The 24th Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Eucharist Rite Two
November 8, 2026, 10am

PRELUDE: *Reverie-Improvisation (on "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent)* by Robert Leech Bedel

ENTRANCE HYMN: *Lift Up Your Heads* (H436)



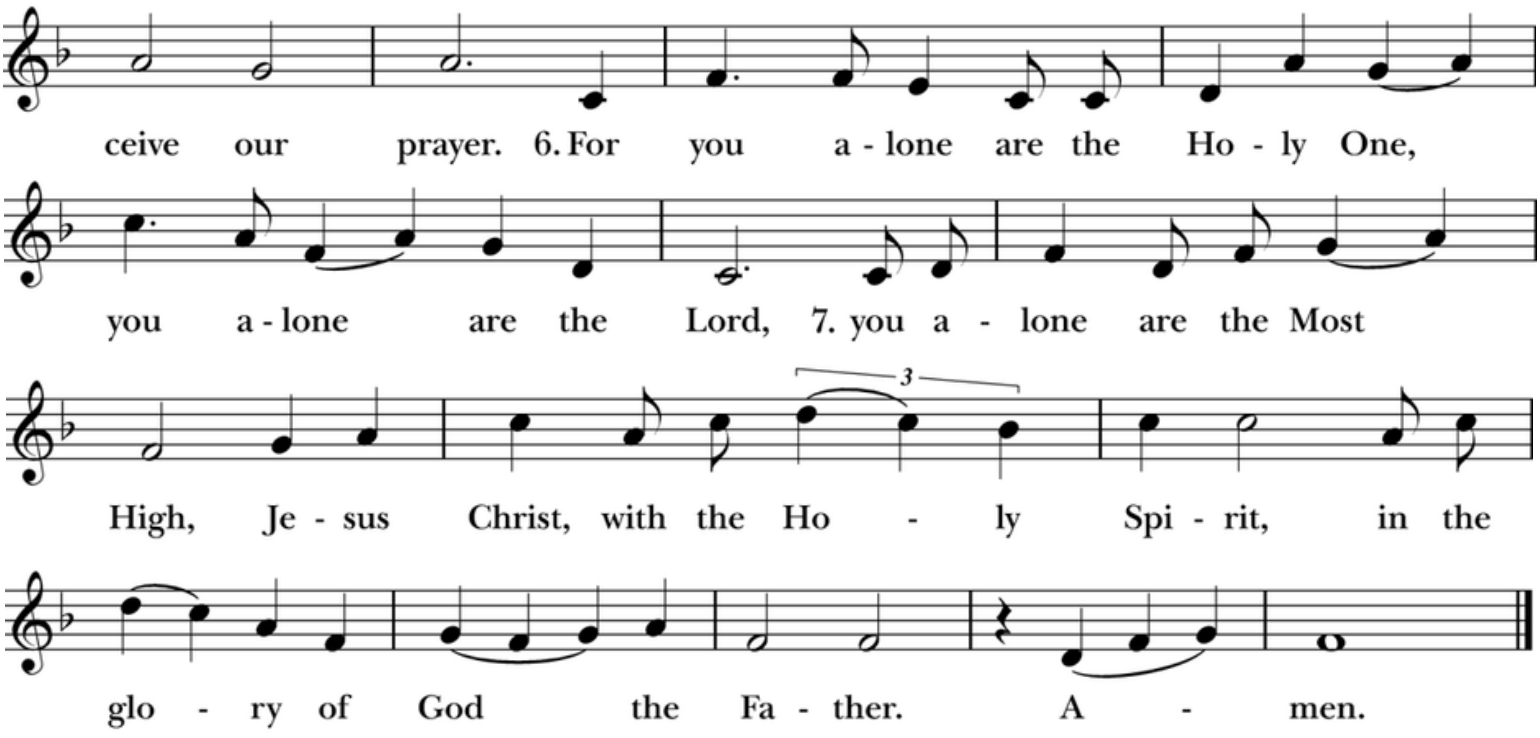
THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. 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.**

GLORIA *S 280 Glory to God (Canticle 20) (Powell)*





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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

Amos 5:18-24

A reading from Amos,

Thus says the Lord, the God of hosts, the Lord: Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord! Why do you want the day of the Lord? It is darkness, not light; as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake. Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. Take away

from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an everflowing stream.
Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**



PSALM 70
Be pleased, O God, to de-liver me; *
O Lord, make haste to help me.
Let those who seek my life be ashamed and altogether dis-mayed; *
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be dis-graced.
Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back, *
because they are a-shamed.
Let all who seek you rejoice and beglad in you; *
let those who love your salvation say for ever, "Great is the Lord!"
But as for me, I am poor and needy; *
come to me speedily, O God.
You are my helper and my de-liverer; *
O Lord, do not tarry.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever. A-men.

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
A reading from 1st Thessalonians,
You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as

apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn: ***Lo! He Comes, With Clouds Descending*** (H57)





THE GOSPEL

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

THE SERMON- The Rev'd Kevin Kelly

The Nicene Creed BCP 358

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

Celebrant

Fixing our thoughts and desires on holy Wisdom, let us offer prayers to God for all the world.

