

# THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

(PROPER 19)

SUNDAY ♦ SEPTEMBER 13, 2020 ♦ 9:45 AM



CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
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**WELCOME! AND THANK YOU FOR JOINING US FROM YOUR HOME FOR TODAY'S SERVICE!**

**WHILE WE ARE NOT ABLE TO PHYSICALLY COME TOGETHER TODAY FOR WORSHIP, WE APPRECIATE YOUR SPIRITUAL PRESENCE AND PARTICIPATION IN THIS SERVICE.**

**WE THEREFORE INVITE YOU TO REPLICATE MANY OF THE SAME PRACTICES THAT YOU WOULD NORMALLY DO IN A SUNDAY WORSHIP. FOR EXAMPLE, WE INVITE YOU TO SPEND SOME TIME IN QUIET PRAYER TO PLACE YOURSELF BEFORE THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD BEFORE THE SERVICE BEGINS.**

**DURING THE SERVICE, WE INVITE YOU TO PERFORM THE SAME GESTURES THAT YOU WOULD NORMALLY DO IN CHURCH (SIGN OF THE CROSS, BOWING, ETC.).**

**ALSO, IN THOSE PLACES IN THE SERVICE WHERE THE PEOPLE WOULD NORMALLY SAY A PRAYER (SUCH AS, THE COLLECT OF WELCOMING) OR RESPONSE (SUCH AS, "AND ALSO WITH YOU"), PLEASE SAY IT ALOUD.**

**YOUR PHONE IS MUTED BUT OUR VOICES WILL RISE TOGETHER IN AFFIRMING OUR FAITH. THANK YOU.**

### **TODAY'S MINISTERS**

**CALL HOST:** Joanne Gwin

**PRIEST:** The Rev. Ryan Paetzold

**DEACON:** The Rev. Ted Foley

**MUSIC DIRECTOR:** Polly Moore

**ORGAN/PIANO:** Andrew Van Buskirk

**CHOIR PARTICIPANTS:** John Columbus, David Corbitt, John Jowett, Rich Moore,  
Cathy O'Neill, Helene Phillips

**LECTOR:** Caroline Saunders

**INTERCESSOR:** Suzanne Schleck

## PRELUDE

*What Wondrous Love Is This*  
(from *The Southern Harmony*)

Folk melody, arr. James Christopher

## OPENING HYMN

*Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

Hymnal 410

*1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet thy tribute bring.  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the everlasting King!*

*2. Praise him for his grace and favor to his people in distress.  
Praise him, still the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Glorious in his faithfulness!*

*3. Fatherlike he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows.  
In his hand he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Widely yet his mercy flows!*

*4. Angels, help us to adore him; ye behold him face to face.  
Sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace!*

## THE WORD OF GOD

*The people standing, as able, the Priest says*

*Priest* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

*Priest* 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.

*People* Amen

*The following is read by the Lector; said by all*

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

*All* 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 COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Priest* Let us pray. O God, because without you we are not able to please you mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*The following is read by the Intercessor; said by all*

## **UBE SUNDAY COLLECT**

*All* Almighty and everlasting God, we thank you for your servant Alexander Crummell, whom you called to preach the Gospel to those who were far off and to those who were near. We thank you for his faithfulness though gravely oppressed by racism. We also thank you for empowering his courageous and prophetic witness for racial justice; and against spiritual wickedness in high places within the Church and the world. Raise up, O Lord, in this and every land, evangelists and heralds of your kingdom. May the Union of Black Episcopalians and the larger Church proclaim justice and all the unsearchable riches of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*The following is read by the Intercessor; said by all*

## **THE COLLECT OF WELCOMING**

*All* Almighty and gracious God, we are your church, serving your mission. Lead us forth beyond our walls to seek out all people in our community, to invite and love them as Jesus would. Empower us to welcome to Christ Church all who are hurting or in need, all who are searching for you or for answers to life. Open our eyes to recognize each person as an individual sent by you who will enrich our lives. Transform us all into disciples of Christ. We ask this in the name of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

*The following is read by the Lector; said by all*

## **PRAYER FOR THE SELECTION OF A RECTOR**

*All* Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for Christ Church that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The people sit as the lessons are read.*

## **THE FIRST READING**

*Exodus 14:19-31*

A Reading from the book of Exodus.

