

# CHRIST CHURCH ANGLICAN/EPISCOPAL



*“... You are children of light...”*

## **THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

*November 19, 2023*

*Holy Eucharist - Rite II (Proper 28)*

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| 9:30 a.m.  | Holy Eucharist (English, spoken service)     |
| 11:00 a.m. | Holy Eucharist (English, with organ & choir) |
| 1:00 p.m.  | Santa Eucaristía (Spanish, with piano)       |

*Welcome! The order for worship is in the Book of Common Prayer (BCP), the red book on the back of the pews. Hymns are in the blue book unless the lyrics are printed in the bulletin. Hymns with “S” before the number are grouped at the beginning of the hymnal.*

*You may add your prayer requests to the Prayers of the People in the notebook on the Ushers’ Desk at the rear of the nave.*

## The Liturgy of the Word

**The Entrance Hymn**

Hymnal # 680

**The Salutation**

BCP p. 355



**The Gloria – Glory be to God**

Hymnal S-277

**The 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.*

### The Lessons

#### **The First Lesson: A Reading from the Book the 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**

BCP p. 780

*Antiphon: Our eyes look to you, O God, until you show us your mercy.*

**The Second Lesson: A Reading from Paul's First Letter to the 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 Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Matthew (25:14.30)**

**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.”

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

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Elisabeth Sinclair

**The Nicene Creed**

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**The Prayers of the People**

*Celebrant / Deacon:* Holy God, You have rooted us in the abundance of innumerable good gifts, which enable us to be generous. Unite our hearts, minds, and wills, as we share with you and each other our prayers, hopes, and thanksgivings.

*Leader:* I ask your prayers for the Church around the world and for the clergy, diocesan leaders, and congregations of the Anglican Communion.

May we be generous with our leadership gifts . . .

*Because we are Rooted in Abundance.*

I ask your prayers for the integrity and wellbeing of Mexico and all nations; for hospitable homes for refugees fleeing climate change, natural disasters, and war; for solidarity and resolution between those in conflict; for wisdom for lawmakers, peacekeepers, and informed citizens trying to help those in greatest need. We pray to participate in a more equitable distribution of wealth that helps the poor and the marginalized.

May we be generous with our gifts of peace . . .

*Because we are Rooted in Abundance.*

I ask your prayers for those who are sick, lonely, homebound, and suffering in any way. We hold before God those from our parish prayer list: Alex, Juan Carlos, Gregorio, Marie Régine, Gail, Fernando, Gabriel, Mauricio, María Esther, Susana, Jennifer M., Brenda, Andy, and any others we now wish to name silently or aloud [*The people may respond.*] I ask your prayers for those who have died, those who are dying, and those who mourn. We remember: Joan Ransom, Margarita Menéndez, Esperanza, Brian, Raúl, Patricia, Liliana, CC, Laurette, Jack, and any others we now name silently or aloud [*The people may respond.*].

May we be generous with our gifts of help and healing . . .

*Because we are Rooted in Abundance.*

I ask your prayers for the Guild as they plan this year's Christmas Bazaar and for the music team as they prepare for Christmas events.

May we be generous with our time, curiosity, compassion, and intellect . . .

*Because we are Rooted in Abundance.*

I invite you to give thanks to God, silently or aloud, for the good gifts of this year, which are signs of God's abundant love [*The people may respond.*]. We joyfully celebrate the students who completed their Confirmation class last week: Amelie, Mariela, Nathaniel, and Ella, and ask God's continued grace in their lives. We celebrate those with birthdays this week: Fernando and Thurston F.

May we be generous with our gratitude . . .

*Because we are Rooted in Abundance.*

*Celebrant:* Thank you for hearing our prayers and delighting in our thanks, Giver of every perfect gift. As we prepare to submit our financial promises (pledges) to you next Sunday, may we share ever more generously, wisely, and joyfully the gifts you have entrusted to us, for your glory and delight. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, *Amen.*

## **The Confession**

BCP p. 360

## **The Peace**

Celebrant      The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
People          And also with you.

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*All are invited to share a sign (word, handshake, hug, fist bump) of Christ's peace with one another, saying, "God's peace be with you."*

## **The Liturgy of Holy Communion**

### **The Offertory Interlude**

Antonio Ortega Rivera

*Oh Jesus, my light*

Composed by Johann Pachelbel

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP, p. 367

### **The Sanctus**

Hymnal S-128

### **The Lord's Prayer**

BCP p. 364

### **The Fraction Anthem**

Hymnal S-151

### **The Music During Communion**

Antonio Rivera Ortega

*Prelude BWV 873*

Composed by Johann Sebastian Bach

### **An Invitation to Holy Communion**

*(All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion. You may also choose to come forward and simply receive a blessing. To indicate this to the priest, cross your arms over your chest.)*

### **The Hymn during Communion**

Hymnal # 490

### **The Post-Communion Prayer**

BCP p. 365

### **The Blessing**

**The Greetings & Announcements**

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**The Recessional Hymn**

Hymnal # 637

**The Dismissal**



Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

**People** Thanks be to God.

*The Flowers are given today to the glory of God and in loving memory of John Macaulay Bruton, Frances McMillan Marks, Alex A. Marks, Byrd Grant Bruton, E. Macaulay Bruton, and Janie Posgate Schumacher.*

**Thanks to all those who are serving today, including:**

**Lay Ministry Coordinator:** Alix Elverson

**Readers:** Curt Hartleben, Janette Lever

**Intercessor:** Ed Burleson

**Ushers:** Missy Holen, Sonia Suárez, Alix Elverson

**Sunday School teacher:** Treasure Asikogu, Marisela Ayohua

**Acolytes:** Pepe Gutiérrez, Kenny Asikaogu, Miguel Rico, Jaime González

**Organist:** Antonio Ortega Rivera

## **Community Announcements**

**Children ages 2-12 may begin in the nursery (the room to the left of the church offices) and return to their parents' care as Holy Communion begins.** Supervised play time available after the service until 2:00 in the rectory garden—only with two unrelated adults present.



