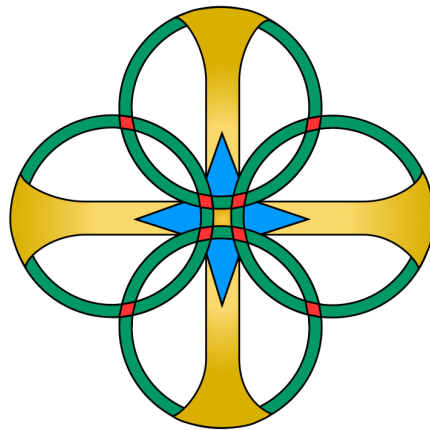


SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

October 5, 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 *For the beauty of the earth* arr. Carol Tornquist

Processional Hymn *Last uns erfreuen* Hymnal #400
All creatures of our God and King

Opening Acclamation BCP p. 355

Collect for Purity BCP p. 355

Gloria Hymnal #S-280

Collect of the Day

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

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Reading Lamentations 1:1-6

A Reading from the Book of Lamentations.

How lonely sits the city that once was full of people! How like a widow she has become, she that was great among the nations! She that was a princess among the provinces has become a vassal. She weeps bitterly in the night, with tears on her cheeks; among all her lovers she has no one to comfort her; all her friends have dealt treacherously with her, they have become her enemies. Judah has gone into exile with suffering and hard servitude; she lives now among the nations, and finds no resting place; her pursuers have all overtaken her in the midst of her distress. The roads to Zion mourn, for no one comes to the festivals; all her gates are desolate, her priests groan; her young girls grieve, and her lot is bitter. Her foes have become the masters, her enemies prosper, because the Lord has made her suffer for the multitude of her transgressions; her children have gone away, captives before the foe. From daughter Zion has departed all her majesty. Her princes have become like stags that find no pasture; they fled without strength before the pursuer.

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

Hal H. Hopson

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1 By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept, *
when we remembered you, O Zion.

2 As for our harps, we hung them up *
on the trees in the midst of that land.

3 For those who led us away captive asked us for a song,
and our oppressors called for mirth: *
"Sing us one of the songs of Zion."

Refrain

4 How shall we sing the Lord's song *
upon an alien soil.

5 If I forget you, O Jerusalem, *
let my right hand forget its skill.

6 Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth
if I do not remember you, *
if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy.

Refrain

7 Remember the day of Jerusalem, O Lord,
against the people of Edom, *
who said, "Down with it! down with it!
even to the ground!"

8 O Daughter of Babylon, doomed to destruction, *
happy the one who pays you back
for what you have done to us!

9 Happy shall he be who takes your little ones, *
and dashes them against the rock!

Refrain

Second Reading

2 Timothy 1:1-14

A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to Timothy

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages

began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

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

Sequence Hymn
Verses 1, 2, 3, & 4

Lucerna Laudoniae
For the beauty of the earth

Hymnal #416

All remain standing.

Holy Gospel

Luke 17:5-10

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

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

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

Sermon

The Rev. Edgar Otero

All stand

Nicene Creed

BCP p. 358

Prayers of the People

Presider: Almighty God, increase our faith and hear our prayers as we say, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Leader: Help your church to perceive and answer your call to serve, especially Sean and Rob, our bishops, and Edgar and Dan, our clergy, and to build the kingdom of God.

Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Guide the people and leaders of this nation towards unity of purpose and mutual regard, that we might be a civil society that offers hope and opportunity to all its members. We pray especially 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: Embolden us to be committed stewards of the creation you have entrusted to our care that all future generations might know its abundance.

Lord in your mercy,

People: *Hear our prayer.*

Leader: Inspire our parish to go forth and share the good news with our neighbors so that through our actions they might see a glimpse of your glorious Good News.

Lord in your mercy,

People: *Hear our prayer.*

Leader: Make your healing presence known in the lives of all who suffer and let us be instruments of your healing love. Especially we pray for Kristie, Jack, Marcia, Heather, John, Bob, Debanhi, Scott, Judy & Richard, Fr. Edgar, Graham, Wes, and Ron.

