



**St. Christopher's  
Episcopal Church**

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## **TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Year C**

**Aug 17, 2025**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Celebrant**  
**Deacon**  
**Family Minister**  
**Music**

**The Rev. Canon Lisa Burns**  
**The Rev. Vicki Knipp**  
**Lyssa Williford, Director**  
**Ann Vail, Director of Music**  
**Nikki Birdsong, Piano**  
**John Cotten, Guitar**  
**St. Christopher's Choir**

## Visitors

**Welcome!** We are so glad you've joined us for worship today. If you would like more information about getting connected at St. Christopher's, we invite you to fill out a **Connect** card, or contact our office. **Childcare** is available for Formation and Worship.

## Restrooms (non-gendered)

In the Church, a restroom is located near the Nursery. Two restrooms are located to the right as you enter the Parish Hall.

## Fellowship

Please join us immediately following the service for conversation and treats in the Parish Hall.



Phones are welcome, **please silence**. We hope you will share your visit with friends.

## Ways to Give

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**Acolyte**  
Lily

**Altar Guild**  
Carol and Ann

**Bell Ringer**  
Gabbi

**Children's Chapel**  
Lyssa and Renee

**Epistoler**  
Lily

**Eucharistic Minister**  
Cathy

**Fellowship**

**Flowers**  
Ann

**Lector**  
Jayne

**Nursery**  
Athena and Renee

**Ushers**  
Linda and Steve

**Vestry of the Day**  
Chris and Rob

**Sunday** | 9a Nursery | 9a Adult Form. | 10a Children's Form. | 10a Holy Eucharist, Rite II | 11a Fellowship

**Monday** | 9a Morning Prayer **Wednesday** | noon House of Prayer **Friday** | 7p Online Compline

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## Prayer Requests

Please complete a prayer card and drop it in the offering plate, or contact our office by phone, email, or on our website.



## The Connection newsletter

If you would like to be added to the mailing list, please contact the office or scan the QR code with your phone.



# TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## PROPER 15

### Service Music

Found on a large card in the pew rack.

*As the Prelude begins we invite you to you to finish conversations and find a place in the nave to prepare for worship.*

### PRELUDE

Nikki Birdsong, piano and John Cotton, guitar

### WELCOME

*(Please kneel as you are able)*

### A MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

*(Please stand as you are able and join in singing.)*

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Lift Every Voice, # 217

### He's Got the Whole World in His Hand

1 He's got the whole world  
in His hand. 4X

4 He's got the pretty little baby  
in His hand. 4X

2 He's got you and me sister  
in His hand. 4X

5 He's got everybody here  
in His hand. 4X

3 He's got you and me brother  
in His hand. 4X

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### OPENING SENTENCES

Enriching Our Worship, p. 50

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.  
Glory to God for ever and ever.

### COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP, p. 355

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**

*During the singing of the Gloria the children will follow the cross and return at the Peace*

**GLORIA** *(see pew card for music)*

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen. Amen.

*The Celebrant says to the people*

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Enriching Our Worship, p. 52

God our rock and refuge: keep us safe in your care and strengthen us with your grace, that we may pray to you faithfully and love one another boldly, following the example of Jesus, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*(Please be seated for the lessons)*

**THE FIRST LESSON:**

Jeremiah 23:23-29

A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah.

Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back-- those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSE

## Psalm 82

The psalm appointed for today is from Psalm 82, please read responsively by verse.

- 1 God arises in the council of heaven \*  
and gives judgment in the midst of the gods:
- 2 **"How long will you judge unjustly,\*  
and show favor to the wicked?"**
- 3 Save the weak and the orphan; \*  
defend the humble and needy;
- 4 **Rescue the weak and the poor; \*  
deliver them from the power of the wicked.**
- 5 They do not know, neither do they understand; they go about in darkness; \*  
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.
- 6 **Now I say to you, 'You are gods,\*  
and all of you children of the Most High;**
- 7 Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals,\*  
and fall like any leader.""
- 8 **Arise, O God, and rule the earth,\*  
for you shall take all nations for your own.**

## EPISTLE:

## Hebrews 11:29-12:2

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets-- who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented-- of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us,

be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand as you are able and join in singing.)*

## SEQUENCE HYMN

Lift Every Voice, # 205

### Trust and Obey

1 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.

