



**St. Christopher's
Episcopal Church**

SEEK SERVE SHARE

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

**Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Year C
October 26, 2025
10:00 a.m.**

**Celebrant
Deacon
Family Minister
Seminarians
Music**

**The Rev. Alyssa Stebbing
The Rev. Vicki Knipp
Lyssa Williford, Director
Christina Allen and Casey Clough
Ann Vail, Director of Music
Michael Davis, Piano
John Cotten, Guitar
St. Christopher's Choir**

Visitors

Welcome! We are so blessed you've joined us for worship today. Please connect by text, email, phone. **Childcare** is available for Formation and Worship.

Restrooms

Church: near the Nursery. Parish Hall: to the right as you enter.

Fellowship

Follow the crowd after the service for conversation and treats.

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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 enewsletter

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Worship Schedule

Acolyte Christina	Epistoler Lily	Flowers Kathy	Middler Colleen	Vestry of the Day Chris/Jean
Altar Guild Kathy/Ann	Eucharistic Minister Cathy	Godly Play Lyssa and Colleen	Nursery Athena	
Bell Ringer Gabbi	Fellowship Karen/Monica/Linda	Lector Heidi	Ushers Chris/Guy	

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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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST PROPER 27

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

PRELUDE

Michael Davis, piano

WELCOME

(Please kneel as you are able)

A MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Hymnal 1982, # 437

Tell Out My Soul

Tell out, my soul,
the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings
give my spirit voice;
tender to me
the promise of his word;
in God my Savior
shall my heart rejoice.

2 Tell out, my soul,
the greatness of his Name!
Make known his might,
the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure,
from age the same;
his holy Name—the Lord,
the Mighty One.

3 Tell out, my soul,
the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions
lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills
are put to flight,
the hungry fed,
the humble lifted high.

4 Tell out, my soul,
the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise,
and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul,
the greatness of the Lord
to children's children
and for evermore

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING SENTENCES

BCP, p. 355

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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

Hymnal 1982, # S280

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.

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray

COLLECT FOR THE PROPER 27

BCP, p. 235

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.**

(Please be seated for the lessons)

THE FIRST LESSON:

Job 19:23-27a

A reading from the book of Job.

Job said,

"O that my words were written down!

O that they were inscribed in a book!

O that with an iron pen and with lead
they were engraved on a rock forever!

For I know that my Redeemer lives,
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth;

and after my skin has been thus destroyed,
then in my flesh I shall see God,
whom I shall see on my side,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another."

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSE

Psalm 17:1-9

The psalm appointed for today is from Psalm 17, please read responsively by whole verse.

1 Hear my plea of innocence, O LORD; give heed to my cry; *
listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.

2 **Let my vindication come forth from your presence; ***
let your eyes be fixed on justice.

3 Weigh my heart, summon me by night,*
melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.

4 **I give no offense with my mouth as others do; ***
I have heeded the words of your lips.

5 My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your law; *
in your paths my feet shall not stumble.

6 **I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; ***
incline your ear to me and hear my words.

7 Show me your marvelous loving-kindness,*
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand
from those who rise up against them.

8 **Keep me as the apple of your eye;***
hide me under the shadow of your wings,

9 From the wicked who assault me,*
from my deadly enemies who surround me.

EPISTLE:

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. Do you not remember that I told you

these things when I was still with you?

But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN

Hymnal 1982, # 526

Let Saints on Earth in Concert Sing

1 Let saints on earth in concert sing
with those whose work is done;
for all the servants of our King
in heaven and earth are one.

2 One family we dwell in him,
one Church, above, beneath,
though now divided by the stream,
the narrow stream of death.

GOSPEL:

LUKE 20:27-38

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Christ

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus and asked him a question, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her."

Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Christ

SEQUENCE HYMN

Hymnal 1982, # 526

Let Saints on Earth in Concert Sing

3 One army of the living God,
to his command we bow;
part of the host have crossed the flood,
and part are crossing now.

4 E'en now by faith we join our hands
with those that went before,
and greet the ever-living bands
on the eternal shore

(Please be seated for the sermon.)

SERMON

The Rev Alyssa Stebbing

(Please stand as you are able)

THE NICENE CREED

BCP, p. 358

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:
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.**

(Please kneel or stand as you are able)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deacon

How we long to share our deepest concerns with you Lord. Hear us now as we pray, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

The Leader and People pray responsively

God of love, give your universal church the will to see all people as your beloved and the mission to lift up all whom we encounter.

We pray for the whole Anglican Communion.

We pray for own 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, Lyssa, our family minister, our leaders, and ministers.

Lord in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of new beginnings, forgive each one of us for our apathy in the light of the injustice of the world.

Lord in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of mercy, grant to those who serve the needy an endless stream of volunteers, resources, and hope, that all might be provided for and that we might find a place to serve in your name.

Lord in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of justice, give our leaders a sense of true vocation in service to the greater good and bless us with those who are willing to serve with compassion, wisdom, and clarity.

Lord in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of hope, restore to fullness of health those who are ill, injured, or suffering from despair or anxiety. Bring peace to all who suffer.

Lord in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of our birthing, God of our dying, bless all those who depart this world in faith a place with you in your eternal kingdom.

Lord in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Silence

The Deacon concludes with Intercessions

Celebrant

God who hears our prayers and uses us to answer the prayers of others, we ask that you answer these our heartfelt prayers in the way that best serves your purposes. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the holy spirit, one God forever and ever. **Amen.**

Deacon

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

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP, p. 352

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

The peace of the Lord 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

BCP, p. 376

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Petition (1944)

Father as I bend my knee,
my soul comes face to face with Thee!
May others know full well,
both strength and peace
that come to me in quick release.
As my heart cries out to Thee each day.
I know you'll gird me for the fray.
And when war's grim woes and
horrors cease, may we come to
Thee to guide our peace.
[Repeat whole verse]

Willis Ames Holbrook

Good must win 'ere the battle's
won, Master, be Thou with us
when our work is done.