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt." Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers."

So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses. The Word of the Lord.

*People Thanks be to God.*

*The following is read by the Deacon; said by all*

## **PSALM 114**

- 1 Hallelujah! When Israel came out of Egypt,  
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,
- 2 Judah became God's sanctuary  
and Israel his dominion.
- 3 The sea beheld it and fled;  
Jordan turned and went back.
- 4 The mountains skipped like rams,  
and the little hills like young sheep.
- 5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled?  
O Jordan, that you turned back?
- 6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams?  
you little hills like young sheep?
- 7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord,  
at the presence of the God of Jacob,
- 8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water  
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

## **THE SECOND READING**

*Romans 14:1-12*

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Church in Rome.

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God. The Word of the Lord.

*People Thanks be to God.*

*Please stand as able and face the Gospeler.*

## **THE HOLY GOSPEL**

*Matthew 18:21-35*

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*People* *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

*Deacon* Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.” The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

*Please be seated.*

## **REFLECTION**

The Rev. Ryan Paetzold

## **HYMN**

*Come Now, My Sheep*

Carmen Scialla

*Come now, my sheep, and follow me. I am your Shepherd, follow me.  
Come, let me take you to greener pastures, where you may graze for ever.*

*Refrain:*

*Come now, my sheep, and follow me. Look to my staff and follow me.  
Meadows and valleys golden with sunlight peacefully await.*

*1. If you should stray and fall behind, I will come find your way.  
Follow me near, and I will guide you safely in the path of love.*

*Refrain*

*2. Fear not my sheep, I am at hand, therefore you shall not fall.  
I will be there with Rod and Staff to comfort you in your despair.*

*Refrain*

*3. Come now, my flock, my gentle fold, each one of you I'll hold.  
Come walk with me, and I will lead you home to God eternally.*

*Refrain*

*Come now, my sheep, and follow me. Look to my staff and follow me.  
Come, let me take you to greener pastures, where you may graze for ever.  
Come now, my sheep, and follow me. Look to my staff and follow me.  
Meadows and valleys golden with sunlight peacefully await.*

*All stand, as able, as the Priest says the following*

## **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.

*\* "catholic" here means the universal Church across time and place*

*The "people" is read by the Lector*

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Deacon* Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

*Leader* As our God continues to reveal his power in our lives, let us pray to God saying, God of love, hear our prayer.

God of power, may your Spirit give strength to all your people as they work and witness in your world. God of love,

*People* *Hear our prayer.*

*Leader* God of peace, we pray for peace and goodwill among all nations, an ending to all strife and discord. We pray for all the leaders of the world. God of love,

*People* *Hear our prayer.*

*Leader* God of mercy, we ask your mercy for all who are hungry, thirsty, homeless, oppressed, in prison, or in any kind of trouble. God of love,

*People* *Hear our prayer.*

*Leader* God of Creation, we thank you for the abundance and beauty of our planet earth. Grant us the wisdom, ability, and will to care for its resources and creatures wisely. God of love,

*People* *Hear our prayer.*

*Leader* God of grace, we give you thanks for the many blessings in our lives, especially for the Ordination of The Rev. Thomas Szczerba and for those blessings we now name...And for all blessings. God of love,  
*People* *Hear our prayer.*

