

# 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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Ninth Sunday after Pentecost:  
August 7, 2022  
8:00 and 9:30 a.m.

## Reflections on Today's Readings

Central to today's liturgy is the gospel call to live always in expectation of the Lord's return. That stance of waiting enables us to put all other aspects of our lives in the correct order. Material needs become not irrelevant, but secondary to our life in relationship to God in Christ. Jesus calls us to live as though he is at hand. The Eucharist is the repeated foretaste of the coming of the Lord to take us into the Kingdom.

We will spend several Sundays reading through the concluding portion of Hebrews. This section deals with the call to faith that we have in Christ. Our forbearers in the faith, especially Abraham and Sarah, are presented as models of this faith, which is described as the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things unseen. It is in remembering that God was faithful to our

ancestors in faith that we are equipped for our own time of waiting.

The first reading is from Isaiah. He wrote from the time of Hosea until after the kingdom of Israel was destroyed. Isaiah, however, is a prophet in the kingdom of Judah. That kingdom has begun its downward trend. Isaiah brings God's message that unless the people of Judah change their hearts, their kingdom, too, will perish.

As we gather to celebrate the Eucharist, we are upheld in our expectation of Jesus' promise to take us into his Kingdom by the memory of our mothers and fathers in the faith whose hope was fulfilled by God.

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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:**

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. -*Philippians 4:13*

**The Holy Eucharist**

[9:30 service] **Prelude**

*Pastorale (from Sonata #1)*

Alexandre Guilmant

**Welcome**

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

[9:30 service]

**Processional Hymn 1**

Father, we praise thee

*Christe sanctorum*

*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.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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 1:1, 10-20**

*Reader* A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah. Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the Lord; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats. When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more; bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation--I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity. Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them.

When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow. Come now, let us argue it out, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

- 1 The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken; \*  
he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- 2 **Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, \***  
**God reveals himself in glory.**
- 3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; \*  
before him there is a consuming flame, and round about him a raging storm.
- 4 **He calls the heavens and the earth from above \***  
**to witness the judgment of his people.**
- 5 "Gather before me my loyal followers, \*  
those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice."
- 6 **Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; \***  
**for God himself is judge.**
- 7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak: "O Israel, I will bear witness against you; \*  
for I am God, your God.
- 8 **I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; \***  
**your offerings are always before me.**
- 23 Consider this well, you who forget God, \*  
lest I rend you and there be none to deliver you.
- 24 **Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving honors me; \***  
**but to those who keep in my way will I show the salvation of God."**

**The Second Reading**

**Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16**

*Reader* A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even

though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered himself faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore

God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

*People* The Word of the Lord.

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

✠ *The people stand as they are able.*

## **The Gospel**

**Luke 12:32-40**

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

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

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Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves

whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. "But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

*Gospeler* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

✠ *The people sit.*

## **Sermon**

The Rev. Mark 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*

Do not be afraid; God is your shield. So, let us approach our God, saying, "Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us; *hear our prayer.*"

As your Church, we confess that we are strangers seeking a homeland. Do not be ashamed to call yourself our God and make us worthy of that heavenly city you have prepared for us.

We give thanks for the hundreds of Anglican and Episcopal bishops from around the world gathered in Canterbury, England on this the concluding day of the Lambeth Conference. We pray for the safe travel home for our bishop Rob.

*Silence*

Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us;  
**Hear our prayer.**

Mighty God, you behold all of the people in the world. May all tribes and nations come to understand that our strength is not found in violence or weapons but in the power of your love.

*Silence*

Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us;  
**Hear our prayer.**

Creator God, you are the one who made the stars of heaven and the sand by the seashore. We bless and honor you for the gifts of creation.

Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us;  
**Hear our prayer.**

Defend the orphans, O God; rescue the oppressed; show compassion to those who feel lonely or isolated. And let the heavens declare the rightness of your cause.

*Silence*

Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us;

**Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal the sick and the sorrowful. May they know that you are their help and shield. Deliver them from all fear and help them to trust in your mercy.

We pray for Casey, Jen, Marsha, Austin, Ava, Barbara, Bobbi, Martha, Pat

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

*Silence*

Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us;

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray to you, God for those who have died are welcomed home.

*Silence*

Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us;

**Hear our prayer.**

*Presider:*

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.*

### **Birthday Prayer:**

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their heart may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Happy birthday to Billie Holcomb, a RW resident, celebrating a birthday today!)

### **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 636**      How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord

*Foundation*

### **The Great Thanksgiving 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.**

*Presider* 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 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 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.**

**S 127**



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*

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.**

*Presider* 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 forever. **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 623** *O what their joy and their glory must be* O quanta qualia

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

*Presider and People*

Let us pray

**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**

✠ *The people stand as they are able.*

[9:30 service] **Recessional Hymn 436**    Lift up our heads, ye mighty gates                      *Truro*

### **The Dismissal**

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

[9:30 service] **Postlude**    *Psalm 28 - I will praise Thee, O Lord, my strength*    Benedetto Marcello

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

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### **Participating in Today's Liturgy:**

Presider: The Rev. Melissa Remington

Preacher: The Rev. Mark Pendleton

Lector at 8:00 a.m.: Lucia Savage

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

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

Eucharistic Minister at 9:30 a.m.:

**Greeter/Usher 9:30 a.m.:**

**Live Stream:**

Altar Guild: Judy Blaisdell, Priscilla Santiago

Flower Delivery: Priscilla Santiago

Hospitality:

**Altar Flowers Given by:**

**This week at Christ Church**

### August 7-13

Sunday	PSP Fundraiser Rehearsal 1:00 p.m.
Monday-Friday	PSP Summer Session 8:00 a.m.
Monday	PSP Theatre Tots 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday	PSP Class (Outside) 4:00 p.m. PSP Fundraiser Rehearsal 5:00 p.m.
Friday	PSP Fundraiser Rehearsal 5:00 p.m.
Saturday	PSP Fundraiser Concert 5:00 p.m.

**Impromptu Choir August 14:** Want to sing next Sunday? Meet at 8:45 a.m. in the sanctuary to rehearse an anthem to sing during the service. Come one, come all!

We are still **looking to hire two 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.

**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](mailto:stormspk84@gmail.com)

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