Refrain

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

2 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.  
[Refrain]

## GOSPEL:

Luke 12:49-56

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

### Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus said, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:

father against son  
and son against father,

mother against daughter  
and daughter against mother,

mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law  
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say,

'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

The Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you Lord Christ**

## **SEQUENCE HYMN**

Hymnal Lift Every Voice, # 205

### **Trust and Obey**

5 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.

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

*(Please be seated for the sermon.)*

## **SERMON**

The Rev Canon Lisa Burns

*(Please stand as you are able)*

## **THE NICENE CREED**

Enriching Our Worship, p. 53

*The Deacon says,*

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection, let us proclaim our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

**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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly 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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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.

*(Please kneel or stand as you are able)*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Deacon*

Lord God, you have promised to be near, be with us now and hear and answer our prayers  
as we say, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Lead your church, that we might stand in the light of your glory in all that we do.

We pray for the whole Anglican Communion.

We pray for our church, for Sean our Presiding Bishop, for Andy, Kai, Jeff, Brian, and  
Hector our bishops, and for our whole diocese.

We pray for our parish, for Alyssa our priest; Vicki our deacon, our leaders, and ministers.

Lord in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Open the hearts and minds of those with authority in our lives and fill them with wisdom  
and mercy, that they might always strive only for the greatest good.

Lord in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Guide us and put us to work as laborers for your kingdom, that the world might see your  
glory and live as the people you created them to be.

Lord in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**



Give us courageous and willing hearts to be effective stewards of your Creation, that we might learn to use it sustainably.

Lord in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Push away fear and pain in the lives of those who suffer and bring your healing presence to them.

Lord in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Enfold the dying in your love, give strength to those who mourn, and comfort those who grieve.

Lord in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Silence*

*The Deacon concludes with Intercessions*

*Celebrant*

Heavenly Father, you have shown us your love again and again, cover us with your blessings and mercy as we move through our lives, that we might reflect your love into the world. All this we ask through Christ, our Lord who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives reigns, now and always. **Amen.**

*Deacon*

Let us confess our sins to God.

## **THE CONFESSION OF SIN**

Enriching Our Worship, p. 56

**God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

## **ABSOLUTION**

*The Celebrant stands and says*

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**

## THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

*The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of Jesus Christ.*

*(Please be seated for the announcements)*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY BLESSING

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

#### Shine Jesus Shine

1 Lord, the light of Your love is shining  
In the midst of the darkness, shining  
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us  
Set us free by the truth You now bring us  
Shine on me, shine on me

#### Refrain

Shine, Jesus, shine,  
fill this land with the Father's glory  
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire  
Flow, river, flow,  
flood the nations with grace and mercy  
Send forth Your word, Lord,  
and let there be light

*(Please stand or kneel as you are able)*

*The Celebrant and people sing together.*

### DOXOLOGY *(see pew card for music)*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;

#### Martin

2 Lord, I come to Your awesome presence  
From the shadows into Your radiance  
By the blood, I may enter Your brightness  
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness  
Shine on me, shine on me  
[Refrain]

3 As we gaze on Your kingly brightness  
So our faces display Your likeness  
Ever changing from glory to glory  
Mirrored here, may our lives tell Your story  
Shine on me, shine on me  
[Refrain]

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*(Please remain standing.)*

*The Celebrant continues*

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

*(Please stand or kneel as you are able)*

**SANCTUS** (see pew card for music)

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Celebrant continues*

*(Please stand or kneel as you are able)*

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

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

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER** *(sung)*

arr Betty Pulkingham

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen. Amen.

### **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

We break this bread and drink this cup to share in the Body of Christ.

**We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread and one cup.**

### **FRACTION ANTHEM** *(see pew card for music)*

Lamb of God,  
you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us. 2X

Lamb of God,  
you take away the sins of the world:  
Grant us, grant us peace.

