

Christ Church Trumbull  
*The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost*  
August 28, 2022

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**Opening Hymn 473 “Lift High the Cross”**

*Lift High the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred Name.*

Led on their way by this triumphant sign,  
the hosts of God in conquering ranks combine. (*Refrain*)

Each newborn servant of the Crucified  
bears on the brow the seal of him who died. (*Refrain*)

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
as thou hast promised, draw the world to thee. (*Refrain*)

So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
praise to the Crucified for victory. (*Refrain*)

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

*All* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.**

*Celebrant* 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.**

**Gloria**

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.

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things:  
Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion;  
nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good  
works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

*All* **Amen.**

**The First Lesson.....Proverbs 25:6-7**

Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence  
or stand in the place of the great;  
for it is better to be told, 'Come up here',  
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

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

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

**Psalm 112** (*said responsively by whole verse*)

*Reader* Praise the LORD!  
Happy are those who fear the LORD,  
who greatly delight in his commandments.

*All*           **Their descendants will be mighty in the land;  
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

*Reader*       Wealth and riches are in their houses,  
and their righteousness endures for ever.

*All*           **They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright;  
they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.**

*Reader*       It is well with those who deal generously and lend,  
who conduct their affairs with justice.

*All*           **For the righteous will never be moved;  
they will be remembered for ever.**

*Reader*       They are not afraid of evil tidings;  
their hearts are firm, secure in the LORD.

*All*           **Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid;  
in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.**

*Reader*       They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor;  
their righteousness endures for ever;  
their horn is exalted in honor.

*All*           **The wicked see it and are angry;  
they gnash their teeth and melt away;  
the desire of the wicked comes to nothing.**

**The Epistle ..... Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16**

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, ‘I will never leave you or forsake you.’ So we can say with confidence,

‘The Lord is my helper;  
I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?’

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not

neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*All* **Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn 510** “Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove”

Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove,  
with all thy quickening powers;  
kindle a flame of sacred love  
in these cold hearts of ours.

See how we trifle here below,  
fond of these earthly toys:  
our souls, how heavily they go,  
to reach eternal joys.

In vain we tune our formal songs,  
in vain we strive to rise:  
hosannas languish on our tongues,  
and our devotion dies.

Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove,  
with all thy quickening powers;  
come, shed abroad a Savior's love,  
and that shall kindle ours.

**The Gospel ..... Luke 14:1, 7-14**

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.  
*All* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ‘When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, “Give this person your place”, and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, “Friend, move up higher”; then you will

be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.’

He said also to the one who had invited him, ‘When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.’

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

**The Sermon**..... Rev. Karen Maleri

### **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.**

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

*Celebrant* As we begin this time of prayer for one another, our community, and our world, I invite any prayer requests for traveling, birthdays, anniversaries, or healing.

*Celebrant prays for all prayer requests.*

*Prayer Leader* Father, fill us and believers throughout our diocese and world with the gifts of the Holy Spirit that we all may continue to draw people to you.

Father, we ask that you would fill all those in authority with the wisdom that you gave to Solomon. Guide and direct our leaders to serve with love.

Jesus, you said, “my peace I give you.” We ask that you would fill the world with that peace which surpasses all understanding.

Father, you are the God of compassion. We ask that you would be present with all those who suffer from financial, mental, physical, or spiritual distress.

We especially pray today that you would heal and comfort Justin, Evan, Grace, Anna, Max, Roger, Ellie, Rob, Doug, Sal, Maggie, Joanne, Stephen, Leslie, Diane, Amanda, Albert, Bill, Tom, Peter, Sue, Ray, Susie, Craig, Sophia, Ron, Debbie, Nolan, Kris, Bud, Millie, Tom, Laura, Michelle, Eliane, Parrish, Peggy, Cindy, Martha, Bridget, Laura, Richard, and John.

Merciful Father, we lift up all those who have died. We remember those faithful leaders who have gone before us to build up the faith of this community, and we give thanks for those people who have been a part of our lives and whom we see no longer.

*Celebrant* Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth:  
Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do  
your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* Amen.

*Celebrant* 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.**

*Celebrant* 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.

*All* Amen.

