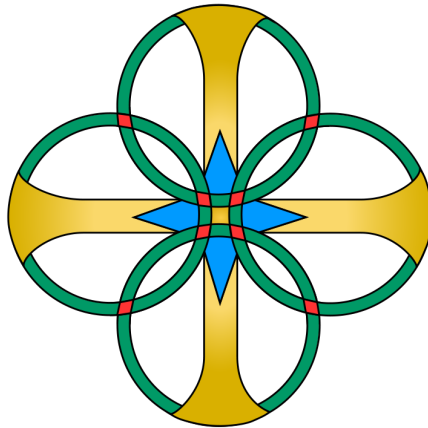


NINETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

August 10, 2025
8:00am and
10:30am and Livestreamed on Facebook



CHRIST CHURCH
The Episcopal Church of Norcross

We invite you to join as an active participant in the worship of God. The worship service can be found in the red Book of Common Prayer (found in the pew racks) beginning on page 355. The scripture readings and the Prayers of the People are printed in the worship bulletin. Scripture texts are taken from the Revised Common Lectionary.

We use the red Book of Common Prayer, the blue 1982 Hymnal and Lift Every Voice and Sing Hymnal, all located in the pew racks.

In the time before our worship begins, please be mindful of those who need this time for quiet prayer and meditation.

Please silence all cell phones and other digital devices and we ask that you refrain from "texting" during the service.

*Newcomers and visitors, we welcome you warmly.
May you find here, by the grace of God, that which feeds your soul.*

***The mission of Christ Church Episcopal is to live, love,
and serve boldly together in the name of Jesus Christ.***

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

I need Thee every hour

arr. Judy East Wells

Processional Hymn

Komm o komm, du Geist des Lebens
Judge eternal, throned in splendor

Hymnal #596

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant

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

People

And blessed be His kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

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

LEVAS II #241

Collect of the Day

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

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.

First Reading

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

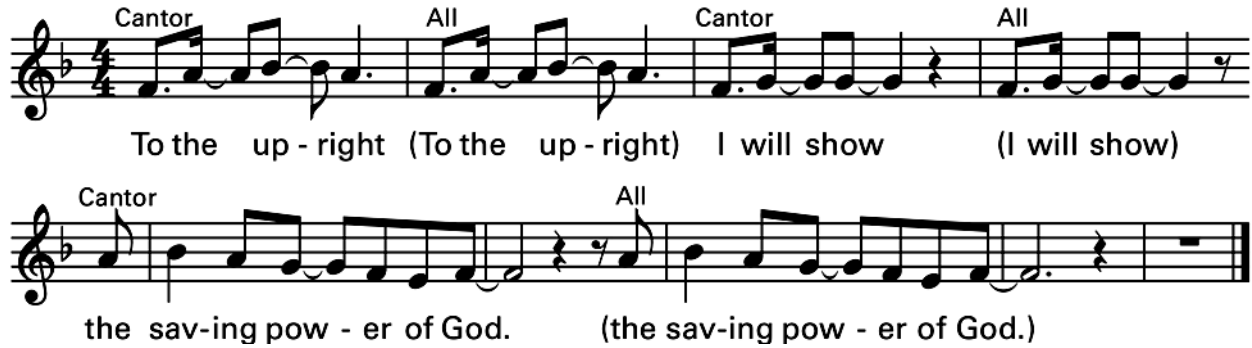
The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah. Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says 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.

Refrain

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.

Refrain

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."

Refrain

Second Reading

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

A Reading from the letter of Paul 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 him

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.

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

Sequence Hymn

St. Agnes
Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove

Hymnal #510

All remain standing.

Holy Gospel

Luke 12:32-40

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

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."

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

Sermon

The Rev. Edgar Otero

All stand

Nicene Creed

BCP p. 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 human.
 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, universal, 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.*

Prayers of the People

Presider: O God your Word comes to us, and our hearts are uplifted. Listen now, we beseech you, to the needs and thanksgivings of your people as we say, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Leader: Fill your church with faith, especially for Sean and Rob, our bishops, and Edgar and Dan, our clergy, that our hope might embolden us to be your agents of love in all the corners of our lives.