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

## INVITATION

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*Please follow the guidance of the ushers to approach the altar to receive communion. Gluten free wafers are available. If you would prefer you may receive a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest. Please ask an usher if you need communion brought to you.*

*(Please sit or kneel as you prefer after receiving Holy Communion)*

## Communion Praise Song

### I Just Want to Praise You

Arthur Tannous

I just want to praise You,  
Lift my hands and say: "I love You.",  
You are everything to me,  
And I exalt Your holy name on high.

And I exalt Your holy name,  
I exalt Your holy name,  
I exalt Your holy name on high.

## Communion Praise Song

Lift Every Voice, #184

### Blessed Assurance

1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
Born of His spirit, washed in His blood.

Refrain

This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my savior all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my savior all the day long.

2 Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
Angels descending, bring from above  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Refrain

3 Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
I in my savior am happy and blest;  
Watching and waiting, looking above,  
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.  
Refrain

*We are surrounded by so  
great a cloud of witnesses*

Hebrews 12:1

## Communion Praise Song

Thank you, Lord

Jack White

1 Thank you, Lord, thank you, Lord,  
thank you, Lord,  
I just want to thank you, Lord.

2 Been so good, good to me,  
been so good,  
I just want to thank you, Lord.

3 Been my friend, my best friend,  
been my friend  
I just want to thank you, Lord.

4 Saved my soul, Made me whole,  
saved my soul  
I just want to thank you, Lord.

*(Please kneel or stand as you are able)*

## POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Enriching Our Worship, p. 69

Let us pray.

**God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## BLESSING

*(Please stand as you are able and join in singing)*

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

Hymnal 1982, # 344

**Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit**

Refrain

Ev'ry time I feel the spirit,  
moving in my heart, I will pray.  
Ev'ry time I feel the spirit,  
moving in my heart, I will pray.

1 Upon the mountain my Lord spoke,  
out of his mouth came fire and smoke.  
All around me looked so fine,  
asked my Lord if all was mine.

Refrain

2 Jordan river chilly and cold,  
chills the body but not the soul.  
There ain't but one train runs this track,  
runs to heaven and runs right back. Amen.

## DISMISSAL

Alleluia. Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.** Alleluia. Alle

## POSTLUDE

Nikki Birdsong, piano

*Thank you for joining us in worship today.  
Please know that your participation with us has been a blessing*

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## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

*Your help is needed in keeping our Prayer List current. Please send any updates for the Prayer List to the office at [office@stchrisatx.org](mailto:office@stchrisatx.org)*

**Prayers for healing, comfort, and peace** Sally, Mike, Elizabeth, Bob, George, Finn, Hailey, Judy, Ian, Elena, Mary, Mary Beth, Paula, Bobby, Mary, Caroline, Alison, Ward, Mary, MJ, Erin, Robert, Pam, Joe, Bill, Hank, Cheryl, Fraser, Mark, Ray, Gillian, Michael, Rose Mary, Nick, Linda, Nancy, Samuel

**Prayers for God's Protection:** Kenyon, Daniel, Cale, Joshua, Joyce

**Prayers for Expectant Mothers:** , Molly

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Check out this week's Connection for more information.



**SCAN ME**

**Migration with Dignity | Wed, Aug 20, @ 6:30p @ St David's**

Interfaith prayer vigil for refugees, asylum seekers, and other immigrants at St. David's (301 E 8th). Parking is free.

**The Gathering! "Acts of Faith in the American West" | Sat, Aug 23 @ 9:30a**

Meet at the Bullock Museum for a fascinating exhibit, adults \$15, seniors \$11.

**Youth Sunday/Backpack Blessing | Sun, Aug 24 @ 10a**

St. Christopher's kids be leading the service and having backpacks blessed. Please let Lyssa know if your child would like to read, acolyte, or usher.

**Men's Group Football Watch Party | Thu, Sep 4 @ 6:30p**

The Men's group will gather to watch the season opener with the Cowboys vs the Eagles, in the Parish Hall.

**From Altar to Table | Sat, Sep 6 @ 9a-noon; Sep 11, Oct 9, Nov 13 @ 2-3p**

The "From Altar to Table" spiritual direction group bridges Sunday worship with daily life. Contact the office if you wish to participate.

I came to bring fire  
to the earth...

