

CHRIST CHURCH of Exeter



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joyfully in faith

Connect
with God and one another

Serve
the local and global community

Second Sunday after Pentecost:
June 19
8:00 and 9:30 a.m.

Reflections on Today's Readings

The liturgy today has as its central sign God's power to save and restore human beings to wholeness. The gospel reading is about the man possessed by a legion of demons. The man had been abandoned by his neighbors. Jesus has compassion and drives out the demons, restoring the man to his right mind and to his community.

The first reading, from Isaiah, comes from a time when the people had become unfaithful. Rather than obeying God's Law, they were following the religious customs of pagans. God's compassion will nonetheless be shown. He will not destroy all of Israel but will save and restore a remnant of the people.

Today's reading from the epistle to the Galatians is a continuation of Paul's teaching concerning salvation by faith. It is that faith which brings us

into a living relationship with God. That relationship transcends all human distinctions. No one is outside God's family. The sign and meaning of that relationship is baptism, the sacrament in which we are adopted as God's children and in which we are united with Jesus in his dying and rising.

The liturgy of the Eucharist brings us together as those who in baptism have "put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female," for in this liturgy we are all one in Christ Jesus. God does not reject those who are far from God, not even those who are living in disobedience. As Christ healed the demoniac and God forgave the unfaithful of Israel, so the divine compassion is operative in our lives today.

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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. Books and resources for children are located on the table near the side left door. Although there are customary postures (such as standing and kneeling) in Episcopal worship, you are invited to be seated at any point, according to your needs and comfort.

Coffee Hour Fellowship: Please join us (weather permitting) outside after the service.

Communion: We are returning to the practice of the common cup in addition to the bread for Communion (when we have Eucharistic Ministers scheduled). You may drink from the cup, or place your hand on the base as a sign of devotion. Intinction (dipping the bread/wafer) is not permitted at this time. Please know that Communion in one kind (bread/wafer only) is sufficient to experience the Real Presence of our Risen Lord. We are also returning to distribute Communion from the altar rails, where kneeling is an option.

This Week's Memory verse: (Second week for this verse because the Rector forgot about the memory verse last week – which itself is a troubling sign!)

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; look, new things have come into being! 2 Corinthians 5:17

The Holy Eucharist

[9:30 service] **Prelude**

Sonata #1 in E-flat major (Allegro moderato-Adagio)

J. S. Bach

Welcome

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

[9:30 service]

Processional 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.**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

✠ *The people sit.*

The First Reading

Isaiah 65:1-9

Reader A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, "Here I am, here I am," to a nation that did not call on my name. I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and offering incense on bricks; who sit inside tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat swine's flesh, with broth of abominable things in their vessels; who say, "Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you." These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all day long. See, it is written before me: I will not keep silent, but I will repay;

I will indeed repay into their laps their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together, says the Lord; because they offered incense on the mountains and reviled me on the hills, I will measure into their laps full payment for their actions. Thus says the Lord: As the wine is found in the cluster, and they say, "Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it," so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all. I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, and from Judah inheritors of my mountains; my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall settle there."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 22:18-27 Page 611 in BCP (*Said on Trinity Sunday*)

18 Be not far away, O Lord; *
you are my strength; hasten to help me.

19 **Save me from the sword, ***
my life from the power of the dog.

20 Save me from the lion's mouth, *
my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.

21 I will declare your Name to my brethren; *
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

22 Praise the Lord, you that fear him; *
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

**23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither does he hide his face from them; ***
but when they cry to him he hears them.

24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: *
"May your heart live for ever!"

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

27 For kingship belongs to the Lord; *
he rules over the nations.

The Second Reading

Galatians 3:23-29

Reader A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Galatians

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you

as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise..

People The Word of the Lord.

Reader **Thanks be to God.**

✠ *The people stand as they are able.*

The Gospel

Luke 8:26-39

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

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

Jesus and his disciples arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What

have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me" -- for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then

asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet

of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

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

✠ *The people sit.*

Sermon

The Rev. David Holroyd

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

The Nicene Creed (*said together*)

**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.**

The Prayers of the People

Please Stand or Kneel

There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male or female; for all of us are one in Christ Jesus. Let us pray as one body, saying, "We put our trust in you, O God; *hear our prayer.*"

Send out your light and your truth that they may lead your people into the joy and gladness we experience at your altar. Send us out to shine our light and share our joy.

Silence

We put our trust in you, O God;
Hear our prayer.

