

Christ Church Trumbull  
*The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost*  
October 11, 2020

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**Opening Hymn** “Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,  
Christ, the true, the only Light,  
Sun of Righteousness, arise,  
triumph o'er the shades of night;  
Dayspring from on high, be near;  
Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn  
unaccompanied by thee;  
joyless is the day's return  
'til thy mercy's beams I see;  
'til they inward light impart,  
glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit, then, this soul of mine;  
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;  
fill me, Radiancy divine;  
scatter all my unbelief;  
more and more thyself display,  
shining to the perfect day.

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

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

*Officiant* 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.

*All* **Amen.**

**Matthew Johnson** “His Strength is Perfect” ..... Steven Curtis Chapman

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

*Officiant* Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

**The First Lesson** ..... **Exodus 32:1-14**

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron and said to him, ‘Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.’ Aaron said to them, ‘Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.’ So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’ When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, ‘Tomorrow shall be a festival to the LORD.’ They rose early the next day, and offered burnt-offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

The LORD said to Moses, ‘Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshipped it and sacrificed to it, and said, “These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!” ’ The LORD said to Moses, ‘I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.’

But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, ‘O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with

great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, “It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth”? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, “I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it for ever.” ’ And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23** *(said responsively by half verse)*

Praise the LORD!

**O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures for ever.**

Who can utter the mighty doings of the LORD,  
**or declare all his praise?**

Happy are those who observe justice,  
**who do righteousness at all times.**

Remember me, O LORD, when you show favor to your people;  
**help me when you deliver them;**

That I may see the prosperity of your chosen ones,  
**that I may rejoice in the gladness of your nation,  
that I may glory in your heritage.**

Both we and our ancestors have sinned;  
**we have committed iniquity, have done wickedly.**

They made a calf at Horeb  
**and worshipped a cast image.**

They exchanged the glory of God  
**for the image of an ox that eats grass.**

They forgot God, their Savior,  
**who had done great things in Egypt,**

Wondrous works in the land of Ham,  
**and awesome deeds by the Red Sea.**

Therefore he said he would destroy them  
**had not Moses, his chosen one, stood in the breach before him,  
to turn away his wrath from destroying them.**

**The Epistle ..... Philippians 4:1-9**

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown,  
stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I  
ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled  
beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-  
workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be  
known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in  
everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made  
known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will  
guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just,  
whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any  
excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep  
on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me,  
and the God of peace will be with you.

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*All* **Thanks be to God.**

**The Gospel ..... Matthew 22:1-14**

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

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

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: 'The kingdom of heaven may  
be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves  
to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not  
come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look,  
I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and  
everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." But they made light of it and  
went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves,  
maltreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops,

destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, “The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.” Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

‘But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, “Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?” And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, “Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” For many are called, but few are chosen.’

*Officiant*     The Gospel of the Lord.  
*All*             **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Homily** ..... Paige Foreman

### **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.**

### **The Prayers of the People**

*Prayer Leader* Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray for all the people of Christ Church, and for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Ian and Laura, our bishops, and for Jane, our priest. Lord, in your mercy,

*All* **Hear our prayer.**

*Prayer Leader* We give thanks for all police officers, activists, and political and religious leaders who work diligently to bring peace. May God's peace flood our cities and our communities. Lord, in your mercy,

*All* **Hear our prayer.**

*Prayer Leader* Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Lord, in your mercy,

*All* **Hear our prayer.**

*Prayer Leader* Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. Lord, in your mercy,

**All**                    **Hear our prayer.**

*Prayer Leader*      Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation, especially Rob, Doug, Anna, Margaret, Evan, Debbie, Justin, Max, Mike, Brandon, Alexis, Barbara, Brian, Sophia, Paul, Janos, Marika, Dorothy, Brittany, Grace, Tony, Pat, Ray, Lucy, Julian, Kellie, Chris, and Ellie. Lord, in your mercy,

**All**                    **Hear our prayer.**

*Prayer Leader*      We pray for the family of Atatiana Jefferson, a 28-year old African American woman who was killed in her home on October 12, 2019 in Miami, Florida. We ask God that you would comfort the Jefferson family and that you would bring an end to racism in this country. Lord, in your mercy.

**All**                    **Hear our prayer.**

*Prayer Leader*      We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially Isaac, Charlotte, Isabelle, Ann, Elizabeth, Phyllis, Emily, Kurt, Van, Hubert, William, and Isaac, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy,

**All**                    **Hear our prayer.**

***Silence***

*Officiant*            Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son; Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All**                    **Amen.**

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

**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.**

### **Closing Hymn “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”**

All hail the power of Jesus' Name!  
Let angels prostrate fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem,  
and crown him Lord of all!  
bring forth the royal diadem,  
and crown him Lord of all!

Crown him ye martyrs of our God,  
who from his altar call:  
praise him whose way of pain ye trod,  
and crown him Lord of all!  
praise him whose way of pain ye trod,  
and crown him Lord of all!

Hail him, the Heir of David's line,  
whom David Lord did call,  
the God incarnate, Man divine,  
and crown him Lord of all!  
the God incarnate, Man divine,  
and crown him Lord of all!

Ye heirs of Israel's chosen race,  
ye ransomed of the fall,  
hail him who saves you by his grace,  
and crown him Lord of all!



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and crown him Lord of all!

### **The Peace and Dismissal**

*Officiant*     The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*All*             **And also with you.**

### **Announcements**

#### **Greeters and Ushers Needed**

Since we have resumed worship services inside our sanctuary, we are in need of Greeters and Counters. If you are interested in either or both, please contact Maryanne in the parish office as soon as you can.

#### **Readers Needed**

We are always in need of readers on Sunday mornings at our worship service. The reader will be in-person with Pastor Jane or at home via Zoom if we can't hold an in-person service. If you are interested, please contact Maryanne in the parish office as soon as you can.

#### **Weekly eNews**

CCT sends a weekly eNews on Thursdays via email. If you are not receiving this eNews and would like to, please contact Maryanne in the parish office and she will add you to the list. One thing to check first – check your Junk/Spam folder for the “*Weekly eNews from CCT*” as it may be going into that folder instead of your inbox. This weekly email contains information about worship services, parish news and events and more!

#### **Meditation Group**

This group is led by Peter Ulisse and meets the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month at 12:00 p.m. Peter will lead the group through a meditation. Please contact the parish office if you'd like to be added to our group.

#### **Weekly Prayer Call**

This group is led by Ginnie Glassman and Susan Vasone and meets every Wednesday at 1:30pm. It is a time to talk about what is on your mind, listen to others' concerns, pray for and encourage each other. Please contact Maryanne in the parish office for the Zoom link.