



CHRIST CHURCH ANGLICAN

20th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 11th, 2026

SERVANTS OF THE WEEK

	OCTOBER 11	OCTOBER 18
Officiant / Leader	Dcn. Nan Joyce	Fr. Jerry
Sharer	John Nordhagen	Fr. Jerry
Altar Guild	Vicky Dean	Vicky Dean
	Fritz Calkins	Fritz Calkins
Chalice Bearer	Doug Rotondi	Fritz Calkins
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Ushers	Allan Miller	Judy Conlan
	Ernie Weems	Jon Dean
Sunday School	Cynthia Weems	Cynthia Weems
	Vicky Dean	Sally Kelly
Music	Daniel Groth	Daniel Groth
Order of Worship	Daniel Groth	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?

HOLY COMMUNION

UNDER SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

October 11th, 2026



“The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.”
Psalm 23:1 KJV

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

All stand

PROCESSIONAL

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

The King of love my shepherd is
Whose goodness fails me never
I nothing lack if I am His
And He is mine forever

Where streams of living water flow
My ransomed soul He's leading
And where the verdant pastures grow
With food celestial feeding

Confused and foolish oft I strayed
But yet in love He sought me
And on His shoulder gently laid
And home rejoicing brought me

And so through all the length of days
Your goodness fails me never
Good Shepherd may I sing Your praise
Within Your house forever

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THE ACCLAMATION

The People standing, The Deacon says

Blessed be God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Deacon and the People pray

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.

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

The Deacon then reads the Summary of the Law

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 22:37-40

THE KYRIE

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SIN

The Deacon says the following

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Silence

The Deacon and People kneel as able and pray

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.

The Deacon says

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.

The Deacon and People greet one another in the name of the Lord

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All stand

PRAISE MUSIC

“Great Things”

Come let us worship our King
Come let us bow at His feet
He has done great things
See what our Savior has done
See how His love overcomes
He has done great things, He has done great things

Chorus

O Hero of Heaven You conquered the grave
You free every captive and break every chain
O God You have done great things
We dance in Your freedom awake and alive
O Jesus our Savior Your name lifted high
O God You have done great things

You've been faithful through every storm
You'll be faithful forevermore
You have done great things
And I know You will do it again
For Your promise is yes and amen
You will do great things, God You do great things ***[Chorus]***

Bridge

Hallelujah God above it all, hallelujah God unshakable
Hallelujah You have done great things ***[Repeat]***

You've done great things

Ending

You have done great things
O God You do great things

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"Our God"

Water You turned into wine
Opened the eyes of the blind.
There's no one like You,
None like You.

Into the darkness You shine;
Out of the ashes we rise;
There's no one like You,
None like You.

Chorus

**Our God is greater,
Our God is stronger;
God, You are higher than any other;
Our God is healer,
Awesome in power,
Our God, our God. [Return to Verse]**

Bridge

And if our God is for us
Then who could ever stop us?
And if our God is with us
Then what could stand against?
And if our God is for us
Then who could ever stop us?
And if our God is with us
Then what could stand against? **[Repeat]**
Then what could stand against? **[Chorus]**

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Deacon says to the People

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Let us pray.

The Deacon prays the Collect.

O God, our refuge and strength, true source of all godliness: Graciously hear the devout prayers of your Church, and grant that those things which we ask faithfully, we may obtain effectually; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

OLD TESTAMENT

A Reading from Isaiah 25:1-9 *(Page 586)*

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23

- ¹ The LORD is my shepherd; *
therefore I can lack nothing.
- ² He shall feed me in green pastures *
and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.
- ³ He shall refresh my soul *
and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness for
his Name's sake.

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- ⁴ Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, *
for you are with me; your rod and your staff
comfort me.
- ⁵ You shall prepare a table before me, in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.
- ⁶ Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

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.

NEW TESTAMENT

A Reading from Philippians 4:4-13 (Page 982)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN

All stand.

