

Christ Church Anglican

25th Sunday After Pentecost

November 15th, 2026

Servants of the Week

	November 15	November 22
Officiant / Leader	Rita Schoeps	Fr. Ben Edstrom
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Altar Guild	Judy Conlan	Judy Conlan
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Ushers	Karen Marinos	Ernie Weems
	Judy Conlan	Ron Kautzman
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	Sally Kelly	Vicky Dean
Music	Shelly Clark	
Order of Worship	Daniel Groth	
Sound & Video	Charlie & Jim	Charlie & Jim

A Note About Liturgical Worship

Liturgy means the work of the people. Its purpose is to engage people in active participation in drawing near to God. An analogy that helps us understand why we follow a liturgical form of worship is that of a trail leading up to a mountain vista. We follow the trail not only to arrive at a particular destination, but we enjoy the journey en route! We enjoy the sounds of rushing streams and singing birds, the smell of the forest and fresh earth, the beauty of the sunlight and the changing scenery. In a similar way in our journey to the vista of the adoration of Jesus Christ, we pass through prayers that point and direct us to His character, the songs that enliven our heart with images of His glory, the Word of God that proclaims His truth, and the communion that draws us to His heart. Would you journey with us today through the landscape of the Lord's goodness?

MORNING PRAYER

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Before service we will enter a time of reflective quiet as we ready our hearts for the Lord.

All stand

PROCESSIONAL

"Rise Up Ye Saints of God"

Rise up, ye saints of God!
Have done with lesser things,
Give heart and soul and mind and strength
To serve the King of kings.

Rise up, ye saints of God!
The church for you doth wait,
Her strength unequal to her task,
Rise up and make her great!

Rise up, ye saints of God!
His kingdom tarries long:
Lord, bring the day of truth and love
And end the night of wrong.

Lift high the cross of Christ!
Tread where His feet have trod;
And quickened by the Spirit's power,
Rise up, ye saints of God!

William Pierson Merrill (1867-1954)

Officiant

O send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill, and to your dwelling. *Psalm 43:3*

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

All prayerfully sit or kneel. Officiant says to the People

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Silence is kept as we pause for reflection

Officiant and People say

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the deceits and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and apart from your grace, there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare all those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord; And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

Officiant prays

Grant your faithful people, merciful Lord, pardon and peace; that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And with your spirit.

Officiant and People greet one another in the name of the Lord

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All stand

PRAISE MUSIC

"Here For You"

Let our praise be Your welcome
Let our songs be a sign
We are here for You, we are here for You
Let Your breath come from heaven
Fill our hearts with Your life
We are here for You, we are here for You

Chorus
To You our hearts are open
Nothing here is hidden
You are our one desire
You alone are holy
Only You are worthy
God let Your fire fall down

Let our shout be Your anthem
Your renown fill the sky
We are here for You, we are here for You
Let Your Word move in power
Let what's dead come to life
We are here for You, we are here for You ***[Chorus]***

Bridge
We welcome You with praise
We welcome You with praise
Almighty God of love
Be welcome in this place ***[Repeat]***

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Let ev'ry heart adore
Let ev'ry soul awake
Almighty God of love
Be welcome in this place
We welcome You with praise
We welcome You with praise
Almighty God of love
Be welcome in this place

Jesse Reeves, Matt Maher, Matt Redman, Tim Wanstall CCLI Song # 5925649

"Here I Am to Worship"

Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

Chorus

So here I am to worship, here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

King of all days, oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came to the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor ***[Chorus]***

Bridge

And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross ***[Chorus]***

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THE INVITATORY

Officiant and the People remain standing

O Lord, open our lips;

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

O God, make speed to save us;

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Spirit;

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

Praise the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

Officiant **ANTIPHON**

Alleluia. The mercy of the Lord is everlasting:

O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.

Officiant and People say **JUBILATE**

**O be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness,
and come before his presence with a song.
Be assured that the Lord, he is God; *
it is he that has made us, and not we ourselves;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and
into his courts with praise; *
be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.
For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting, *
and his truth endures from generation to generation.**

Be Joyful – Psalm 100

PSALM 90:1-12

1 Lord, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another.
2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or the earth and the world were made, *
you are God from everlasting, and world without end.
3 You turn man back to the dust; *
you say, “Return, O children of men.”
4 For a thousand years in your sight are as yesterday, *
even as a day that is past.
5 You scatter them as a night-watch that comes quickly to an end; *
they are even as a dream and fade away.
6 They are like the grass, which in the morning is green, *
but in the evening is dried up and withered.
7 For we consume away in your displeasure *
and are afraid at your wrathful indignation.
8 You have set our misdeeds before you, *
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
9 For when you are angry, all our days are gone; *
we bring our years to an end, as a tale that is told.
10 The days of our life are seventy years, and though some be so strong that they come to eighty years, *
yet is their span but labor and sorrow; so soon it passes away, and we are gone.
11 But who regards the power of your wrath, *
and who considers the fierceness of your anger?
12 So teach us to number our days, *
that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

First Lesson

A reading from 1 Thessalonians 5:1-10 *(Page 987)*

After the reading the Reader says:

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

All stand

Canticle

"It Is Well With My Soul"

When peace like a river attendeth my way
When sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot Thou hast taught me to say
It is well, it is well with my soul

Chorus
It is well__ with my soul
It is well, it is well with my soul

Tho' Satan should buffet, tho' trials should come
Let this blest assurance control
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate
And hath shed His own blood for my soul ***[Chorus]***

My sin O the bliss of this glorious tho't
My sin not in part but the whole
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord O my soul ***[Chorus]***

And Lord haste the day when the faith shall be sight
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend
Even so it is well with my soul ***[Chorus]***

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SECOND LESSON

A reading from Matthew 25:14-30 *(Page 830)*

After the reading the Reader says:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

All stand

CANTICLE

"How Wondrous and Great"

How wondrous and great
Thy works, God of praise!
How just, King of saints,
And true to thy ways!
O who shall not fear thee,
And honor thy Name?
Thou only, art holy,
Thou only, supreme.