Lord in your mercy,

People: *Hear our prayer.*

Leader: Grant wisdom, compassion, and a love of justice to the leaders of our nation that they might work for the good of all. We pray for Donald, our president, and Brian, our governor, Nicole, our county chair, Craig, our mayor, and for those who serve in the Armed Forces: Jeff, Daniel, and Andrew.

Lord in your mercy,

People: *Hear our prayer.*

Leader: Open our eyes to the possibilities of tomorrow; lead us to focus not just on problems, but to search for solutions that we might build a sustainable way of life that honors your abundant creation.

Lord in your mercy,

People: *Hear our prayer.*

Leader: We are committed to being your people in this community at this time. Grant us discerning hearts and burning desire to share your Good News that our community might be a place where all people may thrive.

Lord in your mercy,

People: *Hear our prayer.*

Leader: Let your healing love be present in the lives of all who suffer. Especially we pray for Cameron, Jack, Cathy, Heather, John, Bob, Marilyn, Debanhi, Scott, Judy & Richard, Graham, Ron, and Stephanie.

Lord in your mercy,

People: *Hear our prayer.*

Leader: Welcome the dead into your loving embrace, tend to the souls of those who grieve, and let us hold close the love of those whom we wait to see in your new age. We pray especially for David Davis, father of Robin Brooks; LaJuan Eason, sister-in-law of John Haeger; Richard J. Burrell, father of Pamela B. Russo; Lyman Burrell, uncle of Pamela B. Russo; Antonia M. Mocharski, mother of Leslie Wengenroth; Gary J. Cobb, founding member of Christ Church Episcopal.

Lord in your mercy,

People: *Hear our prayer.*

The people may add their own thanksgivings and petitions.

Leader: We ask for your blessings for those who minister to others, especially the Neighborhood Cooperative Ministries, Rainbow Village, our Thrift Shop volunteers, our Stephen Ministers and those for whom they care, our Path to Shine volunteers, and for our Vestry.

Lord in your mercy,

People: *Hear our prayer.*

Leader: We ask for your blessings for members of our parish that we pray for this day:

Edgar, Marycelis, Eliam, & Ezekiel Otero;

Daisy Pacheco;

Lendy & Nahon Perez;

Ricardo Perez.

Lord in your mercy,

People: *Hear our prayer.*

Leader: We ask for your blessings for the gift of the altar flowers given by Dale and Karen Swenson, in thanksgiving for Matt, Meg, Frankie, and Matilda Tuel, and in thanksgiving for our many blessings.

Lord in your mercy.

People: *Hear our prayer.*

Presider: O Generous God, you desire that we should live in love and not fear; hear our prayers, be known in our lives, and respond to the needs and hopes of your people; all this we ask through Jesus, our Lord and Savior who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, now and always.

Amen.

Confession of Sin

BCP p. 360

The Deacon says

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Absolution

BCP p. 360

Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

All stand.

Peace

Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome and Announcements

Mission of Mercy Recipient

The Mission of Mercy recipient for August is Church of the Common Ground (CCG).

Blessing of Birthdays and Anniversaries

E-Giving QR Code—>



THE HOLY COMMUNION

As we prepare for Holy Communion let us listen attentively with an open heart to the music of the anthem.

*We have gluten free communion wafers available for anyone who requests them.
Please ask the priest for them when you are at the altar rail.*

Offertory Anthem

Arise my soul, arise
Diane Lynch, soloist

arr. Dan Forest

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

Presentation Hymn

Foundation
How firm a foundation

Hymnal #636

The people remain standing.

Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP p. 361

Celebrant and People

Sanctus (8:00am)

BCP p. 362

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy Lord

LEVAS II #255

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People:

*Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.*

The Lord's Prayer

BCP p. 364

Celebrant

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

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP p. 364

Celebrant

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People:

Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem

Jesus, Lamb of God

Hymnal #S-164

Invitation

BCP p. 364

The Celebrant says the following invitation

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.