### **The Peace**

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

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

### **Announcements**

**Yard Signs and Flyers:** There is a supply of yard signs and flyers in the  
uppercroft. We'd love it if you could pick up a yard sign (and holder) and display it

on your lawn. Also, please take some flyers and distribute them to local businesses and restaurants, etc. if you can. Help us spread the word about Christ Church!

### **Upcoming Events at CCT!**

September 18: 10am - First Day of Sunday School! Bring the kids!  
11:30am – Pizza and Ice Cream Fundraiser for EVE Foundation  
October 2: 10am – Blessing of the Animals  
11:30am – Apple Pie Sale!

**Coffee Hour Volunteers:** We have open dates for volunteers to bring goodies to Coffee Hour and are hoping to get more people on the schedule. If you're wondering what to bring - it can be as simple as a fruit platter and/or a baked good -- store bought is fine! Here are the available dates: September 4<sup>th</sup>, September 11<sup>th</sup>, September 18<sup>th</sup>, and September 25<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Maryanne in the parish office if you'd like to take a Sunday. Thank you!

*Celebrant* Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us an offering and sacrifice to God.

*Please stand*

### **Offertory Hymn 665 “All my Hope on God is Founded”**

All my hope on God is founded;  
he doth still my trust renew.  
Me through change and chance he guideth,  
only good and only true.  
God unknown,  
he alone  
calls my heart to be his own.

Human pride and earthly glory,  
sword and crown betray his trust;  
what with care and toil he buildeth,  
tower and temple, fall to dust.  
But God's power,  
hour by hour,  
is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness aye endureth,  
deep his wisdom, passing thought:  
splendour, light, and life attend him,  
beauty springeth out of naught.  
Evermore



from his store  
new-born worlds rise and adore.

Daily doth th' Almighty giver  
bounteous gifts on us bestow;  
his desire our soul delighteth,  
pleasure leads us where we go.  
Love doth stand  
at his hand;  
joy doth wait on his command.

Still from earth to God eternal  
sacrifice of praise be done,  
high above all praises praising  
for the gift of Christ his Son.  
Christ doth call  
one and all:  
ye who follow shall not fall.

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### The Great Thanksgiving

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant*      Lift up your hearts.

*All*              **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant*      Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All*              **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant continues*

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

*All*      **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

**All By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**All Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**All By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

*Celebrant and People*

**All (sung) Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Celebrant continues*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**All We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of our mothers Sarah, Rebekah, Leah, and Rachel, God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**All Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

**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.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*All*..... Fraction Anthem S 160

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; grant us peace.**

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

**Communion Hymn 312** “Strengthen for Service, Lord”

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands  
that holy things have taken;  
let ears that now have heard thy songs  
to clamor never waken.

Lord, may the tongues which 'Holy' sang  
keep free from all deceiving;  
the eyes which saw thy love be bright,  
thy blessed hope perceiving.

The feet that tread thy holy courts  
from light do thou not banish;  
the bodies by thy Body fed  
with thy new life replenish.

*As you listen to the music selections, we invite you to pray silently the prayer of spiritual communion if you are virtually joining us or the post-communion prayer if you are in person and have received communion.*

**Prayer of Spiritual Reception** *(silently)*

Lord Jesus, I cannot now worship you at the altar of the church in this Sacrament of your Body and Blood, yet in spirit I receive this bread and this wine in my heart, mind, and spirit. Visit me, I pray, with your mercy, pardon, and blessing, and fill me with faith and love and repentance, and so strengthen and sustain me by your grace that I may with pure heart and mind follow you, the only God, now and ever. Amen.

**Post-Communion Prayer** *(silently)*

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into

the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*We encourage you in this time to reflect on what has stood out for you in our worship together. What is God inviting you to in the week ahead?*

**Blessing** *(please stand)*

*Celebrant* Remember friends, as we go, that life is short. And we have too little time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us. So be swift to love, make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, & Holy Spirit, be with you now and remain with you always. Amen.

**Closing Hymn 637** “How Firm a Foundation”

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!  
What more can he say than to you he hath said,  
to you that for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed!  
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,  
the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;  
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,  
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,  
my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;  
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design  
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;  
that soul, though all hell shall endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

**Dismissal**

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God**