(Please stand or kneel as you are able)

DOXOLOGY

Hymnal 1982, # 380

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

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERING PLATES

God, our Creator, may these gifts honor the work you have given us to do here in this place. May we bless, break, and share these gifts of time, talent, and treasure with our neighbors, sharing our Good News with the world. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

BCP, p. 361

(Please remain standing.)

SURSUM CORDA

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 God 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, but chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us 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:

(Please stand or kneel as you are able)

SANCTUS

Hymnal 1982, # S130

**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)

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.

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 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:

Celebrant and People say together.

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,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP, p. 364

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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.

FRACTION ANTHEM

Hymnal 1982, # S 164

**Jesus, Lamb of God:
Have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world:
Give us your peace.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins:
Have mercy on us.**

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

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.

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 Hymn

Hymnal 1982, # 321

My God, Thy Table Now is Spread

1 My God, thy table now is spread,
thy cup with love doth overflow;
be all thy children thither led,
and let them thy sweet mercies know.

2 O let thy table honored be,
and furnished well with joyful guests;
and may each soul salvation see,
that here its sacred pledges tastes.

3 Drawn by thy quickening grace, O Lord,
in countless number let them come
and gather from their Father's board
the Bread that lives beyond the tomb.

4 Nor let thy spreading Gospel rest
till through the world thy truth has run,
till with this Bread shall all be blessed
who see the light or feel the sun.

Communion Praise Song

The Servant Song

Richard Gillard

1 Will you let me be your servant
Let me be as Christ to you
Pray that I may have the grace
To let you be my servant too

2 We are pilgrims on a journey
Fellow travelers on the road
We are here to help each other
Walk the mile and bear the load

3 I will hold the Christ-light for you
In the nighttime of your fear
I will hold my hand out to you
Speak the peace you long to hear

4 I will weep when you are weeping
When you laugh, I'll laugh with you
I will share your joy and sorrow
Till we've seen this journey through.

5 When we sing to God in heaven
We will find such harmony
Born of all we've known together
Of Christ's love and agony

6 Will you let me be your servant
Let me be as Christ to you
Pray that I may have the grace
To let you be my servant too

Communion Praise Song

God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again

Jeremiah Eames Rankin

1 God be with you till we meet again;
By His counsels guide, uphold you,
With His sheep in love enfold you;
God be with you till we meet again.

2 God be with you till we meet again!
'Neath His wings protecting hide you,
Daily manna still provide you;
God be with you till we meet again!

3 God be with you till we meet again!
When life's perils thick confound you,
Put His arms unfailing round you;
God be with you till we meet again!

4 God be with you till we meet again!
Keep love's banner floating o'er you,
Smite death's threatening wave before you;
God be with you till we meet again!

(Please kneel or stand as you are able)

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.

BLESSING

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

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Hymnal 1982, # 637

Ye Holy Angels Bright

1 Ye holy angels bright,
who wait at God's right hand,
or through the realms of light
fly at your Lord's command,
assist our song,
for else the theme
too high doth seem
for mortal tongue.

2 Ye blessed souls at rest,
who ran this earthly race
and now, from sin released,
behold the Savior's face,
God's praises sound,
as in his sight
with sweet delight
ye do abound.

3 Ye saints, who toil below,
adore your heavenly King,
and onward as ye go
some joyful anthem sing;
take what he gives
and praise him still,
through good or ill,
who ever lives!

4 My soul, bear thou thy part,
triumph in God above:
and with a well-tuned heart
sing thou the songs of love!
Let all thy days
till life shall end,
whate'er he send,
be filled with praise

DISMISSAL

Alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia

POSTLUDE

Michael Davis, 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@stchristophersaustin.org

Prayers for Healing, Comfort, and Peace: Sally, Mike, Elizabeth, Bob, George, Finn, Hailey, Judy, Ian, Elena, Paula, Bobby, Mary, Caroline, Alison, Ward, Mary, MJ, Erin, Robert, Pam, Joe, Hank, Cheryl, Ray, Michael, Nick, Samuel, Wendy, Nicholas, Jean, Nate, Rachel, Khloe, Emily, Jorge, Julie, our friends and family in Jamaica and the Caribbean

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

Prayers for New Birth: Parker

Prayers for Expectant Mothers: Pam

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Personal Finance 101–Basics to Consider | Sun, Nov 16, 12p

We will have a presentation on basic personal finance approaches following the Fellowship hour.

Early Thanksgiving Dinner | Tue, Nov 18 @ 6:30p

Dialogue Institute Austin invites us to a special Interfaith Early Thanksgiving Dinner, an evening to celebrate gratitude, friendship, and shared values across faiths.

Shabbat at Congregation Beth Israel | Fri, Nov 21 @ 6:15p

Join us as we worship with our Jewish cousins at a Shabbat service. We will meet promptly at 6:15p. Transportation is available. Please contact Lyssa b

Stewardship Ingathering and Potluck Meal | Sun, Nov 23

Please bring your completed pledge card if you have not already returned it. On In-gathering Sunday, we offer our annual pledge cards during worship as a symbol of our ongoing support of this parish and gratitude to God. Please prayerfully consider the gift you wish to make. Following the service, join us for our annual Thanksgiving meal. Main course will be provided and you are asked to bring a side dish and let us know on the signup sheet in the Parish Hall.





Who comes up with
these questions?