

# 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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Eighth Sunday after Pentecost:  
July 31, 2022  
8:00 and 9:30 a.m.

## Reflections on Today's Readings

In today's liturgy, we are confronted with the radical shift in our values brought about by our union with Christ in baptism. In the gospel reading, Jesus is asked to settle a property dispute between two brothers. Instead, he warns against placing our highest value in material acquisition, for that value is a fleeting and uncertain one. Our highest value should be our relationship with God, which alone is permanent and certain.

In the first reading, we have the wise reflections of a person who found that spending one's life on the accumulation of material goods is an empty project. It is "vanity and striving after wind."

In the passage from Colossians, Paul describes the new way of living which

belongs to those unified with Christ in baptism. As people who have put on the new nature, our behavior toward others is transformed; our relationships with others are no longer based on human values or differences; and our lives consist of joy, peace, forgiveness, and thanksgiving.

When we present to God the work of human hands in bread and wine and gifts of our material possessions, we are placing our lives into a new and transforming relationship with God. Our relationship toward the material world is likewise transformed. We are put right in our relationship with God, with others, with ourselves, and with the material world. Then we are sent out to live in that new relationship each day.

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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:**

**Do not take advantage of a hired worker who is poor and needy, whether that worker is a fellow Israelite or a foreigner residing in one of your towns. (NIV) Deuteronomy 24:14**

**The Holy Eucharist**

[9:30 service] **Prelude**

*Voluntary in C major*  
*Adagio in C major*

Benjamin Cross  
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

**Welcome**

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

[9:30 service]

**Processional Hymn 525, vv. 1-3**

The church's one foundation

*Aurelia*

*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.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; 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**

**Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23**

*Reader* A Reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind. I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me -- and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So

I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Psalms 49:1-11** Page 652 in BCP

1 Hear this, all you peoples; hearken, all you who dwell in the world, \*  
you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.

2 **My mouth shall speak of wisdom, \***  
**and my heart shall meditate on understanding.**

3 I will incline my ear to a proverb \*

and set forth my riddle upon the harp.

- 4 Why should I be afraid in evil days, \*  
when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,**
- 5 The wickedness of those who put their trust in their goods, \*  
and boast of their great riches?
- 6 We can never ransom ourselves, \*  
or deliver to God the price of our life;**
- 7 For the ransom of our life is so great, \*  
that we should never have enough to pay it,
- 8 In order to live for ever and ever, \*  
and never see the grave.**
- 9 For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they perish \*  
and leave their wealth to those who come after them.
- 10 Their graves shall be their homes for ever,  
their dwelling places from generation to generation, \*  
though they call the lands after their own names.**
- 11 Even though honored, they cannot live for ever; \*  
they are like the beasts that perish.

## **The Second Reading**

## **Colossians 3:1-11**

*Reader* A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians

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If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life.

*People* The Word of the Lord.

*Reader* **Thanks be to God.**

✠ *The people stand as they are able.*

But now you must get rid of all such things-- anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

## **The Gospel**

## **Luke 12:13-21**

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

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Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he

said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.

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

✠ *The people sit.*

**Sermon**

The Rev. Melissa Remington

✠ *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*

Sisters and brothers, children of God, let us come before God with humility, saying, "In your mercy, hear our prayer."

Set our minds on things divine, O God, that your Church may guard itself against the love of earthly things and instead be rich toward you.

*Silence*

Great and holy God,  
**hear our prayer.**

May all who dwell in the world, those of both high degree and low, incline their hearts to wisdom and meditate on understanding.

*Silence*

Great and holy God,  
**hear our prayer.**

Give us grace to be wise and generous stewards, O God. Open our eyes to see your abundance and our reliance.

Great and holy God,  
**hear our prayer.**

Bless all those to whom we are connected. May we value our relationships more than our possessions. May we realize that in Christ all human distinctions cease to matter. We pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

Great and holy God,  
**hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who are in pain or sorrow or any kind of trouble. May we, who have known sorrow, pain, and trouble, show them mercy and compassion and remind them of the hope we have in Christ.

*Silence*

We pray for:

Great and holy God,  
**hear our prayer.**

We acknowledge our mortality before you, Everlasting God, and we rejoice in the hope of being raised with your Christ. We remember before you the lives of those we have loved but see no longer; may they find, in you, rest from their labors. For those who have died.

*Silence*

Great and holy God,  
**hear our prayer.**

*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.**

✠ *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 564** O for a thousand tongues to sing *St. Dunstan's*

## **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.**

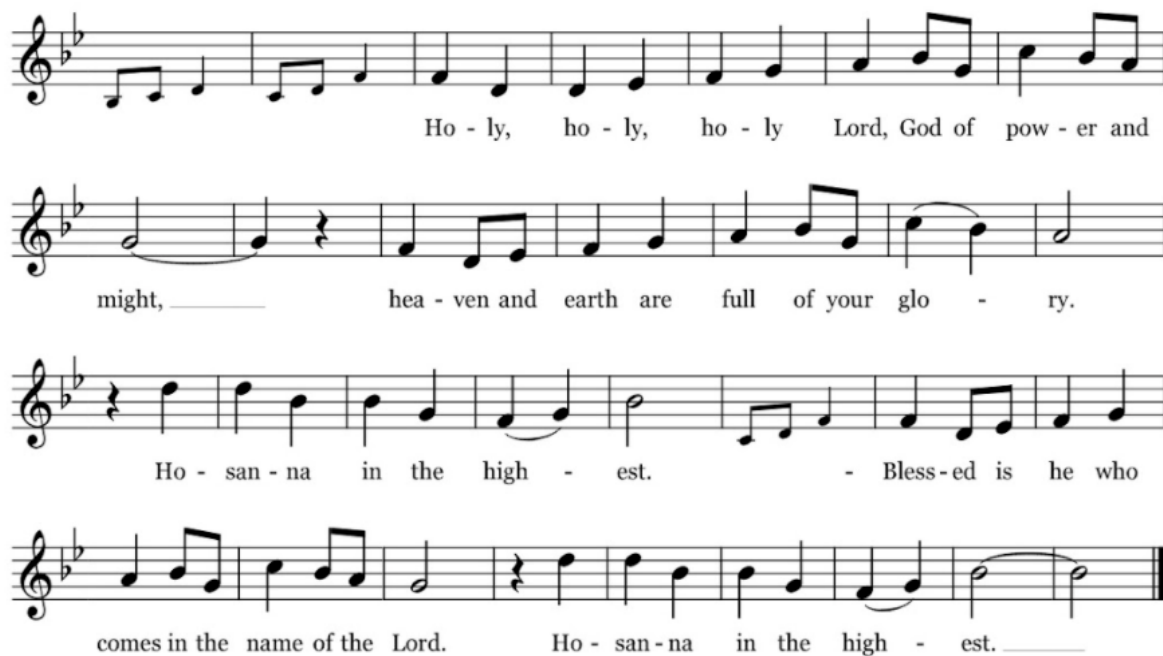
**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**



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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 in the high - est.

*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 706**

In your mercy, Lord you called me

*Halton Holgate*

✠ *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 655**

O Jesus, I have promised

*Nyland*

**The Dismissal**

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

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

[9:30 service] **Postlude**

*Rigaudon*

Andre Campra

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*The worship is over. ✠ The service begins.*

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**Participating in Today's Liturgy:**

Presider: The Rev. Mark Pendleton

Preacher: The Rev. Melissa Remington

Lector at 8:00 a.m.: Fran Hall

Lector at 9:30 a.m.: Gretchen McBride

Eucharistic Minister at 8:00 a.m.:

Eucharistic Minister at 9:30 a.m.:

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