Leader

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Frank and Scott, our bishops; Kevin, Walter, and Marcia, our priests, Nancy, Stella and Patricia, our deacons, and Molly and Sandy,

our postulants; In the Anglican prayer cycle we pray for The Anglican Church Province of Congo. In our diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for our congregations in Valdosta, Christ Church, Christ the King, and St. Barnabas. We also pray for our ecumenical partners in Valdosta, especially St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. In our companion diocese of the Dominican Republic, we pray for the congregations in Santo Domingo, especially St. Philip the Apostle, and for the people of God in every place.
Let us pray to the Lord.

For mercy, justice, and peace among all peoples.
Let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For good weather, abundant fruits of the earth, and peaceful times.
Let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For our city and those who live in it, and for our families, companions, and all those we love.
Let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For all those in danger and need: the sick and the suffering, prisoners, captives, and their families, the hungry, homeless, and oppressed.
Let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who rest in Christ, especially Pauline Brown, and for all the dead.
Let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need. For Caroline Betts, Virginia Kate Betts, Ron Bezona, Bob and Alexis Carr, Tyson Carter, “Red” Dawson, Rhett Dawson, Otis Fletcher, Chelsea Hasty, Creston Hulett, Guerry Jameson, Jeremiah King, Dennis Marks, Doug Mayer, Noah and Melissa McQueen, Ellis Moser, Chloe Nelson, the Sage Family, and Bo Smith.

Let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For those celebrating birthdays this week, especially Melissa Carter and Lindsay Alonso, and for those celebrating wedding anniversaries.
Let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Lifting our voices with all creation, with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.
To you, O Lord.

Celebrant
God whose Son died and rose again, hear the prayers we offer this day and bring all your people to the wedding banquet of your Son in the kingdom of heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

CONFESSION OF SIN BCP 360

Celebrant
Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister and People
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.

Celebrant
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
All stand.
Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Offeratory Sentence
Celebrant
Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. **Psalm 50:14**

OFFERTORY: *Every Valley Shall Be Exalted* by G.F. Handel
Tenor Solo, Chris Rutland

DOXOLOGY

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Great Thanksgiving BCP 361

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues
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:





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.”

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.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues
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 for ever. **AMEN**.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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,
forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Fraction Anthem S 164 Jesus, Lamb of God (Schubert/Proulx)



The Gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION HYMN *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent* H(324)



COMMUNION HYMN *Awake My Soul* (H 11)



POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER BCP 365

Celebrant Let us pray.

People and Celebrant

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

EXIT HYMN: *Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers* (H 68)



DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: ***Recessional on "Llangloffan"*** By Franklin D. Ashdown

Serving Today

Eucharistic Ministers: Tammy Borders, Phyllis Holland, Jeani Synyard
Lectors:Avante' Graves, Jeani Synyard, Chris Rutland
Acolytes: Phyllis Holland, David Holland, Holly Holland
Altar Guild: Phyllis Holland, Anne Reid, Mimi Allen, Pat Bezona, Daphne Wright
Ushers: Bobby Yarbrough, Blake Yarbrough, Mark DeMott
Audio/Visual Crew: Julius Ariail, Ken Rumstay, Tom Carroll, Larry Wisenbaker
Parish Picnic in place of Coffee Hour Today
Vestry Member of the Day: Becky Meadors

The Altar Flowers this week are given by Ed & BJ Mistick in rememberance of their Grandson, Sam Francis Cortes.

Upcoming Events



TODAY! PARISH PICNIC: Directly following the 10 o'clock service we are having our annual Parish Picnic. There are places to sit both in and outside for your convenience. There will be games, face painting, slushy machine and more for kids. To eat, we will have hotdogs and veggie dogs, hamburgers, chips, slaw, tea and cake for dessert. Please stay and enjoy lunch and a fun afternoon with your Christ Church family.



Thursday Morning Bible study and Fellowship for Women 10:15-11:15 at 2701 Green Meadow Drive. The study will be on *52 Women of the Bible*. For more information about the study call Tammy Borders at 229-560-5889

KOATS FOR KIDS Please consider donating new and gently used children's coats between now and the week before Thanksgiving. These coats will be donated to local children in need of a winter coat. Your generosity is appreciated. There is a sign above the box that has been designated for donations in the Parish Hall.

PLEDGE DRIVE As our annual pledge drive comes to a close, we ask that if you have yet to submit your pledge for this upcoming year, to please do so this week. We ask that you to prayerfully consider your role in this upcoming year's growth and service of Christ Church. Completing a pledge card helps ensure the budget for the upcoming year is accurate.

VENMO is available as a Convenient giving option! Just scan the QR code and follow the prompts. Recurring gifts from your credit/debit card may also be scheduled via PayPal using the same code. If you are currently giving through Vanco, there is no need to switch to PayPal at this time.



ALTAR FLOWERS Providing flowers for the Altar is a terrific way to honor loved ones or a special occasion in your life. A sign-up sheet is available on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.

Mission Statement:

As followers of Jesus, empowered by the Holy Spirit, we share God's love, grace and mercy through worship, prayer and service, respecting the dignity of all.

The Rt Rev'd Frank Logue, Bishop of Georgia

All Christ Church Families & Friends are Ministers.

The Rev'd R. Kevin Kelly, Rector

The Rev'd Nancy Sartin, Deacon

Bobby Yarbrough, Sr. Warden

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Kylee Creasy, Children's Ministries Leader

Ellie Copeland & Katie Wisenbaker, Youth Ministers (EYC)

Issa Young, Choir Director

Sue Ellen Rumstay, Director of Music

Nancy Lutsko, Verger

The 10:00 service is livestreamed on YouTube and Facebook

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