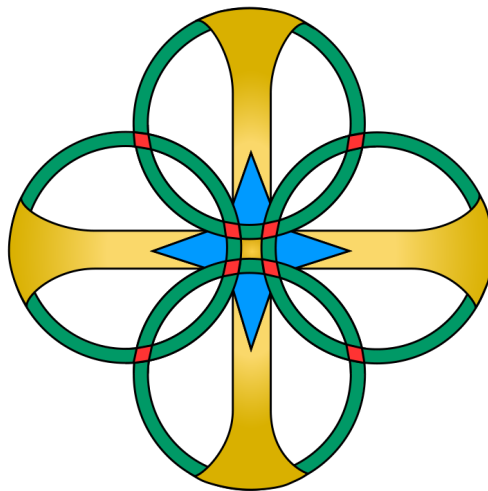

TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST “COMMITMENT SUNDAY”

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

November 17, 2024
8:00am and 10:30am (Livestreamed on Facebook)



CHRIST CHURCH
The Episcopal Church of Norcross

We invite you to join as an active participant in the worship of God. The worship service can be found in the red Book of Common Prayer (found in the pew racks) beginning on page 355. The scripture readings and the Prayers of the People are printed in the worship bulletin. Scripture texts are taken from the Revised Common Lectionary. We use the red Book of Common Prayer, the blue 1982 Hymnal, and the Lift Every Voice & Sing II hymnal, all located in the pew racks.

In the time before our worship begins, please be mindful of those who need this time for quiet prayer and meditation.

Newcomers and visitors, we welcome you warmly. May you find here, by the grace of God, that which feeds your soul.

The mission of Christ Church Episcopal is to live, love, and serve boldly together in the name of Jesus Christ.

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II
THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude	<i>This is my father's world</i>	arr. Martha Mier
Processional Hymn	<i>Munich</i> O Christ the word incarnate	Hymnal #632
Opening Acclamation		BCP p. 355
Collect for Purity		BCP p. 355
Gloria		Hymnal #S-280
Collect of the Day		

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.

First Reading

1 Samuel 1:4-20

A Reading from the first book of Samuel.

On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters; but to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the Lord had closed her womb. Her rival used to provoke her severely, to irritate her, because the Lord had closed her womb. So it went on year by year; as often as she went up to the house of the Lord, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. Her husband Elkanah said to her, "Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? Why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?" After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the Lord. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the Lord. She was deeply distressed and prayed to the Lord, and wept bitterly. She made this vow: "O Lord of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head." As she continued praying before the Lord, Eli observed her mouth. Hannah was praying silently; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore Eli thought she was drunk. So Eli said to her, "How long will you make a drunken spectacle of yourself? Put away your wine." But Hannah answered, "No, my lord, I am a woman deeply troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the Lord. Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation all this time." Then Eli answered, "Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him." And she said, "Let your servant find favor in your sight." Then the woman went to her quarters, ate and drank with her husband, and her countenance was sad no longer. They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the Lord; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the Lord remembered her. In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, "I have asked him of the Lord."

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Song of Hannah



Hannah prayed and said,
"My heart exults in the Lord;
my strength is exalted in my God.

My mouth derides my enemies,
because I rejoice in my victory.

“There is no Holy One like the Lord,
no one besides you;
there is no Rock like our God.

Talk no more so very proudly,
let not arrogance come from your mouth;
for the Lord is a God of knowledge,
and by his actions are weighed.
The bows of the mighty are broken,
but the feeble gird on strength.

Refrain

Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread,
but those who were hungry are fat with spoil.
The barren has borne seven,
but she who has many children is forlorn.
The Lord kills and brings to life;
he brings down to Sheol and raises up.
The Lord makes poor and makes rich;
he brings low, he also exalts.
He raises up the poor from the dust;
he lifts the needy from the ash heap,
to make them sit with princes
and inherit a seat of honor.
For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's,
and on them he has set the world.

Refrain

“He will guard the feet of his faithful ones,
but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness;
for not by might does one prevail.
The Lord! His adversaries shall be shattered;
the Most High will thunder in heaven.
The Lord will judge the ends of the earth;
he will give strength to his king,
and exalt the power of his anointed.”

Refrain

Second Reading

Reading from the Paul's Letter to the Hebrews.

Hebrews 10:11-25

Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, “he sat down at the right hand of God,” and since then has been waiting “until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.” For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying, “This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds,” he also adds, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.” Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

All remain standing.

Holy Gospel

Mark 13:1-8

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down." When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Sermon

The Rev. Edgar Otero

Prayers of the People

The Leader and People pray responsively

As we prepare to bring our gifts to the altar, let us raise our voices in prayer and praise, thanking God for the opportunity to walk in love together.