Communion Anthem

I saw the cross of Jesus
Carol Brocksmith, flute

arr. Gary Lanier Feat

Postcommunion Prayer

BCP p.365

Blessing

The priest blesses the people

Postcommunion Hymn

Llangloffan
Rejoice! rejoice believers

Hymnal #68

Dismissal

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Postlude

My faith looks up to Thee

arr. Judy East Wells

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Money is the last line of defense between the heart and God.
Stewardship Quote

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Prayers for Members of Our Parish

Cameron Bernard, Jack Brocksmith, Cathy Canfield, Heather Emery,
John Emery, Bob Haer, Marilyn Haritos, Debanhi Hernandez, Scott McCue,
Judy & Richard Moore, Graham Perrins, Ron Rice, and Stephanie Usher.

Prayers for the Repose of the Soul

David Davis, father of Robin Brooks;
LaJuan Eason, sister-in-law of John Haeger;
Richard J. Burrell, father of Pamela B. Russo;
Lyman Burrell, uncle of Pamela B. Russo;
Antonia M. Mocharski, mother of Leslie Wengenroth;
Gary S. Cobb, founding member of Christ Church Episcopal.

Prayers for Members of our Military

Jeff Jennings, Daniel O'Keefe, and Andrew Pridgen.

Prayers for Friends and Family

Margo Biringer, Brad Burns, John Buchek, Sophia Crawford, Ralph Donnangelo,
Sharyn Dowd, Doug & Kath Duke, Nick Forleades, Richard Freeman, Kimberly Hernandez,
Lynn Catherine Jester, Evelyn Hope Liebke, Val McCall, Kaye McRoberts, Lisa Matthews,
John Mocharski, Riley Moore, Joe Morelli, Julie Murray, Anita Oliver, Patty Peña, Bonnie Pitman,
Ann Pruitt, Frances Rich, Gary & Cindy Russell, Andrew Thompson, Bill Wall, and Noah Withrow.

Please call 770/447-1166 or e-mail the church office at office@ccnorcross.org to add or remove names from the prayer list.

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TIME-SENSITIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please read The Christ Church Chronicle (CCC) at www.ccnorcross.org for detailed announcements.

WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL!



To make your visit smoother, please scan the QR code with your smartphone. This will take you to our electronic visitors book, where you can quickly and easily enter your details. Your information helps us keep in touch with all new family members. Welcome home!

FIRST FULL COMMUNITY BINGO EVENT WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!

Our first full community Bingo event last Sunday, August 3, 2025, which took place between the 10:30am and 1pm services, was a huge success, complete with prizes for the winners. We are already looking forward to the next event, so please stay tuned, so we can enjoy more fun, fellowship, prizes, and food—always more food!

BUILDING A FOUNDATION FOR OUR FUTURE BEGINNING AUGUST 17, 2025

What: Sunday School for youth in grades 2-8

When: Sundays from 11:50 to 12:45

Starting: August 17, 2025

Your commitment: 1 hour on a Sunday each month, 1/2 hour preparation time plus completion of "Safeguarding God's Children."

How: Lesson plans and snacks will be provided to you for each class;

If you can contribute your time to this important ministry or if you're not sure and have questions, please email or call Janet Orr at janetreevesorr@gmail.com and 678-520-7761.

Please read the Christ Church Chronicle for detailed information.

SUNDAY MORNING BOOK STUDY THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2025

Join us at 9:15am in Room 107 of the Education Wing and via Zoom to enjoy the book study of *Holy Envy* by The Rev. Barbara Brown Taylor, who shares her spiritual insights from teaching world religions in rural Georgia. For more information, please contact Kathy Smith at ksmithd106@gmail.com or read the Chronicle for more information.

JUNE 2025 FINANCE UPDATE

For the full detail of the June 2025 Finance Update, please see the article in the Christ Church Chronicle (Friday's newsletter), which includes 5 graphs. For more information regarding this article, please contact Channing Haskell, Treasurer, at treasurer@ccnorcross.org, or Janet Orr, Vestry Liaison to the Finance Committee, at janetreevesorr@gmail.com.

