

CHRIST CHURCH of Exeter



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joyfully in faith

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with God and one another

Serve
the local and global community

October 24, 2021
The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost
8:00 and 10:00 am
www.christchurchexeter.org

Reflections on Today's Readings

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus heals a blind man. It is the man's faith which gives him his sight. The rules of religion understood blindness to be caused by sin, so this man was excluded from the life of the people. Jesus, however, welcomes him, heals him, and includes him among his followers.

In the first reading Jeremiah tells that one day God will reach out to his people and call all of them back. No one will be left out, but all will come rejoicing into God's family. The story of the blind man in today's Gospel reading is a sign that what Jeremiah foretold is coming true in the ministry of Jesus.

Our second reading continues the letter to Jewish Christians. This was probably written after Jerusalem and its Temple were destroyed, thus

there were no more sacrifices offered. The writer reminds his readers that Jesus' own self-offering makes continued sacrifices of animals by fallible human priests no longer necessary. Jesus' one sacrifice of himself is eternally effective for all humanity.

In the Eucharist our use of physical bread and wine as the elements of spiritual communion with God remind us of this truth. We become part of the once-for-all sacrifice of Jesus so that we can live in his life eternally. We cannot live apart from God or apart from moral responsibility to all people. In baptism, our spiritual blindness is healed, and we are called to grow into a Body of people committed to justice, reconciliation, and righteous living.

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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: Four stages of growth in Christian maturity...

Love of self for self's sake
Love of God for self's sake
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Love of self for God's sake.
Bernard of Clairvaux

What has the Christ Church Community meant to you during the pandemic? **Stop by the Chapel today** after the 10 am service so we can record your thoughts.

[10:00 service] Prelude

Cantilena (from Sonata in D minor)

Josef Rheinberger

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 495**

Hail thou once despised Jesus

In Babilone

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.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading

Jeremiah 31:7-9

Reader A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah

Thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and

those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 126 (page 782 in the Book of Common Prayer) *(read responsively by verse)*

- 1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.
- 2 **Then was our mouth filled with laughter, ***
and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- 3 Then they said among the nations, *
"The Lord has done great things for them."
- 4 **The Lord has done great things for us, ***
and we are glad indeed.
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O Lord, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.

**6 Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.**

7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

The Second Reading

Hebrews 7;23-28

Reader A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but Jesus holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike

the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel

Mark 10:46-52

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

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

Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here."

And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

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

God of life and light, we bring our prayers before you and ask you to make of us what you created us to be: faithful followers, vessels of your love.

We praise you, and we bless you.

O Lord, hear our prayer.

We offer our prayers of gratitude for all you are and all you have done for us. Work through us, O God, and increase in us faith, hope, and charity.

We praise you, and we bless you.

O Lord, hear our prayer.

We hear you calling us, your church, to get up and keep moving. Expand our vision of your mission in the world, and don't let fear of discomfort hold us back. Guide us through these uncharted waters of dislocation that the Pandemic has brought us.

We pray for all who follow you, for those who bear the joys and burdens of leadership, for those who are crying out for more of you. For the leadership of Michal our Presiding Bishop and Rob our Bishop.

We praise you, and we bless you.

O Lord, hear our prayer.

We thank you for the freedoms and abundance many of us enjoy in this land. May we not take them for granted and keep them to ourselves. Give us courage to participate in civic life and to speak up for those values you have instilled in us for the good of all people. We pray for wisdom for our president, the Congress, and courts of this land. May they conduct themselves with integrity and seek the common good.

We praise you, and we bless you.

O Lord, hear our prayer.

We lift to your presence those who are in physical pain or anxiety, difficult relationships and the weight of financial insecurity. Be their hope and their strength. Make them whole.

We pray today for Lois & Greg, Edith, Fred, Frank, Maryellen, Judy, Tom

We pray for the people of Haiti and the safe release of the Christian Missionaries.

We praise you, and we bless you.

O Lord, hear our prayer.

We praise you for the lives of those who have gone before us and now have come to eternal joys and unending glory with you and the host of heaven. We pray for those who have died.

We remember those for whom altar flowers are given: Mirabel Telfair-Cha.

We praise you, and we bless you.

O Lord, hear our prayer.

Presider: O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin (From the New Zealand Prayer Book)

Presider:

Happy are those whose sins are forgiven,
whose wrongs are pardoned.

I will confess my sins to the Lord,
I will not conceal my wrongdoings.

Silence

God forgives and heals us.

People:

**We need your healing, merciful God:
give us true repentance.
Some sins are plain to us;
some escape us,
some we cannot face.
Forgive us;
set us free to hear your word to us;
set us free to serve you.**

Presider:

God forgives you.
Forgive others;
forgive yourself. **Amen.**

Presider: Through Christ, God has put away your sin: approach your God in peace.

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**

Sing a new song to the Lord
Christ Church Choir

Hal Hopson

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 10:00].

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 850 Sanctus

Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, —
hea-ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na
in the high - est. — *Bless - ed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. — Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na,
Ho - san - na in the high - est, the high - est. —

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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**

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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 as 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

God be your comfort, your strength;
God be your hope and support;
God be your light and your way;
and the blessing of God,
Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life,
remain with you now and forever.
Amen.