Lord in your mercy,

People: *Hear our prayer.*

Leader: May the dead know the brightness of your love, and may we also come to join them in your presence.

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:
Guadalupe Romero & Juarez Family;

Merced Romero;

Roberto Romero;

Rick & Debra Root;

Lord in your mercy,

People: *Hear our prayer.*

Leader: We ask for your blessings for the gift of the altar flowers given in thanksgiving for our many blessings.

Lord in your mercy.

People: *Hear our prayer.*

Presider: God of power and might, in the life of your Son you have shown us the model and potential of our own lives. Grant us the faith to continue His mission and ministry and answer our prayers as may be best for us and to your glory, through the same Son, our Lord, Christ Jesus who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, One God, now and forever. *Amen.*

Confession of Sin

BCP p. 360

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Absolution

BCP p. 360

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 October is the Neighborhood Cooperative Ministries.

Blessing of Birthdays and Anniversaries

Blessing of the Animals

Leader: Bless the Lord, all you his creatures.
All: *And forget not all his benefits.*
Leader: Let us pray.

Most high, almighty Lord, our Creator, yours are the praise, the glory, the honor and all blessings! To you alone do all things belong. Be praised for giving us the animals, birds and fish which fill your world. May we think of you and thank you when we play with and care for our pets. Be praised for making us so happy to have our pets and to have them to play with. We ask you, Lord, that we may be good to our pets always, so that they may be happy also. Help us always to take care of them so that they will be healthy. O God, your world is wonderful. May we all come into your even greater world of the kingdom of heaven where we shall see even more wonderful things and where we shall live and love for ever. This we ask to your eternal praise, and to our blessing. Amen.

From: [Microsoft Word - St Francis Day Resources.doc \(episcopalchurch.org\)](#)

After all animals have been blessed, say together

The Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

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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

Fairest Lord Jesus
Carol Brocksmit, flute

arr. Cindy Berry

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

Make me a channel of your peace

Verses 1, 2, 4



1. Make me a chan - nel of your peace. Where
2. Make me a chan - nel of your peace. Where
4. Make me a chan - nel of your peace. It



there is ha - tred, let me bring your love. Where
there's de - spair in life, let me bring hope. Where
is in par - don - ing that we are par - doned, in



there is in - ju - ry, your par - don, Lord, And
there is dark - ness, on - ly light, And
giv - ing of our - selves that we re - ceive, and in



where there's doubt, true faith in you.
where there's sad - ness, ev - er joy.
dy - ing that we're born to e - ter - nal life.

Verse 3



3. Oh, Mas - ter, grant that I may nev - er seek So much to be con -



soled as to con - sole. To be un - der - stood as to un - der -



stand. To be loved as to love with all my soul.

Text: *Prayer of St. Francis*; adapt. by Sebastian Temple, 1928–1997
Tune: Sebastian Temple, 1928–1997; acc. by Robert J. Batastini, b.1942
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Dedicated to Mrs. Frances Tracy

The people remain standing.

Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP p. 361

Celebrant and People

Sanctus (8:00am)

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Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy Lord

LEVAS II #255

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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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

Fraction Anthem

Lamb of God

Hymnal #S-161

Invitation

BCP p. 364

Communion Hymn

He's got the whole world in his hands

1. He's got the whole world
2. He's got the sun and the moon
3. He's got the wind and the rain
4. He's got the lit - tle bit - ty ba - by
5. He's got you and me, broth - er,

in his hand, He's got the whole world
in his hand, He's got the sun and the moon
in his hand, He's got the wind and the rain
in his hand, He's got the lit - tle bit - ty ba - by
in his hand, He's got you and me, sis - ter,

in his hand, He's got the whole world
in his hand, He's got the sun and the moon
in his hand, He's got the wind and the rain
in his hand, He's got the lit - tle bit - ty ba - by
in his hand, He's got ev - 'ry - bod - y here

in his hand, He's got the whole world in his hand.

