prayer) *(read responsively by verse)*

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.**

The Second Reading

Hebrews 4:12-16

Reader A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

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.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel

Mark 10:17-31

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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.”

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

Sermon

The Rev. Mark B. Pendleton

✠ *A brief period of silence follows the sermon.*

The Nicene Creed (*said together*) Page 358 in the Book of Common Prayer

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.

Prayers of the People

That we may continually seek you and find you. That we may know, deep in our hearts, that we are yours. We lift our hearts and voices to you.

Hear us, good Lord.

That your grace may always precede and follow. That our lives may be signs of your kingdom, and witnesses to your goodness. We lift our hearts and voices to you.

Hear us, good Lord.

That there be peace in our hearts, in our churches, between neighbors and nations. May the peace we seek begin with you and overflow beyond measure. We lift our hearts and voices to you.

Hear us, good Lord.

We give thanks for your extravagant care of us; for your seeking after us, finding us, and keeping us close. We pray that we may follow your model of loving-kindness to those with whom we live and work and worship. That your love for us may overflow into extravagant love for all your children. We lift our hearts and voices to you.

Hear us, good Lord.

We pray on behalf of those who are suffering with pain, who are paralyzed by fear, who are listless and restless and tired. Relieve their misery, be with them in their distress. Bring them to a new sense of hope and wholeness. We pray for:

We pray for Edith, Fred, Frank, Maryellen, Judy, Tom

We lift our hearts and voices to you.

Hear us, good Lord.

We rejoice with those who have entered the larger life, who now reside among the saints in light. We pray for those who mourn and who experience a deep loss.

Silence

Hear us, good Lord.

We remember those for whom altar flowers are given (if any)

Presider: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

The Presider or Assistant says Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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.**

Absolution

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

✠ *The people stand as they are able. Bow or gesture to those outside of your household or community.*

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Holy Communion

[10:00 service] **Offertory Music**

Improvisation

Randy Armstrong, Native American Flute

Alms Basins (offertory plates) are placed near the baptismal font each Sunday and brought forward during the offertory just before the Eucharistic Prayer begins. For now, we are foregoing the practice of "passing the plate." Offertory envelopes are available in the entranceway Narthex.

The Great Thanksgiving Page 361 in the Book of Common Prayer Prayer A

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.**

The Presider continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name: [Said at 8:00, sung at 9:30].

Presider and People

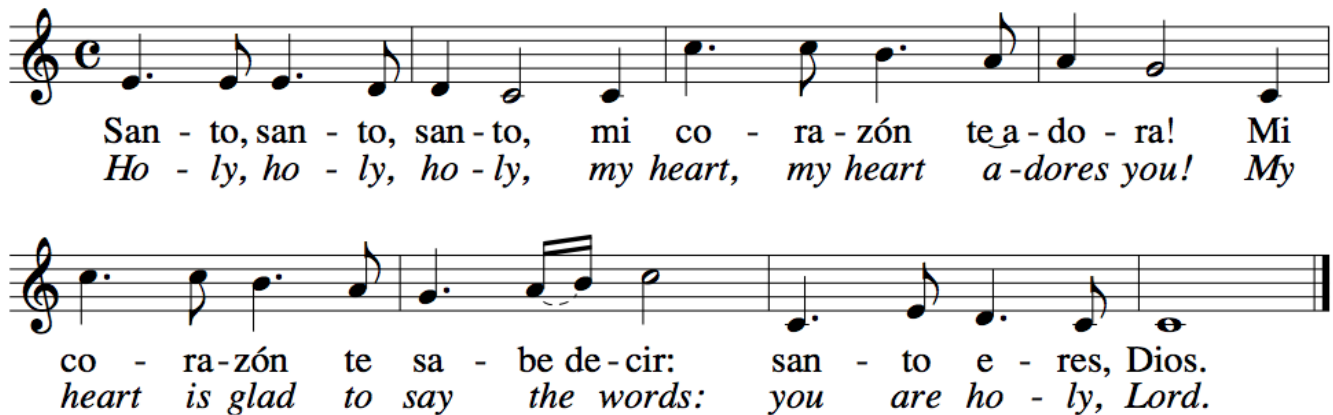
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

WLP 785 Sanctus



San - to, san - to, san - to, mi co - ra - zón te a - do - ra! Mi
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My
co - ra - zón te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res, Dios.
heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord.

Letra: Anónima de Argentina, alt.; tr. inglesa, anónima

Música: Melodía popular de Argentina; arm. por John L. Bell, n.1949, © 1990, Iona Community, GIA Publications, Inc., agente

The Presider continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Presider continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Presider then continues

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

✠ *The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia**

Invitation to Communion

Communion is distributed to those gathered

Instructions for Receiving Communion

You are invited to receive Holy Communion.

Those seated in the side sections please come forward for communion beginning with the front pews using the diagonal aisles and returning by the outside of those sections. Those seated in the center sections please come forward beginning with the back pews using the center aisle and returning to their seats using the diagonal aisles.

Communion is received standing. The bread is received in the open palm. (Gluten-free wafers are available). Please take the wafer back to your pew and consume it then. (We thus avoid multiple persons removing their masks in the same location). If you are using a cane or walker, you may consume the bread as you receive it, so not to impair walking back to your seat.