“Death Was Arrested”

Alone in my sorrow and dead in my sin
Lost without hope with no place to begin
Your love made a way to let mercy come in
When death was arrested and my life began

Ash was redeemed only beauty remains
My orphan heart was given a name
My mourning grew quiet my feet rose to dance
When death was arrested and my life began

Chorus

**Oh Your grace so free washes over me
You have made me new, now life begins with You
It's Your endless love pouring down on us
You have made us new, now life begins with You**

THE GOSPEL

All standing, the Deacon reads the Gospel, first saying

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
St. Matthew 22:1-14 (Page 827)**

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN CONCLUDES

**Released from my chains I'm a pris'ner no more
My shame was a ransom He faithfully bore
He cancelled my debt and He called me His friend
When death was arrested and my life began**

**Our Savior displayed on a criminal's cross
Darkness rejoiced as though Heaven had lost
But then Jesus arose with our freedom in hand
That's when death was arrested and my life began**

Chorus

**Oh Your grace so free washes over me
You have made me new, now life begins with You
It's Your endless love pouring down on us
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THE SHARING

JOHN NORDHAGEN

All stand

THE NICENE CREED

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

The Deacon and People Standing

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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 from the Holy Spirit and 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, 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Please add your vocal petitions at the free intercession **

The person appointed says

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, “hear our prayer.”

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

For Archbishop Stephen Wood and his wife Jacqueline, Bishop Phil and Julie, Suffragan Bishop Mark and Cindy, Deacon Nan and Charlie, The Helena Church Plant with Fr. Brian and Jen, and for all the clergy, congregations and people of our diocese.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; for the Diocese of Pittsburgh, and for all who teach and disciple others.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

For our nation, for those in authority and for all in public service; especially Donald our president, Greg our governor, members of congress, and those who serve in the courts.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection, in thanksgiving let us pray.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Together

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.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

**At this time additional prayers may be added, either silently or aloud.*

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

The Deacon concludes with the following prayer

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

The Deacon may then say the following sentences, first saying

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. *Matthew 11:28*

THE OFFERTORY

The People stand while the offerings are presented. The Deacon says

How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? *Romans 10:14-15*

OFFERTORY SONG

“Divine Romance”

The fullness of
Your grace is here with me;
The richness of
Your beauty's all I see;
The brightness of
Your glory has arrived;
In Your presence, God,
I'm completely satisfied.

Chorus

**For You, I sing, I dance
I rejoice in this divine romance;
Lift my heart,
And__ my__ hands
To show my love, to show my love.**

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A deep, deep flood;
An ocean flows from You,
Of deep, deep love,
It's filling up the room.
Your innocent blood
Has washed my guilty life;
In Your presence, God,
I'm completely satisfied.

Chorus

**For You,
I sing, I dance
I rejoice in this divine romance;
Lift my heart,
And__ my__ hands
To show my love...**

**For You,
I sing, I dance
I rejoice in this divine romance;
Lift my heart,
And__ my__ hands
To show my love**

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THE DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow.
Praise Him all crea-tures here be-low.
Praise Him above, ye heavn'ly hosts,
Praise Father, Son and Ho-ly Ghost. Amen.**

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The People remain standing. The Deacon, from their place in the chancel says
Brothers and sisters, in the Gospel of Saint Luke we hear: At supper with his disciples on the night he was betrayed Jesus took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, 'Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.' Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, 'This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

Today, we receive the consecrated body and blood of Jesus Christ, so that we might dwell in him and he in us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Deacon

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

The Deacon and People pray together

**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 PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

The Deacon and People together may say

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord, whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

THE AGNUS DEI

“Lamb of God”

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world,
Have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world,
Have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world,
Grant us peace.

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THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

All who are baptized and followers of the Lord Jesus are welcome at His table. Gluten free is available please ask. Healing teams are available to pray with you during Holy Eucharist, in the back of the church.