Text: Traditional

Tune: WHOLE WORLD, Irregular; Negro Spiritual; arr. by Hezekiah Brinson, Jr., b.1958, © 1990

Postcommunion Prayer

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Blessing

The priest blesses the people

Postcommunion Hymn

Royal Oak
All things bright and beautiful

Hymnal #405

Dismissal

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Postlude

All creatures of our God and King

arr. Judy East Wells

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Honor the lord with your substance and with the first fruits of all your produce.

Proverbs 3:9 Stewardship Quote

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Prayers for Members of Our Parish

Kristie Bernard, Jack Brocksmith, Marcia Curtis, Heather Emery, John Emery,
Bob Haer, Debanhi Hernandez, Scott McCue, Judy & Richard Moore,
Fr. Edgar Otero, Graham Perrins, Wes Quesenberry, and Ron Rice.

Prayers for Members of our Military

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

Prayers for Friends and Family

Brad Burns, John Buchek, Sylvia Clark, Karen Cobb, Sophia Crawford, Sharyn Dowd,
Carroll & Judy Edge, Nick Forleades, Richard Freeman, Lauren Harding, Kimberly Hernandez,
Evelyn Hope Liebke, Val McCall, Kaye McRoberts, John Mocharski, Riley Moore, Joe Morelli,
Tommy & Cindy Morris, Julie Murray, Anita Oliver, Patty Peña, Linda Pickren, Bonnie Pitman,
Ann Pruitt, Frances Rich, Angel Ruis, Gary & Cindy Russell, and Andrew Thompson.

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!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Paul in Ephesus (Acts 19) and Paul's Letter to the Ephesians

Please join your fellow parishioners in Room 107 of the Ed. Wing on Sunday mornings from 9:15am until 10:15am. Each week, we will explore the story of the early church in Ephesus as told in Acts 19 and delve into Paul's powerful message to the Ephesians. Expect lively discussions, thoughtful reflections, and practical applications for today's Christian life.

For questions contact Mike Wood: michaell.wood@comcast.net or 678-428-9477.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR 1ST THRU 8TH GRADE STUDENTS

Sunday School for all students in first through eighth grades will be held in Room 100 in the Education Wing from 11:50am until 12:45pm on the 1st, 3rd, and 4th Sunday of each month. Join us to learn the Gospel lesson for Sunday, do a craft, and have a snack. If you have any questions, email Janet Orr at janetreevesorr@gmail.com.

THRIFT SHOP SUMMER SALE

\$10.00 Bag Sale—>10-7-25 thru 10-9-25
“One day only” all clothing 25 cents each piece—>10-11-25
CLOSED FOR RESTOCKING—>10-14-25 thru 10-18-25
REOPEN—>10-21-25

ATLANTA PRIDE PARADE

Sunday, October 12, 2025
Call to action: Register at www.tinyurl.com/atlpridewalk

25TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR HISPANIC COMMUNITY, WITH CONFIRMATION AND LUNCH ON OCTOBER 19, 2025

Bp. Rob Wright will be with us on Sunday, October 19, 2025, at the 11:00am combined bilingual service to celebrate the 25th anniversary of our Hispanic congregation and to confer confirmation, reception, and reaffirmation on some of our parishioners. Lunch follows the service in Webster Hall.

2026 VESTRY NOMINATIONS DUE OCTOBER 21, 2025

We will be electing four (4) new Vestry members on November 9, 2025. If you, or someone you know, would like to stand for the 2026-2028 Vestry, please submit the names, along with a brief biography and a head-shot picture of the nominee, to Beth Holland, our Parish Administrator (office@ccnorcross.org), and Sue Lawton, our Jr. Warden (rslawton@bellsouth.net) by **Tuesday, October 21, 2025**, for consideration and publication. Please remember that if you nominate someone, you **must have their permission** to do so. You are also welcome to nominate yourself. Please see more detail in the Christ Church Chronicle.

