

**The Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit
Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 25
October 27, 2024**

Welcome to Holy Spirit!

Our mission is to become like Christ as we
serve others, proclaim God's love, and grow in the Spirit.

We are glad you are here!

Prelude

Gathering of the Community

All stand as the hymn begins.

Gathering Hymn 410 Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven *Lauda Anima*

The Word of God

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

Presider Almighty God,

All to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. 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 Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Presider Lord, have mercy upon us.

People Christ, have mercy upon us.

Presider Lord, have mercy upon us.

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Collects for Proper 25

8 AM

BCP 183

Almighty and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain that which thou dost promise, make us to love that which thou dost command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

10 AM

BCP 235

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Prayer in a Time of Transition

Lord of wisdom and fortitude, be with us as we search for our new rector. Give us patience, resilience, and the knowledge of your presence during this time of discernment. Bring forth a rector full of grace to bestow your words among us. May the Lord bless us and keep us along this journey. All honor and glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Prayer for the Election season

by Rev. Sarah Speed

Holy God, we come to you today in prayer, full of emotions. Election seasons always seem to bring that out in us—worry and hope, fear and frustration. The list could go on. So today we bow our heads and ask for guidance. Open our ears to hear the groans of creation. Open our eyes to see the needs of others. Open our hearts to make room for empathy. Give us the wisdom to navigate challenging conversations. Give us the patience to disagree with grace. Give us the compassion to make decisions for the greater good. And when all else fails, bring us back to love. Bring our hearts and our hands, our dreams and our hopes, our anger and our frustration, our hurt and our fear, all back to love. With hope we pray, with hope we are sustained. Amen.

First Reading**Job 42:1-6, 10-17**

Reader A Reading from the book of Job

People Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening

Job answered the Lord:

“I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.

‘Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?’

Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.

‘Hear, and I will speak; I will question you, and you declare to me.’

I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes.”

And the Lord restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends; and the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before. Then there came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the Lord had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money and a gold ring. The Lord blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys. He also had seven sons and three daughters. He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch. In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job’s daughters; and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers. After this Job lived for one hundred and forty years, and saw his children, and his children’s children, four generations. And Job died, old and full of days.

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

People Let it be unto us according to your Word.

Psalm 34:1-8, 19-22

I will bless the Lord at all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

I will glory in the Lord; *
let the humble hear and rejoice.

Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; *
let us exalt his Name together.

I sought the Lord, and he answered me *
and delivered me out of all my terror.

Look upon him and be radiant, *
and let not your faces be ashamed.

I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me *
and saved me from all my troubles.

The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, *
and he will deliver them.

Taste and see that the Lord is good; *
happy are they who trust in him!

Many are the troubles of the righteous, *
but the Lord will deliver him out of them all.

He will keep safe all his bones; *
not one of them shall be broken.

Evil shall slay the wicked, *
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

The Lord ransoms the life of his servants, *
and none will be punished who trust in him.

Second Reading

Hebrews 7:23-28

Reader A Reading from the Book of Hebrews

People Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but Jesus holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently, he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

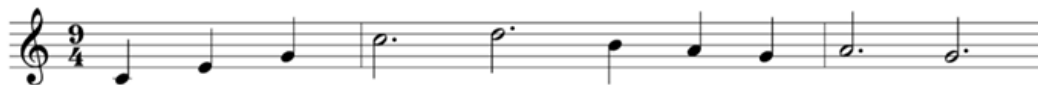
For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

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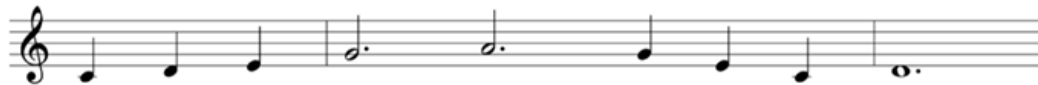
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Gospel Hymn Christ be beside me

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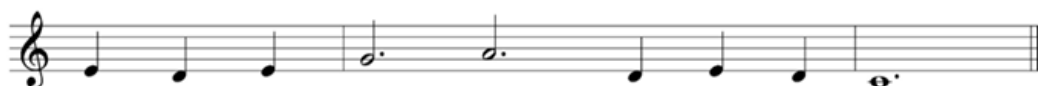
1. Christ be be - side me, Christ be be - fore me,
2. Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,
3. Christ be in all hearts Think - ing a - bout me;



Christ be be - hind me, King of my heart.
Christ all a - round me, Shield in the strife.
Christ be on all tongues Tell - ing of me.



