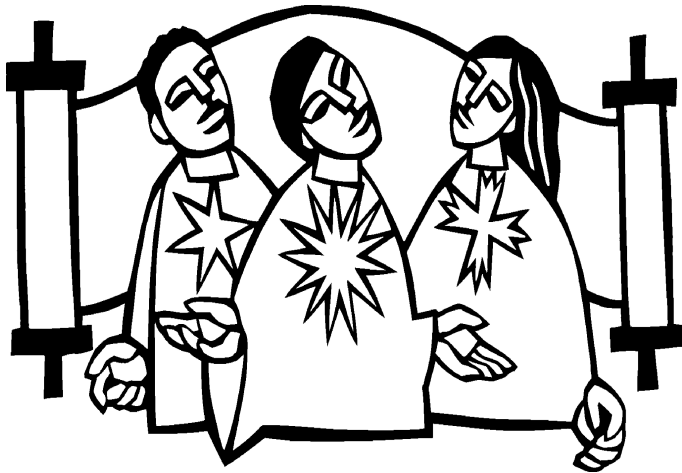


# CHRIST CHURCH of Exeter



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*Live*  
joyfully in faith

*Connect*  
with God and one another

*Serve*  
the local and global community

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October 31, 2021  
The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost  
8:00 and 10:00 am  
[www.christchurchexeter.org](http://www.christchurchexeter.org)

## Reflections on Today's Readings

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus gives the summary of the Law. Jesus may have been the first rabbi to combine the two laws in this summary fashion. He is saying something radical. Our love of God is not real if it does not produce love of our neighbor, and our love of others is meaningless if it does not proceed from our love of God.

In the first reading, Moses enunciates the Shema Israel—"Hear, O Israel: the LORD is our God; the LORD is One"—which is the creed of Judaism. The first of the two laws that Jesus combined is stated here. In Hebrew thought, "heart, soul, and strength" refer to the whole human being. We are to love God, then, with all of our being.

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In the second reading we continue to read through Hebrews, the letter written for Jewish Christians to help them relate Jesus to their Jewish background. This passage is a central one for the writer, since it explains the superiority of Jesus' priesthood to that of the old priesthood.

We gather as a people who in Baptism were made sharers in the priesthood of Christ. In our Eucharistic celebration we join him in exercising that priestly ministry. And in our ministry to others, which flows out of our love for God, the sacrificial priesthood of Christ is revealed in us.

**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:** We plant seeds that will flower as results in our lives, so best to remove the weeds of anger, avarice, envy and doubt. *Dorothy Day*

[10:00 service] Prelude

*Fugue in D minor*

J. S. Bach

**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 410**

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

*Lauda anima*

*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 merciful God, it is only by your gift that your faithful people offer you true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises; 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**

### **Deuteronomy 6:1-9**

*Reader* A Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy

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Moses said: Now this is the commandment--the statutes and the ordinances--that the Lord your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, so that you and your children and your children's children, may fear the Lord your God all the days of your life, and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long. Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the Lord, the God of your ancestors, has promised you.

Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates..

*Reader* The word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 119:1-8** (page 763 in the Book of Common Prayer) (*read responsively by verse*)

- 1 Happy are they whose way is blameless, \*  
who walk in the law of the Lord!
- 2 **Happy are they who observe his decrees \*  
and seek him with all their hearts!**
- 3 Who never do any wrong, \*  
but always walk in his ways.
- 4 **You laid down your commandments, \*  
that we should fully keep them.**
- 5 Oh, that my ways were made so direct \*  
that I might keep your statutes!

**6 Then I should not be put to shame, \*  
when I regard all your commandments.**

7 I will thank you with an unfeigned heart, \*  
when I have learned your righteous judgments.

**8 I will keep your statutes; \*  
do not utterly forsake me.**

### **The Second Reading**

**Hebrews 9:11-14**

*Reader* A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

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When Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and

bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!

*Reader* The word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### **The Gospel**

**Mark 12:28-34**

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

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

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*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. Teach us to walk in your ways. Teach us to love you with all we are and all we do. *Silence*

We praise you, and we bless you.  
**O Lord, hear our prayer.**

God, you are worthy of our praise. Teach us to sing your praises and delight in your Word for our lives. Instruct us how to serve you. *Silence*

We praise you, and we bless you.  
**O Lord, hear our prayer.**

Teach us to be citizens of the world and support efforts for peace, mindful of our responsibilities to the poor and suffering among us. We pray for our leaders. *Silence*

We praise you, and we bless you.  
**O Lord, hear our prayer.**

Teach us to love our neighbors, especially those with whom we struggle. Help us to mend our relationships with ourselves and with each other. Forgive us when we fail, and teach us to forgive the failures of others.

*Silence*

We praise you, and we bless you.  
**O Lord, hear our prayer.**

Incline our hearts and hands toward compassionate service to those who ache from loneliness, those who hunger, those who suffer great pain.

We pray today for Pat, Lois & Greg, Maryellen, Judy, Tom

*Silence*

We pray for those whose journey here has ended, and bring them into the joys of your kingdom and perfect union with you. We pray for those who have died. *Silence*

David John Sloan

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

*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**

Simple Gifts  
*Christ Church Choir*

Aaron Copland

*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 610**

Lord, whose love through humble service

*Blaenhafren*

**The Dismissal**

*Priest* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

[10:00 service] **Postlude**

Toccatina in D minor

Bach

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*The worship is over ☩ The service begins*

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**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. Lil Walker

Welcome Team/Usher: Patricia Gianotti

Live Streaming Tech: Joe DiPalermo

Flower Delivery: Ann Malconian

Altar Flowers given:

**This week at Christ Church**

**October 31 - November 6**

Sunday	Sunday School 9:00 - 9:45 am PSP Rehearsal 12:30 pm
Tuesday	Bible Study at 11:00 a.m. Zoom. Rotary 11:30 PSP Rehearsal 6:00 pm
Wednesday	Oasis Sisters Zoom 10:30 am PSP Rehearsal Fall Show 4:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm
Saturday	Oasis Sisters - Hall 8:00 am

**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](mailto:office@christchurchexeter.org).

**Thanksgiving Outreach Continues:** Traditionally the Christ Church parishioners make Thanksgiving & Christmas baskets for families in need. This year there are 30+ families hoping for assistance during the holidays. These are our neighbors in the Exeter area who would not have a Thanksgiving or Christmas without our support. This year, again, we are asking any interested households to use the Sign-Up genius link below. This will have all the information you need to know to provide all the necessary ingredients for a wonderful Thanksgiving meal, which includes an appropriately sized turkey for that family to make their own dinner. See Enews for link.

This ministry helps so many children and families and our community is made brighter by the continued generosity shown by members of Christ Church.

**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.'

**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 [register here](#) 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!

**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](mailto:treasurer@christchurchexeter.org), Normand at [bookkeeper@christchurchexeter.org](mailto:bookkeeper@christchurchexeter.org) or call the church office at (603) 772-3332.

**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.

**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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