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The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost
8:00 and 10:00 am
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Reflections on Today's Readings

As we draw to the close of the church year, the liturgy directs us toward the close of history. This "eschatological" emphasis (from the Greek eschaton, meaning "last things") is a central—though not always a popular—part of the Christian proclamation. Today's Gospel is a portion of Jesus' discourse on the final consummation in Mark's Gospel.

The Old Testament reading from Daniel reveals this same theme in late Old Testament Judaism, a theme that pervaded Jewish thinking in Jesus' day.

The reading from Hebrews announces that the death and resurrection of Jesus has redeemed all

of God's people. Therefore, as our way of being prepared for the End, the author urges us to remain faithful to the work God has done in our baptism by continuing to share in the life, worship, and ministry of the people of God.

The liturgy is not only a remembering, so that the acts of God in the past become a present reality; it is also a looking forward to the consummation so that we have a foretaste of its grace now. Thus, the Eucharist is always a participation in the dying and rising of Jesus, and a participation in the Kingdom that is to come.

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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: For now **masks are required** for those worshipping indoors and using our buildings. Please allow for good and healthy **distancing** from other worshippers outside your household pod or community circle. We will be running our air handling system, equipped with HEPA filters behind the organ pipes, through the morning. We encourage all those who can to get vaccinated. With God's help, we will see this through;

Communion: 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: "When I pray, coincidences happen, and when I don't, they don't." *William Temple, former Archbishop of Canterbury.*

[10:00 service] Prelude Cásar Franck

Richard Benefield, Guest Organist

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 665, vv. 1-3** All my hope on God is founded *Michael*

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.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading Reader A Reading from the Book of Daniel Daniel 12:1-3

The Lord spoke to Daniel in a vision and said, "At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who

sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever."

Reader The word of the Lord. People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 16 (page 599 in the Book of Common Prayer) (read responsively by verse)

- 1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *
 I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."
- 2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, * upon those who are noble among the people.
- 3 But those who run after other gods * shall have their troubles multiplied.
- 4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, * nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.
- 5 O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; * it is you who uphold my lot.
- 6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; * indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
- 7 I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; * my heart teaches me, night after night.
- 8 I have set the Lord always before me; * because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.

9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; * my body also shall rest in hope.

10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, * nor let your holy one see the Pit.

11 You will show me the path of life; * in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

The Second Reading

Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25

Reader A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet." For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the

curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Reader The word of the Lord. People **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Mark 13:1-8

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down." When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be

accomplished?" Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birthpangs."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ

Sermon

The Rev. David D. Holroyd

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

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

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:

We believe in one God,

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

Walk before and beside us into your future, loving and gracious God. Make us agents of healing, teachers of love, bearers of good news. Make us a blessing to those around us.

Lord of love, **Hear our prayer.**

We praise you for the examples of faithfulness throughout history and for surrounding us on every side with encouragement. Make us an example of faithfulness to those around us.

Silence

Lord of love, Hear our prayer.

We ask that your church be infused with a renewed send of your mission, with a greater devotion to you and affection for each other. Send us into the world where we are most needed, with the good news for which your world is desperate.

Silence

Lord of love, **Hear our prayer.**

We ask that those in governing positions around the globe be honest and seek the best for those they govern. We pray for legislators and judges. We pray for those who are intent on doing the right thing in the face of difficult odds. We pray for our president Joseph and our governor Christopher.

Silence

Lord of love, **Hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for the ministry that is the PIne Street Players. For the flexibility and openness that allows this congregation to transform this sacred space into a place for creativity and expression. We lift up all children and young persons that this program impacts and the dedicated staff and volunteers who shepherd them through these years.

Silence

Lord of love, **Hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for medical personnel and first responders, knowing how these last months have taken a toll on their lives and spirits.

Bless those who give comfort to the sick and dying. We lift before you those who are ill and hopeful for your healing:

We pray for Richard, Megan, Pat, Lois & Greg, Maryellen, Judy, Tom

We pray for those who have died, that they may be welcomed into the new life you have prepared for them in eternity.

Lord of love, **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

母 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**

Locus Iste Christ Church Choir Anton Bruckner

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.

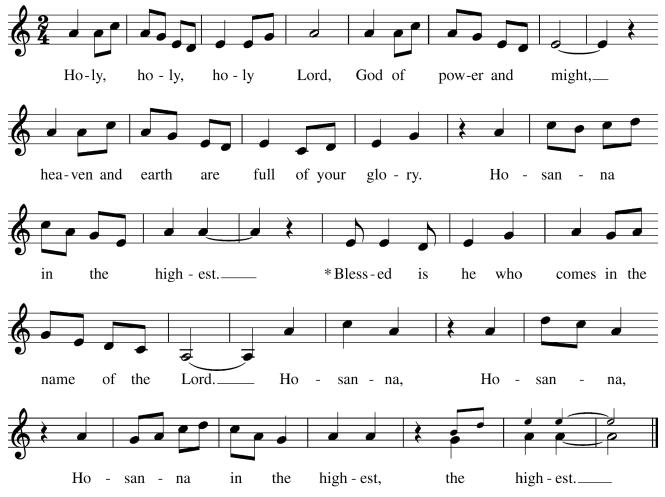
The Presider continues

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 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



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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).