God our strength, remember those who feel forgotten, be the salvation for those who are being oppressed. Defend the cause of the innocent. Deliver the world from wickedness.

Silence

We put our trust in you, O God;
Hear our prayer.

You, O Lord, grant your loving-kindness in the daytime, the night is filled with your songs: we thank you for blessing your creation with your presence in all times and all seasons.

We put our trust in you, O God;
Hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus, break the chains of those held in bondage. Restore those forgotten by society. May all prisoners and captives, by the power of your love and mercy, have their dignity renewed.

Silence

We put our trust in you, O God;
Hear our prayer.

We pray for those weighed down by heavy souls. We pray for those who feel like they are in over their heads; for the disquieted and for the ill.

We put our trust in you, O God;
Hear our prayer.

O God, in Christ Jesus you have made us your children. We pray for the dying and the dead. Bring them into your heavenly dwelling where they may be at home with you forever.

We remember Cindy Corson, who died this past week.

Silence

We put our trust in you, O God;

Hear our prayer.

Maureen, Barbara, Jackie, Bobbi, Phil, Martha, Tom, Alan, Krissy and Tom

Please name those for whom you are praying:

Silence

We give thanks for fathers on this day and for those in our lives who have been as fathers to us.

And we give thanks for the baptism today of baby Constance in the U.K.

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

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

**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

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

✠ *The people greet one another in the name of the Lord. The Peace may be expressed by shaking hands, bowing, "fist or elbow bumps", namaste greeting, putting hand over heart, waving, making the peace sign, and by offering a smile.*

The Holy Communion

Presider All things come of thee, O Lord.

People **And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.**

✠ *The people stand for the hymn as they are able.*

[9:30 service] **Offertory Hymn 493** O for a thousand tongues to sing

Azmon

The Great Thanksgiving from the Iona Community in Scotland

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.**

Presider It is indeed right, for you made us, and before us, you made the world we inhabit, and before the world, you made the eternal home in which, through Christ, we have a place.

All that is spectacular, all that is plain have their origin in you; all that is lovely all who are loving point to you as their fulfillment.

And grateful as we are for the world we know, and the universe beyond our ken we particularly praise you, whom eternity cannot contain, for coming down to earth and into time in Jesus. For his life which informs our living, for his compassion which changes our hearts, for his clear speaking which contradicts our harmless generalities, for his disturbing presence, his innocent suffering, his fearless dying, his rising to life breathing forgiveness, we praise you and worship him.

Here too our gratitude rises for the promise of the Holy Spirit, who even yet, even here, confronts us with your claims and attracts us to your goodness.

Therefore we gladly join our voices to the song of the Church on earth and in heaven: (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 the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

SANCTUS—LAND OF REST

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, heav - en 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 in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: *Land of Rest*, adapt. by Marcia Pruner, © 1980, Church Pension Fund; acc. by Richard Proulx

The Presider continues

Jesus was always the guest. In the homes of Peter and Jairus, Martha and Mary, Joanna and Susanna, he was always the guest. At the meal tables of the wealthy where he pled the case of the poor, he was always the guest. Upsetting polite company, befriending isolated people, welcoming the stranger, he was always the guest.

But here, at this table, he is the host. Those who wish to serve him must first be served by him. Those who want to follow him must first be fed by him. For this is the table where God intends us to be nourished. This is the time when Christ can make us new. So come, you who hunger and thirst for a deeper faith, for a better life, for a fairer world. Jesus Christ, who has sat at our tables, now invites us to be guests at his.

On the night on which he was betrayed, and as they were sitting at a meal, Jesus gave thanks, took a piece of bread and broke it. He gave it to the disciples saying, "This is my body. It is broken for you. Do this to remember me."

Later, after they had eaten, he took a cup of wine, gave thanks and said, "This cup is the new relationship with God made possible because of my death. Drink this all of you, to remember me."

So now we do as Jesus did. We take this bread and this wine, the produce of the earth and the fruit of human labor. In these, Jesus has promised to be present; through these, Christ can make us whole.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Presider We ask, merciful God, that you send, in kindness, your Holy Spirit to settle on this bread and wine and fill them with the fullness of Jesus. Let that same Spirit rest on us, converting us from the patterns of this passing world, until we conform to the shape of him whose food we now share.

All **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

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Instructions Concerning Communion and Healing

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 may be received kneeling or standing at the altar rails.. The bread is received in the open palm. (Gluten-free wafers are available). You may drink from the cup, or place your hand on the base as a sign of devotion. Intinction (dipping the bread/wafer) is not permitted at this time.

