

CHRIST CHURCH of Exeter



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Fifth Sunday after Pentecost:
July 10, 2022
8:00 and 9:30 a.m.

Reflections on Today's Readings

Our reading from the gospel of Luke today is the parable of the Good Samaritan. Thus, we are confronted in the liturgy with the radical call of God to love our neighbor as ourselves. Our participation in the Eucharist as the baptized people of God is far more than an action by which we receive God's grace for ourselves; it is our act of commitment to the ministry of self-giving love to others. The Prayers of the People in particular are expressive of this. By joining in prayer, we commit ourselves to active ministry to those for whom we pray.

The Old Testament reading is from Moses' final address to the people of Israel. He reminds them that God's favor toward them calls for obedience to His commandments. That obedience, Moses says, is not external but is implanted in our hearts and lives by God. Today we begin reading through the epistle to

the Colossians. Scholars debate whether Paul or one of his later followers writing in his name wrote this letter. We are hearing the opening greeting to that church. It is the love that the people of that church share with each other which is the mark of their life in the Spirit: a sign of the obedience implanted in us by God.

The parable teaches us that every human being is our neighbor toward which we have the ministry of love. We are given this ministry of active love toward others as the means of extending the saving and reconciling work of Christ to all humankind. Our celebration today, and at every gathering of the church, is meant to send us out into the world to make Christ known.

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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: Both the bread and wine are offered at Communion. 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.

This Week's Memory verse:

He has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God. *Micah 6:8*

The Holy Eucharist

[9:30 service] **Prelude**

Adagio in E Major
Richard Benefield, guest organist

Frank Bridge

Welcome

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

[9:30 service]

Processional Hymn 427, vv. 1-3

When morning gilds the skies

Laudes Domini

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

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

Presider and People: **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, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

✠ *The people sit.*

The First Reading

Deuteronomy 30:9-14

Reader A Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people of Israel, "The Lord your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the Lord will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, when you obey the Lord your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

"Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 25:1-9 Page 614 in BCP

1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

2 **Let none who look to you be put to shame; ***
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

- 3 Show me your ways, O Lord, *
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.**
- 5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.**
- 7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.**
- 9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

The Second Reading

Colossians 1:1-14

Reader A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father. In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit. For this reason, since the day

we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

People The Word of the Lord.

Reader **Thanks be to God.**

✠ *The people stand as they are able.*

The Gospel

Luke 10:25-37

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

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

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he

passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

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

✠ *The people sit.*

Sermon

The Rev. Mark B. Pendleton

✠ *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

Brothers and sisters, grace to you and peace from God our Father. Let us pray in hope, trusting that God receives our prayers, saying, "Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*"

Grant to your Church, O God, understanding, that we may know your will for us, and also may have the grace and power faithfully to accomplish those things to which you call us.

We pray for our Presiding Bishop Michael and our Bishop Rob. We pray for those gathered at our General Convention in Baltimore. We also pray for our companion parish in Cardenas, Cuba.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Arise, O God, and rule the earth. Save the weak and the orphan; defend the humble and the needy; deliver them from the power of the wicked.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Bless those who care for the earth. Bless those who work so that we might enjoy the fruits of their labor.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We pray, O Lord, that we might be good neighbors. Increase in our hearts compassion for the vulnerable in our own city and in the surrounding communities.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Gracious God, show mercy to those who are suffering. Renew them; make them strong with all the strength that comes from your glorious power.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We lift up in prayer:

Casey, Maureen, Barbara, Bobbi, Martha, Pat

Please name those for whom you are praying, either silently or aloud.

We remember those who have died.

Silence

Hear, O Lord,

And have mercy upon us.

Presider

Almighty God;

you give seed for us to sow,

and bread for us to eat;

make us thankful for what we have received and hear our prayers;

make us rich to do those generous things

which supply your people's needs;

so all the world may give you thanks and glory. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Please Stand or Kneel. 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.**

**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 488

Be thou my vision

Slane

✠ *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 609, vv. 1-3

Where cross the crowded ways of life

Gardiner

The Dismissal

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

[9:30 service] **Postlude**

Fugue in D Minor (Dorian)

J.S. Bach

The worship is over. ✠ The service begins.

Participating in Today's Liturgy:

Presider/Preacher: The Rev. Mark B. Pendleton

Lector at 8:00 a.m.: Cary Einhaus

Lector at 9:30 a.m.: John Woodard

Eucharistic Minister at 8:00 a.m.: Sue Ingram

Eucharistic Minister at 9:30 a.m.: Judy Blaisdell

Greeter/Usher 9:30 a.m.: Elaine & Steve Portalupi

Live Stream: Joe DiPalermo

Altar Guild: Carla Ranks, Judy Blaisdell

Flower Delivery: Elaine Wiltamuth

Hospitality/Coffee: Linzee Coleman-Bagge, Fran Hall

Altar Flowers Given by:

**This week at Christ Church
July 10-16**

Sunday	PSP Rehearsal 1:00 p.m. (Outside) PSP Celebration 5:00 p.m. (Outside)
Monday	PSP Summer Session 8:00 a.m.
Tuesday	PSP Class 8:30 a.m. PSP Rehearsal 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	PSP Summer Session 8:00 a.m. Oasis Sisters 10:30 a.m.
Thursday	PSP Summer Session 8:00 a.m.
Friday	PSP Summer Session 8:00 a.m.

Guest Organist Richard Benefield relocated in 2019 from Los Angeles to Stratham, New Hampshire. 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 in San Francisco and the renowned D.A. Flentrop Organ in Adolphus Busch Hall at Harvard.

Pine Street Players present **Shakespeare's The Tempest** today at 2 PM on our outdoor stage. Tickets can be purchased at the "door" for \$15, cash, check, or venmo accepted. Bring a chair or blanket to sit on. Don't miss this dramatic, hilarious tale. The storm is just the beginning!

More impromptu choirs will meet during the summer, on August 7, and August 21 at 8:45 AM in the sanctuary. We will rehearse a simple anthem to be performed at the offertory during the 9:30 AM service. Both teens and adults are welcome, and experience is helpful but not required. Come make a joyful noise!

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.

The Pine Street Players' Summer Programs began Tuesday, with the start of Summer Intensive, and will conclude on August 20. This arts ministry will serve over 100 kids this summer alone.

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

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