Christ be with - in me, Christ be be - low me,
Christ in my sleep - ing, Christ in my sit - ting,
Christ be the vis - ion In eyes that see me;



Christ be a - bove me, Nev - er to part.
Christ in my ris - ing, Light of my life.
In ears that hear me, Christ ev - er be.

The Gospel**Mark 10:46-52**

Deacon The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Mark

People Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord

*People Praise to you, Lord Christ***Sermon****Fr. John Rollins****Nicene Creed****BCP 326 / 358****Prayers of the People** adapted from Season of Creation, The Scottish Liturgy, 1982Deacon Let us pray for the revealing of the reign of God in the world,
now and always.

Intercessor In the beginning

People God was.

Intercessor Here and now,

People God is.

Intercessor In the future,

People God will be.

- Intercessor Creator of earth, sea, and sky, kindle the fire of your Spirit within us that we may be bold to heal and defend the earth; pour your blessing upon all who work for the good of this pale blue dot, our island home.
Silence God, Giver of life, ***Hear our prayer.***
- Intercessor Breath of life, receive our thanks for the beauty of our local habitat and all who dwell in it, and grant us the wisdom and will to conserve it.
Silence God, Giver of life, ***Hear our prayer.***
- Intercessor Source of life, heal and redeem the wounds of your creation, and visit the places and people who suffer from our indifference, neglect, and greed.
Silence God, Giver of life, ***Hear our prayer.***
- Intercessor Lover of all you have made, we thank you for the wondrous diversity of your creatures, and we pray for their well-being.
Silence God, Giver of life, ***Hear our prayer.***
- Intercessor Author of the book of nature, receive our gratitude for places of restoration and healing, and continue to bless those places that feed our lives and spirits.
Silence God, Giver of life, ***Hear our prayer.***
- Intercessor Wise Creator, whose works are full of mystery, give us wonder and appreciation for your creatures with whom we find ourselves in conflict.
Silence God, Giver of life, ***Hear our prayer.***
- Intercessor Giver of all good gifts, awaken us daily to our dependence upon your bounty, and make us always thankful for the abundance of your blessings.
Silence God, Giver of life, ***Hear our prayer.***

The Eucharistic Prayer**BCP 340 / 361****The Lord's Prayer****BCP 336 / 364****The Breaking of the Bread***All who seek life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion.***Communion Hymn 671 Amazing Grace***New Britain***Mystagogy: Living the Mysteries**

Deacon As we approach the 1-year anniversary of including time for Mystagogy during service, a reminder of why we do this

Our faith needs mystagogy for one simple reason. We celebrate and proclaim a mystery:

The divine mystery of our God becoming one of us, dying and rising for us, and calling us to live after the example of Christ.

Sharing what touched our hearts in a communal way, focuses our attention on the movement of the Spirit among us and enlarges our view and apprehension of grace in our midst.

In a single word or very short and simple phrase, please offer what spoke to your heart during our worship this morning. This is only a sharing of a word or short phrase that spoke to your heart.

After the sharing, the Deacon concludes:

Deacon We thank you, Great Spirit, for moving among us today. Now, let us attend to acts of ministry in the days ahead as we seek to fulfil our mission: to become like Christ as we serve others, proclaim God's love and grow in the Spirit.

Announcements for Mission and Ministry**Prayer of Thanks and Mission****BCP 339 / 366****Missional Hymn 460 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!***Hyfrydol*

Blessing and Dismissal

The Presider provides a blessing

The Deacon dismisses the people

People Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Today's Servers

Presider: Rev John Rollins

Altar Guild: Cecilie Bulcha

Coffee Hour: Anne E. Simpson

Music: Alexei Tartakovsky

Tech Team: Dave and Jasmine Marlow

Counters: Larry Robinson, Richard Southwick

	8 AM	10 AM
Deacon:	Dot Hospador	Michelleslie Maltese
Greeters:		John Higgins, Richard Southwick
Readers:	Meg McKenna	Jan Paxton, Judy Linger
Announcements:	Diane Hrozencik	Jeff Anderson
Crucifer/Server:		Evan Wyglendowski
LEMs:		Jane and Jeff Anderson

All Saints' Sunday, November 3

November 3 – NEXT SUNDAY! -- is All Saints' Sunday. As is our tradition, we encourage everyone to bring photos of those you love but see no longer to display them in front of the altar. We will pass the Paschal candle hand-to-hand during the Litany of the Saints, so each of us can name our saints.