## Upcoming special dates:

1. **Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 12:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Day Eucharist in the chapel/columbarium**, with American Benevolent Society meal to follow. *RSVP requested.*



2. **Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 p.m. - Christ Church Potluck Celebration of Thanksgiving.** Open to all, but space is limited, so please sign up in advance at the Ushers' table near the church entrance doors. Bring a dish to share with others, and bring your own beverage.

\*Also, at 5:00 p.m., pianists & professors Flores will host a recital of their students at Christ Church. 50 mxp/person. Please come and support these young musicians if you are able.

3. **Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, All services ~ We will celebrate “Christ the King” feast day, which is the LAST day of the liturgical calendar and, therefore, the last Sunday before Advent, an appropriate time to dedicate our 2024 financial promises (pledges) to God.** If you have not yet submitted a pledge card or sent your pledge by email to Edgar Gomez, please make every effort to take care of that this week. We are presently planning our 2024

**budget. During the 11:00 service only, we will also celebrate the “Kirkin’ o’ the Tartans” as part of the St. Andrew’s Day celebration at Christ Church. Here is some information they have shared with us about this traditional event:**

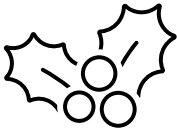
"Kirk" is the Scottish word for "church." Tartans, with their distinctive plaid, represent specific Scottish clans, regions, or regiments. The "Kirkin' O' The Tartans" is the presentation of a Scottish family's symbol, its tartan, at church for blessing.

Legend has it that after Bonnie Prince Charlie's Scottish forces were defeated by the English in 1746 in the Battle of Culloden, the wearing of tartans and the playing of bagpipes were forbidden in Scotland for many years. Wearing or displaying of tartans was punishable by death. During those years, some Scots wore concealed pieces of their tartan when they attended church. At a particular point in the worship service, they would secretly touch their hidden tartan cloth, and the minister would offer a blessing.

The first formal "Kirkin" in America was conducted at New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in Washington, D.C., in 1941. Their minister at the time was Dr. Peter Marshall, born in Scotland, who was also Chaplain of the United States Senate. In present-day celebrations, the Highlander patriotism, faithfulness, and strong independence are remembered by displaying tartans and the public parade of the clans to the sound of the bagpipe.

**Please note:** *Everyone is welcome to bring their tartan to be blessed, and during our usual “coffee hour,” there will be a reception with sausages and shortbread and Scottish music from the St Patrick’s battalion bagpipes and drums, as well as traditional Highland dancing. The Society requests a \$50 mxp donation to attend the event.*

**4. Thursday, Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>-Sunday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. daily -**  
*Final Used Book Sale* of this calendar year.



## 5. December 2, 2023 - **ANNUAL**

**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR!** This is a fabulous opportunity to celebrate the upcoming incarnation of God in the infant Jesus, enjoy holiday food, purchase Christmas gifts (!!),

relish the company of others, participate in a volunteer team, proclaim the Good News of Jesus and his kingdom, and support Christ Church's ministries. Please contact the Christ Church Guild president Linda Saucedo via email at: [lindasaucedog@hotmail.com](mailto:lindasaucedog@hotmail.com) if you have any questions or if you are able to help *in any way*. **At the very least, all of us can help spread the news and invite friends and family.**

Here is a rough schedule of the day, with vendor stalls open throughout the day:

- 10:00 Celebratory procession ~ St. Patrick's Battalion Pipe Band
- 10:10 Ribbon-cutting & Welcome ~ His Excellency Jon Benjamin
- 10:15 Prayers by the Rt. Rev. Sally Sue Hernandez & the Rev. Elisabeth Sinclair
- 12:00 St. Patrick's Battalion Pipe Band Musical Presentation
- 1:00 Christmas Story in the church ~ The Rev. Elisabeth Sinclair
- 1:30-3:00 Face painting & bouncy house
- 3:00 Christmas carols in the church
- 4:00-4:30 Raffle

## 6. Sunday, December 3rd, 12:30 p.m. ~ Nigerian Thanksgiving Celebration

- 7. **Saturday, December 9, 2023, 5:00 p.m. ~ Concierto "Viento y Madera"** \*Do NOT miss this concert! This is a large band that plays Latin & South American instruments. You will dance in your seat!
- 8. **Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 p.m. ~ Lessons & Carols** is a lovely event of dialogue between Scriptures and Music that have historically anticipated and narrated the incarnation of God-with-us,

Emmanuel, Jesus the Christ. We celebrate with punch and light refreshments in the Parish Hall after the service.

9. **Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 p.m.** ~ *Journey to the Creche* is a family-friendly event during which all guests are invited to participate in populating the creche as children and youth narrate Jesus' birth story, and we sing Christmas carols together.