<u>Please take the wafer back to your pew and consume it then.</u> (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 608**

Eternal Father, strong to save

Melita

The Dismissal

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ. *People* **Thanks be to God.**

[10:00 service] **Postlude**

Fugue in E-flat Major, BWV 552 (St. Anne)

J. S. Bach

The worship is over \blacksquare The service begins

Participating in Today's Liturgy:

Preacher: The Rev. David D. Holroyd Presider: The Rev. Melissa Remington

Lector at 8:00 a.m. Fran Hall Lector at 10:00 a.m. Lil Walker Welcome Team/Usher: Tony Santiago Live Streaming Tech: Joe DiPalermo Flower Delivery: Carol Allard

Altar Flowers given:

This week at Christ Church November 14-20

Sunday	Sunday School 9:00 - 9:45 am (No "bigs" class) Choir Rehearsal 11:00 am PSP Show 12:00 pm Cast Party 5:00 pm
Monday	PSP Tech 5:00 pm
Tuesday	Bible Study at 11:00 a.m. Zoom. Rotary 11:30 in Parish Hall PSP Tech 5:00 pm
Wednesday	Oasis Sisters Zoom 10:30 am PSP Tech 5:00 pm
Thursday	PSP Tech 5:00 pm
Friday	PSP Show 7:00 pm
Saturday	PSP Show 7:00 pm

The Rector Mark Pendleton is out of town today.

The guest organist today Richard Benefield recently relocated to Stratham, New Hampshire, from Los Angeles. He is a consultant in arts leadership and planning and serves as executive director of the George Rickey Foundation. Even with a busy career in arts management, he has served as organist-choirmaster of St. Peter's Church, Osterville, MA; St. Stephen's Church, Providence, RI; and Old First Presbyterian Church, San Francisco, CA, among others He has had the distinction of overseeing famous organs at two of the museums under his leadership: the great Spreckles Organ (E.M. Skinner) in the California Palace of the Legion of Honor and the renowned D.A. Flentrop Organ in Adolphus Busch Hall at Harvard.

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.

Harvest Sunday November 21: Pledge cards have been mailed out to households. We will celebrate and give thanks next Sunday as we encourage one and all to return cards for pledges for 2022.

Granite State Organizing Project: Do reach out to the Rector if you would like to get connected with this organization that seeks to leverage our members' active interest in addressing social issues and putting faith into action. Currently there is 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.

Seussical Jr! Tickets: Tickets are \$15, and can be purchased by visiting the PSP home page (www.pinestreetplayerscc.com) and clicking on "Tickets On Sale Now". November 12-14 features performers grades 1-6, and November 19-21 features grades 7-12. See you there!

Seacoast Family Promise: Our host week is coming up quickly, November 28th – December 4th. Since SFP purchased the home from Bethany Church in 2020, our hosting duties have changed. We provide meals and supplies to the families at Joshua House in Greenland. To learn more, receive the SFP weekly updates, or to volunteer, please contact Christine Nelson at sfpcce@gmail.com. More information and forms to register can be found on the website, www.seacoastfamilypromise.org.

Beatitudes Sessions: Beginning on December 7th, we will offer a Tuesday evening Advent Series based on The Beatitudes. Extending through December and January, five sessions will be held on Tuesdays, via zoom from 6:30-7:45 pm. There will be one in-person session in the middle of the series where we will gather in Harris Hall following 10:00 worship. Our hope is to learn and grow together by sharing personal reflections on the Beatitudes, as we prepare for the birth of Christ and seek the wisdom of Jesus's Sermon on the Mount. Several folks from the RW team will be speaking to you each week from the lectern during the month of November explaining more about this offering. Information can also be found in the E-Newsletter. Please plan to join us for any or all of these gatherings!

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).

For those who may have missed All Saints' Sunday, we remembered those we loved and lost over this past year:

Susan M. Maguire Dennis A. Schrempf David F. Woodford

Raymond Thomas Glover

Herbert W. Carey Jr. Robert Fitzgerald Donald E. Holroyd Richard Marshall Beverley L George Grace "Gay" Timbie

Helen D. MacNeil David Everett Corbett

Richard Alsterberg

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