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION HYMN

“How He Loves”

He is jealous for me loves like a hurricane
I am a tree bending beneath
The weight of His wind and mercy
When all of a sudden I am unaware of
These afflictions eclipsed by glory
I realize just how beautiful You are
And how great Your affections are for me

Pre-Chorus

Oh_ how He loves us so
Oh_ how He loves us,
How He loves us so ***[Interlude] [Verse 1]***

Chorus

He loves us, oh how He loves us
Oh how He loves us, oh how He loves *[Repeat]*

We are His portion and He is our prize
Drawn to redemption by the grace in His eyes
If grace is an ocean we're all sinking
So Heaven meets earth like a sloppy wet kiss
And my heart turns violently inside of my chest
I don't have time to maintain these regrets
When I think about the way that ***[Chorus]***

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THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Deacon says

Let us pray.

The Deacon and People together

Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal Kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

CONCLUDING SCRIPTURE

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.

Amen.

2 Corinthians 13:14

MILESTONES & CLERGY BLESSING

All stand

THE RECESSIONAL

“I Will Praise Him Still”

When the morning falls on the farthest hill
I will sing His name,
I will praise Him still

When dark trials come and my heart is filled
With the weight of doubt,
I will praise Him still

Chorus

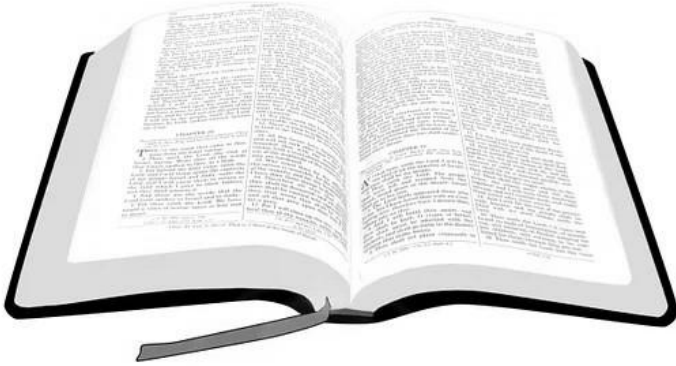
**For the Lord our God
He is strong to save
From the arms of death
From the deepest grave**

And He gave us life in His perfect will
And by His good grace
I will praise Him still

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THE DISMISSAL

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



*"Your word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light upon my path."*

Psalm 119:105

THE WEDDING FEAST

Pieter Brueghel the Younger
(1564-1638)

"A wedding banquet could go on for days with much food and merriment. An invitation from the king would be considered both an honor and a command, but the citizens of this country at first refused the invitation, even though the king had described the many pleasures of the feast.

"Some invited guests not only ignored or scorned the king's invitation but also reacted violently against his messengers. The king reacted as ancient rulers often did, he sent his troops to destroy those murderers. To treat the king's messengers with contempt was to treat the king himself with contempt.

"The invitation to the wedding feast was given to everyone - bad as well as... good - because the original invitees had refused the invitation. This detail indicates that the Gentiles were now being offered salvation because the Jews had rejected the gospel.

"Even though the final invitation to the celebration was broadcast indiscriminately, guests still had to meet certain conditions to participate in the feast, including wearing wedding clothes which were probably given to guests by the king himself. When the king found a man without such clothing, the man was summarily tied up and thrown out of the palace.

"For the priests and teachers of the law, the message is that the call of the gospel went out to the whole world, but to the Jewish people first. Relatively few accepted the Lord's invitation to eternal life, so the invitation was extended to Gentiles as well. To participate in the great feast of God, one must not only be invited but also put on the king's wedding clothes-the righteousness of Christ, accepted by grace through faith. Those without such a garment, although invited, reveal that they were not chosen." *(The Jeremiah Study Bible)*

I always have enjoyed the work of Brueghel, an artist from the Netherlands. He captured life as it was in his own time and I'm sure these illustrations helped those who could not read the bible to understand the parable.