

**Christ Episcopal Church
Welcomes All**



As Christ Does, we will!

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 19, 2023

8:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist

The Rev. Jamie Samilio, Interim Rector

WELCOME

Whoever you are, and wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith, you are welcome here at Christ Church, as you are, to receive the blessings of God so freely given, of new and unending life in Christ. We are thankful that you are here today and we invite you to return often.

Children of all ages are welcome at Christ Church.

**For more information, please contact the church office
at 302-734-5731, or office@christchurchdover.org.**

**Office Hours: Monday and Tuesday – 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday and Thursday – 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

CHRIST CHURCH VISION AND MISSION

Christ Church is an inclusive, supportive, spiritual community that celebrates the diversity and dignity of all God's people. We strive to offer inspiring worship, serious engagement with questions of faith, commitment to serving our neighbors and the world, and opportunities for fun and fellowship. We encourage all to participate in God's purpose and plan for this church. Join us in this great adventure and share in the blessings of God so freely given!

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HOLY EUCHARIST

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Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

The First Lesson

Judges 4:1-7

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, after Ehud died. So the LORD sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years. At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, “The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you, ‘Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin’s army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.’”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 123 (*read responsively*)

To you I lift up my eyes, *
to you enthroned in the heavens.

**As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, *
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,**

So our eyes look to the LORD our God, *
until he show us his mercy.

**Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, *
for we have had more than enough of contempt,**

Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, *
and of the derision of the proud.

The Second Lesson

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel

Matthew 25:14-30

All Standing

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

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

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Offertory

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** As the Usher invites you, please move toward the center of the Communion Rail.*

** You may consume the bread and then drink from the cup, tipping the bottom slightly away from you to assist the chalice bearer; you may dip the bread into the wine, being careful to not place your fingers in the wine; or you may cross your arms in front of you to indicate that you do not wish to receive the wine.*

** If you prefer a blessing rather than the bread and wine, simply cross your arms in front of you as the priest approaches.*

** Once the chalice bearer has returned to the outside of the Communion Rail, that person may stand, and those at the rail follow back to their seats.*

** If you are unable to come to the Communion Rail, but would like to receive, please let an usher know; the ministers will gladly come to you.*

** Gluten Free is Available.*

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Blessing

Dismissal – People: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia, Alleluia.

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The Worship has ended. The Service begins.

Please join us in the Parish Hall after this service for our Spiritual Formation as an intergenerational Exploring Our Faith "Angels and the History of Gift Giving" lead by Migdalia Hernandez.

*The altar flowers are given by George Yocher and Celeste Landon in memory of
Renate and Ignatius Yocher and Joan Landon*

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**PREPARE YOUR HEART AND MIND
BY READING AHEAD**

The liturgical readings for November 26 are: Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100; Ephesians 1: 15-23 and Matthew 25: 31-46.

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PRAYER FOR TRANSITION

O God of patient and gentle strength, who knows our needs even before we ask, may your loving presence guide us in this time of transition. Give us an open spirit, discerning hearts and clear minds, that we may trust your will for us and become ever more a place of broad welcome and service. Inspire our conversations, deepen our prayers, and unite us in your purpose for this community. All this we ask through Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

To request prayer for yourself or someone else, please contact the parish office at office@christchurchdover.org or 302-734-5731.

To request private prayers by the Daughters of the King, please contact Ann Hadaway at 302-734-0868.

GET CONNECTED

November 22th: Bible Study and 12:10 Healing service **CANCELLED**

November 23th: Office Closed for Thanksgiving

November 27th: Vestry Meeting

December 1st: *It's a Wonderful Life* Outing

Our Worship

Sunday Services at 8 A.M. and 10 A.M. (Eucharist)

Wednesdays at 12:10 P.M. (Healing and Eucharist)

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