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY IS NOVEMBER 2, 2025

If you have family members or close friends who have died since All Saints Sunday 2024, please complete the form in the Christ Church Chronicle or the “paper copy” in the Narthex. Place it in the alms basin (offertory plate), email to the church office, or bring it by the church office. In order for all names to be included in the November 2nd worship bulletin, the deadline for submissions is **12 noon on Monday, October 27, 2025**. In order to minimize misspelling and omissions, please e-mail this information to Beth Holland at office@ccnorcross.org.

BINGO, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2025

Mark Your Calendars! Join us for our next **Bingo Game** on **Sunday, November 2, 2025**, in Webster Hall following the 10:30am service. Come for fun, fellowship, and prizes—don't miss it! If you would like to help with the event or donate prizes (gift cards were by far the greatest hit), contact Kathy Smith at ksmithd106@gmail.com.

SEWING GUILD CRAFT SALES

With the cooler weather soon approaching, it's time to think about the season of Fall, Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. The ladies of the Sewing Guild have been busy making your favorite crafts. They can be purchased during the week, 10am until 4pm, and on Sundays from 8am until 2pm in Webster Hall, using the “honor system” for payment. We have moved the Scoffrey's Chocolate Table and the Sewing Guild Table to the back of Webster Hall, so you can take advantage and do your one-stop shopping side by side.

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Liturgical Participants for 8:00am and 10:30am on Sunday, October 5, 2025

Celebrant..... The Rev. Edgar Otero
Deacon..... The Rev. Daniel J. Burrows
Acolytes..... Afiong Ekong, Jodi Arminio
Altar Guild Jodi Arminio, Carla Johnson, Ann Post
AV Team Brook Sizemore
Eucharistic Ministers: Jenny Ham; Ann Post
Greeters Elliott Brack; Guy Gupton, Janet Orr
Lectors Jenny Ham; Ashley Boggs
Ushers..... Afiong Ekong; Janet Orr
Vestry of the Day..... Afiong Ekong; Janet Orr; Diane Lynch

Liturgical Participants for 8:00am and 10:30am on Sunday, October 12, 2025

Celebrant..... The Rev. Edgar Otero
Deacon..... The Rev. Daniel J. Burrows
Acolytes..... Afiong Ekong, Jodi Arminio, McKenzie Wortman
Altar Guild Jodi Arminio, Lori Landis
AV Team TBD, TBD
Eucharistic Ministers: Mike Breedlove; Cathy Canfield, Lori Landis
Greeters Matt Tuel; TBD
Lectors Jenny Ham; Aqeela Ray
Ushers..... Charles Dowdell; Karyn Angstadt, Gayle Morris
Vestry of the Day..... Charles Dowdell; Matthew Tuel; Manuel Holguin

Liturgical Participants for 8:00am and 10:30am on Sunday, October 19, 2025

Celebrant The Rt. Rev. Robert C. Wright, Bishop of Atlanta
Assisting Clergy & Translator..... The Rev. Edgar Otero & The Rev. Marycelis Otero
Deacon The Rev. Daniel J. Burrows
Acolytes Abraham Pedro, Maria Pedro, Mariahm Gutierrez, Irvin Ruiz
Altar Guild Ann Post, Joyce Proctor, Amy Ross
AV Team..... Eliam Otero, Ezekiel Otero
Eucharistic Ministers Aracely Hernandez, Ange Justice
Greeters TBD, TBD
Lectors Mike Wood & Hispanic parishioner
Ushers TBD, Stephanie Usher
Vestry of the Day Ange Justice

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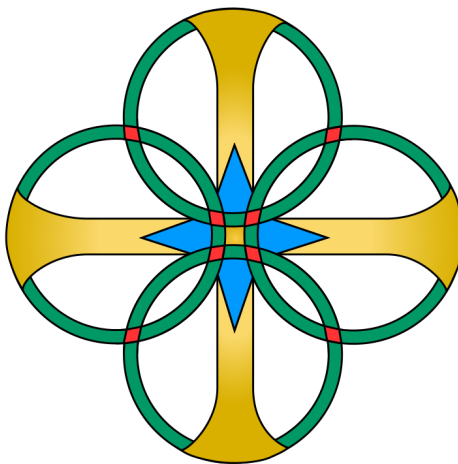
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