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.

The Healing team is available to offer healing prayers 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.

[9:30 service]

Communion Hymn 506

Praise the spirit in creation

Finnian

✠ *The people kneel or stand as they are able.*

Presider and People

Let us pray

**All In deep gratitude for this moment,
this meal, and for each other,
we give ourselves to you, most holy God.
Take us out into the world
to live as changed people
because we have shared the Living Bread
and cannot remain the same.
Ask much of us,
expect much from us,
enable much by us,
encourage many through us.
May we dedicate our lives to your glory. Amen.**

The Blessing

✠ *The people stand as they are able.*

[9:30 service]

Recessional Hymn 699

Jesus, Lover of my soul

Aberystwyth

The Dismissal

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

[9:30 service] **Postlude**

Sonata #1 in E-flat major (Allegro)

J. S. Bach

The worship is over. ✠ The service begins.

Participating in Today's Liturgy:

Preacher: The Rev. David Holroyd
Presider: The Rev. Mark Pendleton
Lector at 8:00 a.m.: Cary Einhaus
Lector at 9:30 a.m.: Laurel Patterson
Eucharistic Minister at 8:00 a.m.: Cary Einhaus
Eucharistic Minister at 9:30 a.m.:
Greeter/Usher 9:30: Jen Murray, Kim Billings
Live Stream: Will Sera
Altar Guild: Diane DiPalermo, Sue Ingram
Flower Delivery: Jeannette McDonald
Altar Flowers Given by:

**This week at Christ Church
June 19-25**

Sunday	PSP Rehearsal 1:00 p.m.
Tuesday	PSP Rehearsal 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Oasis Sisters 10:30 a.m. PSP Rehearsal 4:00 p.m.

Father's Day Blessings to all fathers and prayers for those who have passed.

One way to **create change in our community** is to serve on a board of directors. **The Granite State Organizing Project**, which Christ Church joined this past year, is looking for a board member from the Seacoast for their official governance Interfaith Action Fund (c4). The board meets once a month via Zoom on Thursday evenings. Please see Mark if you are interested in serving.

We are **looking to hire two qualified people** to offer child care Sunday mornings beginning in September from 9 to 11 a.m. These are paid positions. If you know of anyone in your neighborhood or other friends who may be interested, please reach out to Mark Pendleton.

Sign up to bring treats to share after Sunday services... Could be a box of donuts, coffee cake, fruit, or cookies. Store-bought and homemade are welcome! A link to sign up is in the e-news, which you can subscribe to through the church website.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry in Exeter at 53 Lincoln Street relies on the generosity from the community to serve families in need year-round. If you are able to donate any of the following items, please drop them off in the basket in the Narthex (entrance hall) of the church, or at the back door of the pantry on Monday, Wednesday or Friday, 8:30am-4:00pm.

Fresh produce and fruits; Tea/Coffee; Low sodium nuts and nut butters; Canned Fish; Canned chicken or turkey; Oats, rice and other grains- high fiber, whole grains; Canned vegetables- low or no salt; Canned fruit in natural, juice; 100% fruit juice; Canned soups, low or no sodium; Toilet paper; Deodorant; Liquid hand soap, Dish detergent; Laundry detergent; Razors; Tissues; Shampoo/conditioner, Hand sanitizer.

Usher/Greeter - Readers Needed: We are building up our **Usher/Greeter** and Lector team. Would you be willing to serve as a friendly welcoming face? Contact Mark for instructions to get on the list. Would you like to **read** a lesson at the 8 or 10 a.m. service. See Mark for instructions to get on the list.

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.

The Oasis Sisters gather to share life experiences, prayer concerns, praises and studying the word of God. Our meetings are on Wednesdays from 10:30 a.m. 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

Families of New Hampshire churches are invited to join us for a **Family Fun Day** at Odiorne State Park in Rye on Saturday, July 16, from 10:30 am to 2 pm. The event is being hosted by members of the diocesan Earth Care Outdoors group and Linden Rayton of [Living Water Nature Programs LLC](#). There will be games, tide pooling, outdoor worship, and a bring-your-own picnic lunch.

There is no cost for this event but *registration is required*. Link to register can be found on the e-news. Families of all stripes are invited: parents, guardians, aunties and uncles, family friends, and all beloveds. We can't wait to see you there!

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