*Leader* God of Healing, we pray for those affected by natural and man-made disasters; for those who are sick and suffering; we pray for a quick end to this pandemic and for those with and exposed to the virus; for medical professionals, first responders, and emergency workers; for those who have lost their jobs or suffered financial loss; for those serving our country; for those listed on our parish prayer list especially Gary Struncius, Justine Burmeister, Ron Smithies, Tara & family, Erin Dallas, and for those we name at this time ..... God of love,  
*People* *Hear our prayer.*

*Leader* God of life, we pray for those who have died from the COVID-19 virus, for those who died serving our country, for all who have died in the hope of rising again, and for those we name at this time ..... God of love,  
*People* *Hear our prayer.*

*Leader* We pray for all teachers, parents and students during this new and very different school year. God of love,  
*People* *Hear our prayer.*

*Priest* Look with pity, O heavenly Father, upon the people in this land who live with injustice, terror, disease, and death as their constant companions. Have mercy upon us. Help us to eliminate our cruelty to these our neighbors. Strengthen those who spend their lives establishing equal protection of the law and equal opportunities for all. And grant that every one of us may enjoy a fair portion of the riches of this land; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.* (BCP 826)

*The Priest may add a closing collect.*

*The people kneel, as able*

**THE CONFESSION .**

*Deacon* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All* 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.

*Priest* 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.*

*Please listen to the following prayer read by the Deacon*

### **PRAYER IN TIME OF PANDEMIC**

Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages “curing every disease and illness.” At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care.

Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another.

Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders.

Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow.

Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace.

Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace.

Be with all essential workers. Be with all emergency responders, law enforcement, and medical professionals who seek to help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.

Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of all people, particularly those who are poor and most vulnerable. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth.

Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace.

*Adapted from prayer written by Kerry Weber, America Magazine*

*The following is read by the Priest; said by all*

### **THE LORD’S PRAYER**

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 forever. Amen.

*\*We use the modern translation of Lord's Prayer because it is closer to the Greek original text; particularly for the verse, Save us from the time of trial"since God does not deliberately lead us into temptation.*

### **SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER**

*A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.*

*The Priest invites the following prayer to be said by all:*

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving as I proclaim your resurrection. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

*The ministries of Christ Church “thank you” for your continued giving during these times of uncertainty. Your generous donations and pledges keep Christ Church moving forward. Please continue to mail to Christ Episcopal Church (415 Washington St. Toms River, NJ 08753) or set up with your individual bank, a bill pay, to be directly submitted to Christ Church. Please contact the Church Office via phone or email with any questions or concerns.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Please also read “Parish News” beginning on page 11 of this bulletin for additional information and news.*

## **THE BLESSING**

*The Priest blesses the people*

## **CLOSING HYMN**

*Go Forth for God; Go Forth to the World in Peace*

Hymnal 347, vs. 1,2,4

*Go forth for God; go forth to the world in peace;  
Be of good courage, armed with heavenly grace,  
In God's good Spirit daily to increase,  
Till in his kingdom we behold his face.*

*Go forth for God; go forth to the world in love;  
Strengthen the faint, give courage to the weak,  
Help the afflicted; richly from above  
His love supplies the grace and power we seek.*

*Go forth for God; go to the world in joy,  
To serve God's people every day and hour,  
And serving Christ, his every gift employ,  
Rejoicing in the Holy Spirit's power.*

## **THE DISMISSAL**

*The Deacon dismisses the people*

*Deacon* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia

## **POSTLUDE**

*Postlude*

(from "Celebrate Life")

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# PARISH NEWS

(Titles in Red indicate a New or Updated Item)

**THE FEAST OF ALEXANDER CRUMMELL AND UBE SUNDAY SEPT. 13:** On September 10, The Episcopal Church celebrates the life and legacy of a notable saint: the Reverend Alexander Crummell. This day is also designated as Union of Black Episcopalians (UBE) Sunday, to commemorate the racial justice ministry of this organization which was an outgrowth of Crummell's advocacy.