Theology on Tap, October 29

Theology on Tap is discussing *The Return of the Prodigal Son: A Story of Homecoming*, by Henri Nouwen. We'll meet in Dove Hall from 7-8:30 PM. Please read the Conclusion and the Epilogue, p 120-139. See you on Tuesday!

If you are unable to attend in person, you can find the ToT Zoom link on our website:
www.churchholyspirit.org/events/theology-on-tap

Worship-Liturgy Meeting, Sunday, November 3 All Are Welcome!

The Worship-Liturgy team will be meeting on Sunday, November 3, directly after the 10 AM service, in the St. Julian room. We will be addressing any issues/questions there may be about Worship-Liturgy and planning for the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany seasons. Please send any agenda items to Meg at ladybassist@comcast.net

Breakfast with Santa!

St. Nicholas is coming to Holy Spirit on Sunday, December 8! We will have only one worship service at 9:00 AM that day.

Breakfast with Santa will begin, in Dove Hall, at 10:00 AM until 11:30-ish. Breakfast, activities for kids and grandkids, and family photos with our very own St. Nick by Dabour Photography. Email support@churchholyspirit.net with any questions.

Bagels and Books, New Selection

Our next book is *The Great Alone*, by Kristen Hannah. This is a remarkable story about a family in crisis and their decision to relocate to Alaska to hopefully start a new life. It has received rave reviews and was a New York Times Bestseller.

Please contact Suzanne Higgins to pick up a copy. She attends the 10 AM service. You can also reach her at: (908) 794-0556 or SUZANNE.L.HIGGINS@gmail.com.

2024-2025 Youth Group

All youth in sixth grade and above are welcome to join our Youth Group activities. This afternoon we are hiking at Hacklebarney State Park and getting donuts afterward! Check out the Youth Group News webpage for our updates! (www.churchholyspirit.org/youth-group-news)

If you feel you could be an adult chaperone to any of these teen gatherings or want to receive the calendar please email Lindsay Wyglendowski wyglos@gmail.com

2024-2025 Children's Formation

Our Next gathering is Sunday November 3rd. Children can bring photos of their deceased loved ones to add to the altar that day.

Please leave a note for our children in their mailbags inside the St. Nicholas Room off the narthex. These bags will hang all school year and there is paper on the table for your use.

Check out the Children's Formation News webpage for our updates!
(www.churchholyspirit.org/childrens-formation-8203news)

Sign up to be with our Children

Please use this link to look into January and February for dates you can join our children in tying fleece blankets for Project Linus. A lovely, low-key, meaningful project the children all enjoy. If you can help, please sign up using this [Handy-Dandy QR Code](#):



Annual Service Auction

Saturday, November 16, 2024, 6:00 PM

Our auction theme celebrates

Giving Thanks Around the Globe...

Use this *Handy-Dandy QR Code* to buy your tickets!



Service Auction Wish Board & Sign Up

There are items written on sticky notes that we would like to have donated for two themed baskets as well as some additional services that we are hoping for. Donors are asked to have their items brought to church by Sunday, November 3.

Dates to Note

November

Sun	3	8 & 10 AM ~11 AM	All Saints' Sunday Worship-Liturgy Meeting, St Julian
Mon	4	7 PM	Caregiver Support Meeting via ZOOM
Thr	7	7-8:30 PM	Handbell Choir rehearsal
Sun	10		First Sunday of Expanded Advent
Thr	14	6-8:30 PM	Dinner then Choir Rehearsal
Sat	16	6 PM	Service Auction
Sun	17	5-6:30 PM	Handbell Choir rehearsal
Thr	21	7 PM	Vestry Meeting – All Are Welcome!
Sun	24		Stewardship Sunday
Tue	26	7 PM	Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service Lebanon Reformed Church 100 Brunswick Ave, Lebanon