GET IN THE GAME! – CHURCH PICNIC & MINISTRY FAIR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

Join us after our 10:30am bilingual worship service for a fun-filled Parish Picnic and Ministry Fair in Webster Hall and out back! This year's theme is "Get in the Game!" Come enjoy great food, fellowship, and a chance to explore all the ways you can be part of the Christ Church team. Ministry booths will offer games, info, and opportunities to get involved in the life of our church. Whether you're a seasoned player or ready to join for the first time—there's a place for you on the field! Mark your calendar and wear your game-day spirit!

CONFIRMATION, RECEPTION, & REAFFIRMATION CLASSES BEGAN AUGUST 3, 2025

The classes for confirmation, reception, and/or reaffirmation began last Sunday, August 3, 2025, at 11:45am and will continue every Sunday through October 12, 2025. Bp. Rob Wright will be with us on Sunday, October 19, 2025, at the combined bilingual service to celebrate the 25th anniversary of our Hispanic congregation and our new confirmands. Lunch follows the service in Webster Hall.

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Liturgical Participants for 8:00am and 10:30am services on Sunday, August 10, 2025

Celebrant..... The Rev. Edgar Otero
Deacon The Rev. Daniel J. Burrows
Acolytes McKenzie Wortman, Jodi Arminio, Kassie Diehl
Altar Guild Jodi Arminio, Lori Landis
AV Team..... Brook Sizemore, Dwalu Tay; TBD, TBD
Eucharistic Ministers:..... Channing Haskell; Lori Landis
Greeters..... Diane Lynch; Guy Gupton, Susan Gupton
Lectors..... Diane Lynch; Mike Wood
Ushers Diane Lynch; Gayle Morris
Vestry of the Day Diane Lynch; Scott Bruce; Kathy Smith

Liturgical Participants for 8:00am and 10:30am services on Sunday, August 17, 2025

Celebrant..... The Rev. Edgar Otero
Deacon The Rev. Daniel J. Burrows
Acolytes Afiong Ekong, McKenzie Wortman
Altar Guild Connie Leff, Amy Ross
AV Team..... Brook Sizemore, Dwalu Tay; TBD, TBD
Eucharistic Ministers:..... Kathy Smith; Ann Post
Greeters..... Elliott Brack; Carla Johnson
Lectors..... Jenny Ham; Myrna Campbell-Kelly
Ushers Charles Dowdell; Carla Johnson
Vestry of the Day Charles Dowdell; Diane Cunningham (10:30am & 1pm)

Liturgical Participants for 8:00am and 10:30am services on Sunday, August 24, 2025

Celebrant..... The Rev. Edgar Otero
Deacon The Rev. Daniel J. Burrows
Acolytes McKenzie Wortman
Altar Guild Ange Justice, Ann Post
AV Team..... TBD, Dwalu Tay; TBD, TBD
Eucharistic Ministers:..... Ange Justice; Ann Post
Greeters..... Jenny Ham; TBD
Lectors..... Toni Weir; McKenzie Wortman
Ushers Jenny Ham; TBD
Vestry of the Day Scott Bruce; Matt Tuel; TBD

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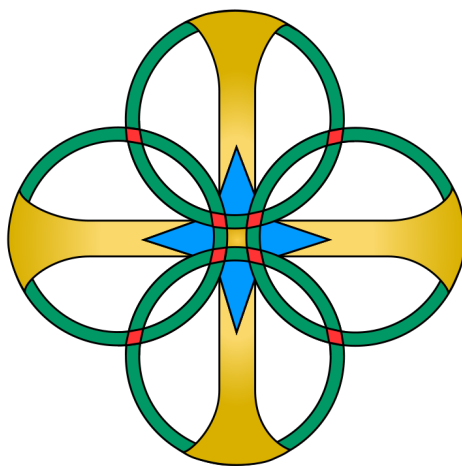
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