Episcopalian priest, missionary, and educator, Alexander Crummell was founder of the American Negro Academy in 1897, America's first major black scholarly society. As a religious leader and an intellectual, he advocated for educational opportunities and leadership among young black Americans.

Born in New York City in 1819, the grandson of a West African chief and the son of a free mother, Crummell attended the Quaker-operated New York African School as a young man. Among his classmates were other future black leaders: Henry Highland Garnet, Ira Aldridge, and Samuel Ringgold Ward.

Due to his race, Crummell was denied entrance to General Theological Seminary. Despite this setback, he went on to receive his theological education in the Diocese of Massachusetts. In 1842 he was ordained to the diaconate and two years later to the priesthood by the Bishop of Delaware.

Consider making a special donation to UBE by visiting [www.ube.org/donate](http://www.ube.org/donate). UBE continues Crummell's work of overcoming racism in society and in the church. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

**THANK YOU FR. RYAN FOR BEING TODAY'S PRIEST!** "Rev. Paetzold is a passionate social justice advocate and public theologian who has been a featured speaker at multiple events on issues of healthcare and immigration justice. Rev. Ryan Paetzold lives in Marlton, NJ with his art-educator wife, Katie, and son, Asher; their rather feisty, yet adorable cockatoo, Peach; as well as two very energetic Pomsky puppy sisters - Yuki and Nutmeg. Rev. Paetzold has led two nonprofit organizations, and has been a featured speaker at multiple events on social issues, including events on healthcare and immigration justice. He is pleased to be worshiping virtually with Christ Church this morning."



## **YOU ARE INVITED TO A BARBEQUE ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13:**

Dear Christ Church Parishioners & Friends, Imam Rasheed (Interfaith Clergy Association Member) called me with an invitation for anyone in our congregation to attend a barbeque from 1:30 PM until about 6 PM. (Imam Rasheed assures me that everyone will be practicing social distancing.) The barbeque is being held behind the Islamic Center of Ocean County located at 2116 Whitesville Rd, Toms River, NJ 08755. Feel free to attend. Peace be upon you, Deacon Ted

**AN OCTOBER CHURCH YARD SALE** is being planned! Date, Time and complete Details coming soon!

**ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS** will be on Saturday, October 3 at 12pm under Pettit Pavilion at Christ Church. The Blessing will be officiated by The Rev. Petrina Pyatt. All pets welcome (in crates & on leashes please!) Each participating pet will receive a certificate of blessing. Please wear a face covering and practice social distancing.

**WEEKLY FINANCES:** During the year 2020, we have budgeted \$5,635 to come from pledges and loose offerings each week. For the week ending September 4, we received \$5,732 (There were no loose offerings due to there not being any services in church.)

## **OUTDOOR IN-PERSON SERVICES ON SATURDAYS:**

Holy Eucharist on Saturdays at 5:00 PM will resume on September 19, 2020.

### **Here is what you need to know before attending:**

- The service will be OUTDOORS under Pettit Pavilion and the surrounding lawn area
- If inclement weather is expected, the service will be canceled by Friday PM
- SIGN-UP is requested prior to attending each service (See more details below)
- All CDC and Diocesan guidelines will be required. This will include face coverings and social distancing.
- In order to minimize cleaning and disinfecting, “bring your own chair” to sit on during the service
- Bulletins will continue to be available via email only. You may print and bring with you or view on your phone, tablet, etc. during the service (please note the church WiFi does not function at the Pavilion). We encourage you to bring your own Book of Common Prayer if you have or use at <https://www.bcponline.org/> as well if you desire
- Music and singing will not be included in the service.
- The Great Thanksgiving will be included in this weekly service. Communion (Host only) will be distributed to you according to Diocesan guidelines.

### **HOW DO I SIGN UP TO ATTEND A SATURDAY SERVICE?**

There are two very important reasons why we ask you to sign-up for each Saturday service you plan to attend:

- CDC & Diocesan Guidelines requires Contact Tracing. When you register to attend a service, that information will be used in the event needed for this purpose.
- It will be helpful to our Ushers to know how many people and the size of each household to expect at each service.