Those who do not wish to receive Communion are invited to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.

Communion can also be brought to you in the pews. Please communicate this request to an usher or the clergy.

[10:00 service] **Music at Communion**

The Post Communion Prayer (Page 365) in the Book of Common Prayer

Presider and People

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

[10:00 service] **Hymn 448, vv. 1-3, 5** O love, how deep, how broad, how high *Deus tuorum militum*

The Dismissal

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

[10:00 service] **Postlude**

Peace in 39 Languages
Randy Armstrong, Mbira

Randy Armstrong

The worship is over ☩ The service begins

Participating in Today's Liturgy:

Preacher: The Rev. Mark B. Pendleton

Presider: The Rev. Melissa Remington

Lector at 8:00 a.m. Fran Hall

Lector at 10:00 a.m.

Welcome Team/Usher:

Live Streaming Tech: Leslie Pendleton

Flower Delivery: Lissa Simard

Altar Flowers given:

This week at Christ Church

October 10-16

Sunday	Sunday School 9:00 - 9:45 am PSP Rehearsal 12:30 pm
Monday	Office Closed Holiday
Tuesday	Bible Study at 11:00 a.m. Zoom. PSP Rehearsal 5:30 pm Vestry Meeting 7:00 p.m. Zoom
Wednesday	PSP Rehearsal Fall Show 3:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm
Thursday	Oasis Sisters Mtg 10:00 a.m.
Friday	Young Organists Collaborative Recital 7:30 pm

World Fusion pioneer, **Randy Armstrong** has appeared on more than 50 albums and music scores for film, theater and dance. He has performed concerts at Carnegie Recital Hall, festivals at Lincoln Center, and has shared the stage with Dizzy Gillespie, Fatoumata Diawara, the Paul Winter Consort, King Sunny Ade, Eddie Palmieri, Babatunde Olatunji, Michael Hedges, Richie Havens, Mose Allison and others. Randy is co-founder of Do'a World Music Ensemble, Unu Mondo and Beyond Borders and leader of the Randy Armstrong Trio & World Fusion Ensemble. With his collection of more than 300 instruments from around the world, including numerous guitars, sitar, balafon, djembe, Lakota courting flute, koto, charango, mbira, South African marimbas and a wide variety of percussion and stringed instruments, he has amazed audiences throughout the world.

Sunday School (in-person): Both Mark and the Rev. Melissa Remington will be teaching a faith formation program for children from ages 3 to 11. We are dividing the two age groups between "the littles" and "the bigs." We gather Sunday in the Parish Hall at 9:00 a.m. and wrap up at 9:45. Masks required.

Sunday Morning Counters Needed

During the early days of the Pandemic, when we were having our Church services via zoom, we no longer needed volunteers to count the Sunday collection during the week. Now that we have returned to in-person worship and have the Alms Basins (Collection Plates) out for people to place envelopes and cash donations. We are looking for help to verify the Sunday collection.

We would count on Sunday mornings using a simplified form. This new procedure should not take more than about 15 minutes, and it no longer makes sense for someone to come into the office on Mondays. We will use an on-line sign-up form for scheduling. Frequency for volunteering will depend on how many folks are available.

If you would like to sign-up, please contact Lucia at treasurer@christchurchexeter.org, Normand at bookkeeper@christchurchexeter.org or call the church office at (603) 772-3332.

Save the Date October 17: Christina DeMaio and Maggie O'Neill will be running another Youth Service Night from 6-8 pm. Mark your calendars (ages 12-18)!

The Oasis Sisters are a group of women who began meeting in October 2019 in person and continued to meet via Zoom throughout the pandemic. We have grown closer through the sharing of current life experiences, prayer concerns, praises and studying the word of God. Our meetings are on Wednesdays from 10:30 am until 12 noon. We currently meet in person on the first Wednesday of each month in the Dodd Room and the remainder of the month we meet via Zoom. New members are always welcome. For more information contact Kim Storms at 817-905-8987 or stormspk84@gmail.com.

The Healing team is available to offer healing prayers during the Eucharist, at the side of the church. Please tell your healing minister if you have a specific prayer need and if you would like a laying on of hands, just prayers or both.

Prayer Concerns: If you wish for continued prayer, please notify the church office. (Names are updated monthly)

The Young Organist Collaborative (YOC) Faculty Benefit Concert takes place live at Christ Church on Friday, October 15 at 7:30. Four YOC faculty members will play a diverse program featuring works by J. S. Bach, Alexandre Guilmant, Grayston Ives, T. Tertius Noble, Vincent Rossi, Robert M. Thompson, and Gordon Young. Performing will be Bruce Adami, Christ Church, Exeter; Edgar Kuklowski, Christ the King Parish, Concord; Jennifer McPherson, St. John's Church, Portsmouth; David Wold, Saint Teresa's Church, Rye. Also featured will be the student winner of the Young Organist Collaborative Penn Brown Scholarship, David Kenney, Jr. A \$15 suggested donation will benefit the ongoing work of the Young Organist Collaborative.

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