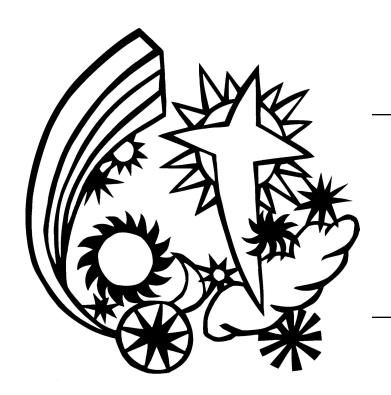
CHRIST CHURCH of Exeter



Live joyfully in faith

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Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost: November 13, 2022 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.

Reflections on Today's Readings

As the church year draws to a close, the liturgy turns our attention to the fact that the world is also moving towards its end. The gospel reading today is from the last portion of Jesus' teaching according to Luke. This "apocalyptic" teaching was central to Jesus' message and was a common theme in first century Judaism. God will come and bring all creation to its conclusion in the establishment of the Kingdom. The good news is that whatever tribulations occur in the end times, God is always present and will preserve all the redeemed into eternal life.

The first reading is the conclusion of the final Old Testament prophetic book. It foretells the coming judgment when the Kingdom will be established. The final sign will be the reappearance of Elijah. Jesus, in telling his followers that in John the Baptist Elijah has

come (Matthew 17:11-13), is announcing that the End has begun.

The reading from 2 Thessalonians tells first century Christians how they should live in the end times. In particular, Paul has no patience with those who stop working or ministering in anticipation of the end. The church proclaims that in Christ's death and resurrection the end has begun.

We are living in the end of time. In the Eucharist, in particular, we are already being met by Jesus, our loving, saving judge and are taken into his Kingdom. In the Eucharist, he comes "again in glory to judge the living and the dead." It is our knowledge that we are living in the end of the ages that gives Christian living its character, impelling us into worship and into ministry in the name of Christ.

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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 are 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 in the Parish Hall after each service.

Sunday school for children ages 5-12 will gather at 9:30 A.M. downstairs in the corner classrooms. Children will return to worship by the time of the Peace. The nursery/child care room will also be open by 9:15 A.M. for ages 4 and younger.

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.

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.

The Holy Eucharist

[10:00 service]

PreludeAndante serioso and Allegro (from "Grand Pièce Symphonique)

[10:00 service]

Processional Hymn 7

Christ whose glory fills the skies

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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.

[10:00 service] **Hymn of Praise**



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Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

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

♣ The people sit.

The First Reading Malachi 4:1-2a

Reader A Reading from the Book of Malachi

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave

them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

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

Psalm 98 Pg 727 in BCP

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song, * for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm * has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The Lord has made known his victory; * his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, * and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; * lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the Lord with the harp, * with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn * shout with joy before the King, the Lord.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, * the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, * and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world st

and the peoples with equity.

The Second Reading

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Reader A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right,

but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right..

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

[10:00 service]

Sequence Hymn 181, vv. 1, 2, 4

Awake and sing the song

St. Ethelwald

 \blacksquare The people stand as they are able.

The Gospel Luke 21:5-19

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

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them. "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified: for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful

portents and great signs from heaven. "But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain vour souls."

Sermon

 \blacksquare 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

Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right. It is right to give God thanks and praise; therefore, let us say, "Sing to the Lord a new song: *Hear our prayer*.

O God, remember your mercy and faithfulness to your Church. Give us your words and your wisdom. We pray for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Rob our Bishop, our clergy and lay leaders and all of God's people

Silence

Sing to the Lord a new song: **Hear our prayer.**

O God, remember your mercy and faithfulness to this nation. Save us from arrogance and self-reliance. Grant us to be a nation that favors peace over war, life rather than death.

Silence

Sing to the Lord a new song:

Hear our prayer.

O God, remember your mercy and faithfulness to all of creation. For the seas, rivers, hills, mountains and plains.

Silence

Sing to the Lord a new song:

Hear our prayer.

O God, remember your mercy and faithfulness to our town and region. We pray that you work through all our citizens, especially in these days after the recent election.

Silence

Sing to the Lord a new song:

Hear our prayer.

O God, remember your mercy and faithfulness to all your children, especially those who are sick and suffering. Come to them, Lover of Souls, with a spirit of healing.

We lift up in prayer those in need of healing, strength and guidance:

Martha, Bobbi, Phil, Dick, Pat, Steve, Jess & Louise, John, Frank

We invite you to add those names for whom you are praying, either silently or aloud.

Silence

Sing to the Lord a new song:

Hear our prayer.