I ask your prayers for the Church, God's greatest gift to us. For all who worship and serve this day. For the wisdom and teaching of our bishops, priests, deacons, and laypeople, especially Rob, our bishop, and Edgar and Dan, our clergy. As Christ loved us,
We walk in love.

I bid your prayers for our Nation and for all nations; for all refugees, for an end to hostilities, for a spirit of Goodwill. We pray for our citizens as we elect leaders, and for leaders who serve with love, especially Joseph, our president, Brian, our governor and Nicole, our county chair, and Craig, mayor of the City of Norcross. As Christ loved us,
We walk in love.

I ask your prayers for our neighbors, for the mission of our church and the ways we change the world with our gifts, especially the parish of St. Joseph of Arimathea in Haiti, and their rector, Père Markendy, the Neighborhood Co-Op, Rainbow Village, our Thrift Shop volunteers, our Stephen Ministers and those for whom they care, and for our Vestry. As Christ loved us,
We walk in love.

I invite your prayers for those who are sick, who are isolated, who are in despair. We pray for caregivers and healers who care for those we love. Please pray for those on our parish prayer list, and who we name now either silently or aloud, especially Jack, Heather, John, Bob, Jenny, Debanhi, Judy & Richard, Graham, Chuck, and Val. As Christ loved us,
We walk in love.

I ask your prayers for the dead and the dying, and for those who mourn. We pray for those we name now with our lips or in our hearts. Christ loved us,
We walk in love.

I invite your celebrations, remembrances, and the naming of our many blessings, innumerable and filled with Grace. For members of our parish that we pray for this day: Angela Becker; Keith, Kristie, Thomas, & Cameron Bernard; Mario Castillo; Ashley, Ava, & Tyler Boggs; and for those who serve in the Armed Forces: Jeff,

Daniel, and Andrew. May we be inspired to share our wealth, works, and wisdom with our neighbors and our Church as Christ loved us,
We walk in love.

Celebrant

Hear the prayers of your people, O God, and inspire us with gratitude and abundance as we share our many gifts with You and the world You made. *Amen.*

Confession of Sin BCP p. 360

Absolution BCP p. 360

All stand.

Peace BCP p. 360

Welcome and Announcements

Mission of Mercy Recipient

The Mission of Mercy recipient for November is the Neighborhood Cooperative Ministries.

Blessing of Birthdays and Anniversaries

Stewardship Message

E-Giving QR Code—>



THE HOLY COMMUNION

As we prepare for Holy Communion let us listen attentively with an open heart to the music of the anthem.

*We have gluten free communion wafers available for anyone who requests them.
Please ask the priest for them when you are at the altar rail.*

Offertory Anthem *Joyful Rhythm* Keven McChesney
The St. Cecilia Handbell Choir

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

Presentation Hymn *Llangloffan* Hymnal #607
O God of every nation

The people remain standing.

Eucharistic Prayer D **Great Thanksgiving** BCP p. 372

Sanctus *Holy, holy, holy Lord* Hymnal #S-125

The Lord's Prayer BCP p. 364

Breaking of the Bread BCP p. 364

Fraction *Christ our Passover* Hymnal #S-154

Invitation BCP p. 364

Communion Anthem

Abide with me
The St. Cecilia Handbell Choir

Jason Krug
Joel Christian, director

Postcommunion Prayer

BCP p. 366

Prayer over the pledges at Ingathering

Gracious God, we give thanks for these gifts, the promises of our members for giving in the year to come. We pray that you inspire us with the example of your freely-given love to serve our neighbors, heal the world, and strengthen our community. Bless these intentions, pledges, and promises of our wealth, works, and wisdom for the needs of our church. *Amen.*

Blessing

Postcommunion Hymn

Michael
All my hope on God is founded

Hymnal #665

Dismissal

BCP p. 366

Postlude

Jesus loves me

arr. Martha Mier

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Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Ephesians 5:1-2, NRSV Stewardship Quote

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Prayers for Members of Our Parish

Jack Brocksmith, Heather Emery, John Emery, Bob Haer, Jenny Ham, Debanhi Hernandez, Judy & Richard Moore, Graham Perrins, Chuck Seeliger, and Val Wilson.

Prayers for Members of our Military

Jeff Jennings, Daniel O’Keefe, and Andrew Pridgen.