[10:00 service] **Hymn 347**

Go forth for God

Litton

The Dismissal

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

[10:00 service] **Postlude**

Trumpet Voluntary

Francis Linley

The worship is over ☩ The service begins

Participating in Today's Liturgy:

Preacher: The Rev. Mark B. Pendleton

Presider: The Rev. David D. Holroyd

Lector at 8:00 a.m.

Lector at 10:00 a.m. Burt Dibble

Welcome Team/Usher: Carol Waters

Live Streaming Tech: Joe DiPalermo

Flower Delivery: Elaine Wiltamuth

Altar Flowers given: in loving memory of Mirabel Telfair-Cha

This week at Christ Church October 17-23

Sunday	Sunday School 9:00 - 9:45 am Graveside Service-Memorial Garden-Zoe Covert 12:00 NOON PSP Rehearsal 12:30 pm Concert-UNH Chamber Singers 12:30 pm
Tuesday	Bible Study at 11:00 a.m. Zoom. PSP Rehearsal 5:30 pm
Wednesday	Oasis Sisters Zoom Meeting 10:30 am PSP Rehearsal Fall Show 3:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm

On All Saints' Sunday, we remember those who have died since the last celebration of this important feast. A list of names is read in what is called the necrology. We automatically list those who were buried

from Christ Church. If you would like to add others, please email the name to office@christchurchexeter.org.

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.

Join the Anchor Legacy Society Next Month: (see last page)

If you are making a Will or updating financial or estate plans and would like to support God's work in Exeter and the wider church and community, please reach out for more information so that we can answer any inquiries you may have. The Endowment Fund welcomes gifts for any occasion; it is not exclusively for bequests. Gifts in memory of a family member or friend are very appropriate; likewise, gifts in honor or in celebration of a person or event are equally desired. There are any number of occasions when a gift can be made, (birthdays, baptisms, graduations, anniversaries, good fortune, and others) recognizing the moment and helping to grow the Fund. Email office@christchurchexeter.org for more information or download enrollment forms from our page on the church website. We recognize new members each All Saints' Day.

The Exeter Rotary Club fundraiser supporting 'End 68 Hours of Hunger' began on Friday 10/15. Bins are located in many locations in Exeter (Exeter Y, Hannafords, Shaws, Exeter Library, Christ Church, Unitarian Church, Brentwood Baptist, Buxton Water) collecting 16 oz. plastic bottles of peanut butter and jelly. These are just some of the foods placed in backpacks on Fridays for food insecure kids in our area to take home for the weekend. Please bring pb & j or any other can food (tuna, soup, ravioli, etc) for these kids' food bags to our 10/19 meeting.' The fundraiser continues until 11/1/21.'

Sunday Morning Counters Still Needed: Two volunteers have joined the team so far: We would count on Sunday mornings (after the 10:00 service) 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.

In case you missed it, a recording of the **YOC Benefit Recital** can be found on our Christ Church Exeter youtube page.

Granite State Organizing Project: Following the visit of the Rev. Deacon Chris Potter on Sept. 26, Christ Church's relationship with Granite State Organizing Project continues to deepen. We now have the opportunity to join other Seacoast faith communities that have expressed interest in interfaith organizing as a way of leveraging our members' active interest in addressing social issues and putting faith into action. This winter, several faith communities will join together for a four-part training on the basics of faith-based community organizing. The series is an opportunity for us to build relationships with each other and develop skills to create a powerful advocacy network.

The series will kick off on November 13 with a hybrid event to meet each other and look ahead to the training series and beyond. In person attendees should arrive at Community Church of Durham for a potluck dinner at 5:00 while Zoom attendees can online and login at 6:00.

Sessions will continue on the first Thursday of each month from December through March and include opportunities for relationship building and spiritual reflection. Topics to be covered include power and self-interest; the identification of problems and their translation into issues; how interfaith organizations take action on issues; and how organizing relates to the larger life of participating congregations.

Seussical Jr! Tickets go on sale November 1: Christ Church Exeter's Youth theatre program, *The Pine Street Players* will present *Seussical Jr!*, a whimsical, fast-paced extravaganza of a musical, November 12-14 (Jr Cast) and 19-21 (Sr Cast). Both our Junior (grades 1-6) and Senior casts (grades 7-12) will take us through twists and turns familiar to any fan of Dr. Seuss' most-loved stories. Horton discovers a speck of dust that houses an entire world of tiny people known as Whos, while Jojo conjures the Cat in the Hat with his powerful "thinks", and the powers of friendship, loyalty, family, and community emerge triumphant. Oh the thinks you can think, if you're willing to try!

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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)

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Anchor Legacy Society Enrollment Form

To the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the mission and ministry of God's church, I/we have made a gift for the future ministry of Christ Church of Exeter.

My/our planned gift is: *(check one or more that may apply)*

- A bequest in my/our will
- Annuity, life insurance or retirement plan
- Direct gifts of cash, securities, real estate and other items
- Charitable gift annuities with lifetime payments
- Personal trust account
- Other: _____

I/we accept the invitation to join the Anchor Legacy Society.

I/we consent for my/our name/s to appear with others on the public roster of the Legacy Society.

On the roster of the Anchor Legacy Society, I/we wish my/our name/s to appear as:

Or I/we wish to remain anonymous.

Signature(s)

Date

Name/s _____

Address, City, State, Zip _____

Phone, Email _____

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