We're using SignUp.com to organize our upcoming Sign-ups. Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

1. Copy/Paste this link: <https://signup.com/go/LhPSFbQ>
2. Review the Saturday dates listed and choose the dates you plan to attend.
3. Sign up! It's Easy - you will NOT need to create an account or password

We appreciate you using SignUp.com. But if you cannot, please call the Church Office 732-349-5506 and leave a voicemail with your name, phone#, the date and how many people will attend.

In the event of expected inclement weather, a Saturday service will be cancelled by Friday PM (an electronic or phone notice will be provided to all who had registered for such date)

## **CURRENT SCHEDULE OF WEEKLY CHRIST CHURCH SERVICES**

**SATURDAYS, 5:00 PM** (beginning 9/19/20) – **HOLY EUCHARIST IN-PERSON OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE**

Sign-up in advance to attend this service is requested.

**SUNDAYS, 9:45 AM — LIVE WORSHIP TELE-SERVICE \***

Recordings of this Service are posted on the Church Website and Facebook page for access at your convenience.

**WEDNESDAYS, 10:00 AM — LIVE HEALING PRAYER TELE-SERVICE \***

**FRIDAYS, 7:00 AM – LIVE MORNING PRAYER TELE-SERVICE \***

This service can be followed on page 80 of your Book of Common Prayer or at <https://www.bcponline.org/>.

**FOR THOSE WHO PREFER LISTENING IN SPANISH,** The Sunday Gospel Reading, a Reflection and Prayers are available weekly on our Facebook page or WhatsApp. To join the WhatsApp group of Christ Church contact Deacon Jose: [jmcantos5@hotmail.com](mailto:jmcantos5@hotmail.com)

### **\* TO LISTEN TO A LIVE TELE-SERVICE:**

(It is suggested that you call-in a few minutes prior to the start time of a service)

Dial: 712-770-5505 and Enter Access Code: 189853#

If you have any difficulty, please email or call the church office (leave a voicemail).

**THE FOOD PANTRY** is going strong and remains open to anyone in need every Tuesday from 9:30am - 12pm. We are fully stocked and are still accepting donations. If you would like to donate, please leave items on the table marked 'Donations' outside the lower door during Food Pantry open hours. Any questions, please text or leave a message for Claire at (732) 600-5709. Thank you! Please share and encourage any individual or Family in desperate need of food to visit us.

**MONDAY EVENING VIRTUAL "COFFEE HOUR" FROM 7-8PM\***

Join this Zoom Meeting Here! <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/94333201452> OR

Dial by Phone (audio participation only): **1 646 558 8656**

And then enter the Meeting ID: **943 3320 1452**

For those not familiar with ZOOM, it is a video chat room/meeting space. If you have a phone or computer with video/camera functions, you will be able to join in and SEE the faces of your Church Family as well as show us your face. If you are not interested in being visible, having your video off is an option.

If you do not have or are not comfortable using a computer or internet, you can still participate by calling in on your phone. You will still be able to listen and speak to everyone else participating (but you will not have a visual). We look forward to "seeing" your faces in these virtual Coffee Hours as we take this opportunity to say "Hello!" and "How are you?" If you need any help, please let me know!