Prayers for Friends and Family

Alex & Natasha, Gisele Arminio, Gloria Arroyo, Margo Biringer, Elaine Black, Irene Brown, Tammy Bruce, Staci Fair Burnett & family, Brad Burns, Mark Clayton, Sophia Crawford, Joyce Stone Daniel, Ralph Donnangelo, Will Drummond, Jacob Fair, R.J. Fair, Greg Harry, Kim Hartwig, Dashiell Hatem, Kelli Fair Holloway, Martha Gilbert Holmes, Michelle Losey, Val McCall, Kaye McRoberts, Andi Mocharski, Alan Nichols, Anita Oliver, Mike Pearlstein, James Pernini, Bonnie Pitman, Kristi Powers, Frances Rich, Robb Riddick, Gary & Cindy Russell, Tom Shaw, Andrew Thompson, and Noah Withrow.

Please call 770/447-1166 or e-mail the church office at office@ccnorcross.org to add or remove names from the prayer list.

TIME SENSITIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please read *The Christ Church Chronicle* (CCC) at www.ccnorcross.org for detailed announcements.

WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL!

To make your visit smoother, please scan the QR code with your smartphone.

This will take you to our electronic visitors book, where you can quickly and easily enter your details.

Your information helps us keep in touch with all new family members. Welcome home!



BUSINESS DIRECTORY OF AND FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

UPDATED Christ Church Business Directory! Please consider using parishioners for all your housekeeping, landscaping, construction, photography needs and more! If you would like to submit your business to the directory, please email Kristie Bernard at thecure00@hotmail.com. You can access the directory at: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1fvrRcM2sbNKXj_c77A6DW8thMNibfrnQ/edit

LEAD NURSERY WORKER ON BOARD; VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED

We are thrilled to announce that Richard McNally has agreed to be our regular nursery worker. He has the required certification which means any volunteers need only to have a desire to play with delightful children and lead them in games and crafts. If you can give a little over an hour of your time once every 6-8 weeks, it would go a long way to help support our young families in worship. Volunteer opportunities are available through January at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0E48A4AD2DA5FD0-48948370-christ>

or this QR code. If you have any questions, contact Kathy Smith at 678-644-9304 or Richard McNally at 415/810-7974.



ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

As some of you know, we are quickly approaching the end of our Pentecost season, also known as "Ordinary Time," which means Advent is right around the corner. Because we do not have altar flowers during Advent, the last Sunday for those decorations will be November 24th. Beginning the first Sunday of Advent, December 1st and continuing through December 22nd we will only have greenery adorning the Altar and Narthex. Flowers will return to the altar with our Christmas decorations on December 24th. The Flower Guild is grateful for your help in adorning the altar each Sunday with beautiful flowers. Thank you.

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Liturgical Participants for 8:00am and 10:30am services on Sunday, November 17, 2024

- Celebrant The Rev. Edgar Otero
- Deacon The Rev. Daniel J. Burrows
- Acolytes Meg Tuel, McKenzie Wortman
- Altar Guild Lori Landis, Jodi Arminio
- AV Team Eliam Otero, Dwalu Tay; Yamileth Silva, Andrew Yen
- Eucharistic Ministers Channing Haskell; Cathy Canfield, Lori Landis
- Greeters Charles Dowdell; Nancy Emery
- Lectors Roni Tewksberry; Myrna Campbell-Kelly
- Ushers Charles Dowdell; Carla Johnson, Stephanie Usher
- Vestry of the Day Charles Dowdell; McKenzie Wortman; Yamileth Silva

Liturgical Participants for 8:00am and 10:30am services on Sunday, November 24, 2024

- Presider The Rev. Edgar Otero
- Acolytes Afiong Ekong, Meg Tuel, Jodi Arminio, McKenzie Wortman
- Altar Guild Joyce Proctor, Carla Johnson
- AV Team Eliam Otero, Dwalu Tay; Yamileth Silva, Andrew Yen
- Eucharistic Ministers Mike Breedlove; Angela Becker, TBD
- Greeters Jenny Ham; Carla Johnson
- Lectors Steve Smith; Betsy Pickren
- Ushers Jenny Ham; Carla Johnson
- Vestry of the Day Afiong Ekong; McKenzie Wortman; Yamileth Silva

Liturgical Participants for 8:00am and 10:30am services on Sunday, December 1, 2024

Presider The Rev. Edgar Otero
Acolytes Meg Tuel, Kassie Diehl, Eleanor Diehl, McKenzie Wortman
Altar Guild Connie Leff, Amy Ross
AV Team Eliam Otero, Dwalu Tay; Yamileth Silva, Andrew Yen
Eucharistic Ministers Kathy Smith; Ann Post, John Haeger
Greeters Elliott Brack; Nancy Emery
Lectors Steve Smith; McKenzie Wortman
Ushers Janet Orr; TBD
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