To nations of earth
Thy light shall be shown;
Their worship and vows
Shall come to thy throne:
Thy truth and thy judgments
Shall spread all abroad,
Till earth's every people
Confess thee their God.

Words: Henry Ustick Onderdonk (1759-1858)
Music: Lyons, Johann Michael Haydn (1737-1806)

Remain standing as Officiant introduces Sharer
Officiant and People bless Sharer, then sit

SHARING – WILL CHEMAN

All stand **THE APOSTLE'S CREED**

Officiant and People together

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Officiant continues **THE OFFERTORY**

They shall not appear before the Lord empty-handed. Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God that he has given you. *Deuteronomy 16:16-17*

All stand **OFFERTORY SONG**

"My Worth Is Not In What I Own"

My worth is not in what I own
Not in the strength of flesh and bone
But in the costly wounds of love at the cross

My worth is not in skill or name
In win or lose, in pride or shame
But in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross

Chorus
I rejoice in my Redeemer
Greatest treasure,
Wellspring of my soul
I will trust in Him no other
My soul is satisfied in Him alone

As summer flowers, we fade and die
Fame, youth and beauty hurry by
But life eternal calls to us at the cross

I will not boast in wealth or might
Or human wisdom's fleeting light
But I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross ***[Chorus]***

Two wonders here that I confess
My worth and my unworthiness
My value fixed, my ransom paid at the cross

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Remain standing

THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost Amen.

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Remain standing

THE PRAYERS

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Officiant and People together pray

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.

Prayerfully sit or kneel

SUFFRAGES

O Lord, show your mercy upon us;
And grant us your salvation.

O Lord, guide those who govern us;
And lead us in the way of justice and truth.

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
And let your people sing with joy.

O Lord, save your people;
And bless your inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord;
And defend us by your mighty power.

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Create in us clean hearts, O God;
And take not your Holy Spirit from us.

Officiant

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people, that bringing forth in abundance the fruit of good works, they may be abundantly rewarded when our Savior Jesus Christ comes to restore all things; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Strength

To Await Christ's Return

O God our King, by the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ on the first day of the week, you conquered sin, put death to flight, and gave us the hope of everlasting life: Redeem all our days by this victory; forgive our sins, banish our fears, make us bold to praise you and to do your will; and steel us to wait for the consummation of your kingdom on the last great Day; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Mission

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

A Prayer for the Selection of a Minister

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a priest for this parish that we may receive a faithful pastor who will preach the Gospel, care for your people, equip us for ministry, and lead us forth in fulfillment of the Great Commission; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Officiant may invite the People to offer intercessions and thanksgivings, either silently or aloud

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Officiant and People say together

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A PRAYER OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Officiant continues

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time, with one accord to make our common supplications to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will grant their requests: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

CONCLUDING SCRIPTURE

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus forever and ever. **Amen.** *Ephesians 3:20-21*

MILESTONES

All stand

RECESSIONAL

"Revelation Song"

Worthy is the_ Lamb, Who was slain,
Holy, holy is He.
Sing a new song, to Him Who sits on
Heaven's mercy seat

Chorus
Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty,
Who was and is, and is to come!
With all creation I sing, praise to the King of kings,
You are my ev'rything, and I will adore You.

Clothed in rainbows_ of living color,
Flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder.
Bless-ing and honor, strength and
Glory_ and power be, to You the only wise King. ***[Chorus]***

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder,
At the mention of Your name.
Jesus, Your name is power, breath and living water,
Such a marvelous mystery. ***[Chorus]***

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Officiant continues

DISMISSAL

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

The Parable of the Talents

Andrey Mironov
(2013)

"The bags of gold represent all the opportunities God gives people to serve Him, including their wealth, reputation, abilities, and learning. This parable warns believers to diligently take everything God has given and invest it for His glory as they await Christ's second coming. A common theme in these parables is the idea that a long time elapses between the beginning of the story and its consummation. Jesus seems to imply that there will be a lengthy period between His first and second comings. But, no one should think that His delay means He is not coming at all. Faithful servants, regardless of the bounty entrusted to them, use what they have been given to extend their master's influence. The rewards God gives for such faithful service are abundant, out of all proportion to the tasks accomplished. Those who see God as a hard taskmaster never discover the joyful, biblical meaning of the fear (loving reverence) of the Lord. Because they live only in fear, they never multiply the gifts God gives them. This parable teaches the truth that Jesus' followers are duty-bound to work to expand His kingdom in His absence, no matter how long the wait for His return."
(The Jeremiah Study Bible)

"High level slaves often served as managers for household estate, so entrusting wealth to them was not unusual (v. 14)."

"'Put his master's money to work.' People often buried money (in contrast to v. 16-18) in a strongbox to keep it safe, but it would have been safe with the bankers and also increased (v. 16)."

"'Put you in charge of many things (v. 21).' Slaves could be rewarded. Roma law allowed slaves not only to manage estates, but also to earn and hold money and receive bonuses. Some imperial freedmen even wielded more power than many aristocrats."

"'You are a hard man (v. 24).' In a manner that would have shocked ancient audiences, the servant insults the master, essentially blaming his master's harsh character for his own failure to increase his master's investment."
(The Cultural Backgrounds Study Bible)