**COVID-19 DISCRETIONARY FUND:** The COVID-19 Fund Committee has been considering the situation of low income families and the possibility of virtual, remote or hybrid learning this year. We want to make sure that all students have the resources to create a healthy and productive learning environment. If you know of a child that has a need for any such items (computer, high speed internet access, books, office supplies, etc.) please contact one of the clergy or leave a message at the church office. \*

While everyone's life has been impacted by the coronavirus, we have become aware of several people in our parish who have already lost their jobs and income and are in dire need of emergency assistance. Also, as this disaster continues, we expect that more jobs will be affected. For this reason we are setting up a Coronavirus Discretionary Fund. This fund will provide emergency assistance to people affected by this disaster. If you are in need of emergency assistance, please contact one of the clergy (Mother Petrina, Deacon Jose, or Deacon Ted). If you are able to contribute to this fund, please send a check to Christ Church (415 Washington St. Toms River, NJ 08753) with "Coronavirus Fund" in the memo. A restricted account has been established specifically for this purpose. May God bless us all. We will get through this together. \*\*As of September 10, the COVID-19 Fund stands at:

Contributions: \$22,955.50; Disbursements: \$10,679.64

*\* Students who will be remote and hybrid learning this upcoming school year will need to have access to many of their own supplies as schools cannot share.*

*Internet: Comcast is offering free internet access. Please click on this link for information and share with families. <https://www.internetessentials.com/covid19>*

*Computers: Families may need inexpensive computers for their kids, please direct them to chrome books. These are typically around \$200, much less than a full laptop model.*

*Day Care: Families may also need day care for their kids while parents are working. The Ocean County Y is offering child care options (from 2-5 days per week) and a sliding scale based on need. Please click on this link for more information. <https://ocymca.org/childcare-camp/virtual-learning-childcare/>*

**THE CHURCH OFFICE IS RECEIVING VOICEMAILS, EMAILS & MAIL:** If you need to reach us for any reason, please 1) Call the church office at 732-349-5506 and leave a voicemail. Voicemails are being immediately received offsite and we are calling you back as soon as possible.

Or 2) Email [NicoleStrada@ChristChurchTomsRiver.org](mailto:NicoleStrada@ChristChurchTomsRiver.org) and she will reply as soon as possible. We are also receiving our USPS mail!

**JEWELRY REQUESTED:** While many of us are spending more hours at home these days, now is a good time to look through that jewelry for any you would like to donate to the Women of Christ Church (WCC). The WCC are interested in all kinds of jewelry, including costume, tarnished and broken. Please set these items aside until the church doors reopen and it is again safe for you to visit the building. Thank you!

**JOIN US IN DAILY PRAYER AT 8:00PM:** Pray, wherever you may be ...at home, at work, in the car...let us pray together for a resolution and end to the COVID-19 pandemic...let us pray for health care workers, first responders, law enforcement and all essential workers... let us pray for our federal and state government officials ... let us pray for those that are sick and those that have died from the virus...let us pray for the families of the victims of the virus and all those who are poor and more vulnerable to the virus...let us pray for New Jersey, the United States of America and the World. There is no right, wrong or specific way one should pray ... pray the "Our Father", the "Prayer in Time of Pandemic" from our Sunday bulletins, or pray using words expressing how your heart feels.

**CONTRIBUTIONS & PLEDGES DURING COVID 19:** Our pews will be empty for an undetermined amount of time, that also means our collection plate is empty. We are asking if you would please continue to send in your pledges even though our weekly worship services have been suspended. Although most of life as we know it has come to a halt, the bills continue to come in and need to be paid. You can help us keep our bills current by keeping your pledge up to date. You can do this by mailing a check to the office (415 Washington St. Toms River, NJ 08753), or you can set up online bill pay through your bank (see your bank for details). Please consider doing this, so that once we are back in church, we can continue moving forward without the worry of how we are going to “catch up”. Thank you!

**IF SOMETHING HAPPENED TO YOU, WOULD WE KNOW ABOUT IT?** Do the people who care about you know to notify the church right away in case of your hospitalization, or an accident, or an extended illness, etc.? Please give them the church's contact information with clear instructions to contact us right away. We hope to be praying for you during any incidents rather than after the fact. Thank you!!

**PLEASE LET US KNOW HOW YOU ARE DOING** — We want to hear from you! And know that you are doing “ok” amongst this pandemic. Please leave us a Voicemail or send us an Email!

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