O God, remember your mercy and faithfulness to all who have died. Bless them for their endurance. May they forever rest in that land where weeping is heard no more.

Silence

Sing to the Lord a new song:

Hear our prayer.

Presider:

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

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

[8:00 service]

Presider All things come of thee, O Lord.

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

Trust and Obey
Christ Church Choir

When we walk with the Lord
In the light of His word,
What a glory He sheds on our way!
While we do His good will,
He abides with us still,
And with all who will trust and obey.

Trust and obey, for there's no other way To be happy in Jesus, But to trust and obey.

Not a shadow can rise, Not a cloud in the skies, But His smile quickly drives it away; Not a doubt nor a fear, Not a sigh nor a tear, Can abide while we trust and obey.

Not a burden we bear, Not a sorrow we share, But our toil He doth richly repay; Not a grief nor a loss, Not a frown nor a cross, But is blest if we trust and obey.

But we never can prove
The delights of His love
Until all on the altar we lay;
For the favor He shows,
And the joy He bestows,
Are for them who will trust and obey.

When in fellowship sweet
We will sit at His feet,
Or we'll walk by His side in the way;
What He says we will do,
Where He sends we will go,
Never fear, only trust and obey.

[◼] The people stand for the hymn as they are able.

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 10:00)

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.

[10:00 service] **Sanctus**



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

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.

[8:00 a.m.]

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia



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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.

[10:00 service] **Communion Hymn WLP 804**

Steal away

Negro Spiritual

▼ *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.

[10:00 service] **Recessional Hymn** 601

O Day of God, draw nigh

St. Michael

The Dismissal

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

[10:00 service] **Postlude**

Prelude and Fugue in B-flat

attributed to J. S. Bach

The worship is over. \blacksquare The service begins.

Participating in Today's Liturgy:

Preacher/Presider: The Rev. Melissa Remington

Lector at 8:00 a.m.: Becky Moore Lector at 10:00 a.m.: John Woodard

Eucharistic Minister at 8:00 a.m.: Jeannette McDonald

Eucharistic Minister at 10:00 a.m: Judy Blaisdell

Greeter/Usher 10:00 a.m.

Live Stream:

Sunday School: Katherine Gibson, Kelly Merritt

Altar Guild: Patti Buck, Diane DiPalermo

Flower Delivery: Carol Allard

Hospitality: Adrienne Spear, Linzee Coleman-Bagge

Altar Flowers

This week at Christ Church Nov 13-19

Sunday	PSP Performance 11:00 a.m. PSP Cast Party 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Mindfulness & Movement 9:30 a.m. Bible Study 11:00 a.m. PSP Rehearsal 3:00 p.m. Scouts 6:00 p.m. Classrooms
Wednesday	Oasis Sisters 10:30 a.m. PSP Rehearsal 3:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Our Rector Mark Pendleton is on vacation this week through Wednesday November 16, If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact the Rev. Melissa Remington at (304) 951-0845.

The Pine Street Players at Christ Church proudly presents "The Little Mermaid", through November 20, with performances at 7 PM on Friday and Saturday, and Sundays at 3:00 PM. Tickets for the Senior Cast's (Grades 7-12) performances can be purchased by visiting the PSP website: https://www.pinestreetplayerscc.com/fall, and clicking on "Tickets Now On Sale". Please note that today's final Junior Cast performance is nearly sold out. If you can't catch "The Little Mermaid", join us February 10-12 at Christ Church for "Still Life with Iris": the story of a little girl's search for home, set in the magical land of Nocturno.

Beware of Email Scams: Please do NOT respond to any emails asking you to buy gift cards or with any address NOT ending in @christchurchexeter.org. We would never ask for money via email. The emails routinely create an urgency that make it appear that clergy are in meetings and cannot be disturbed. The return emails never perfectly match our exact address, so please never respond. There is little to be done to prevent these common scams beyond educating many to not respond to such emails. Spread the word!

Christmas Dinner Baskets, Gifts and Clothing for families in need. This year there are 30 families hoping for assistance during the holidays. These are our neighbors in the Exeter area who would not have a Christmas without our support. Plates and ornaments will be available only on Sunday, November 27 in the Narthex between services and will also be available in the Sign up https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B054CA9A92FA1FE3-christmas4. You will find information you need to know to provide all the necessary ingredients for a wonderful Christmas meal and gift and clothing requests in the **Guidelines**. If you would like to do a Gift Card, *PLEASE NOTE THIS IN THE SIGN UP. GIFT CARDS MUST BE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 8* so that our elves have time to do the shopping.

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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