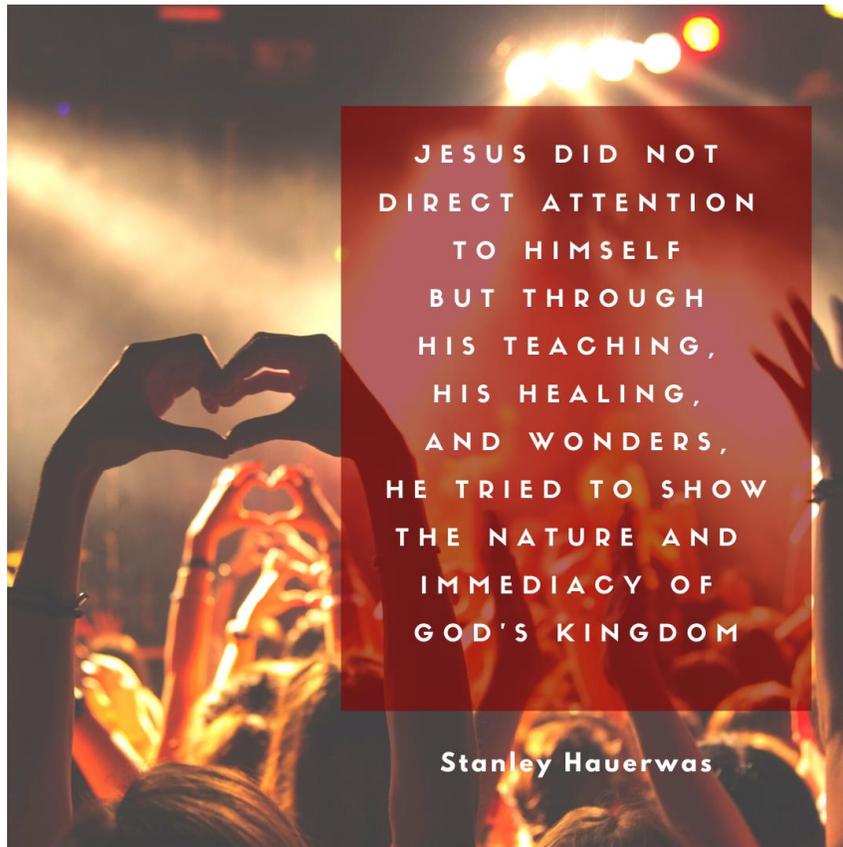


Christ ✠ Church



The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, November 22, 2020 9:00 AM

The Reverend Jane Gober, Rector

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We welcome you today, and always, just as you are: content or wiggly, confused or confident. In this bulletin the whole congregation says the texts in bold.

When praying #togetherapart we recommend that you: sing the songs and say the responses out loud. We invite you to move your body to set your intention at different parts, and we include the directions for sitting and standing which are ‘as you are able’ and willing, because we welcome you just as you are. We also suggest that you make a home altar space somewhere near the screen you watch on, or near your telephone.

We are currently sharing the classic practice of Morning Prayer as the heart of our life together. The video of this service is available as soon as Friday on our YouTube channel (CCRP Learning and Info). All are invited to share the experience together on Facebook live on Sunday mornings at 9am.

We are also sharing the liturgy of Holy Eucharist on our YouTube streaming channel, live at 10 am. The bulletin for that service is different, however the readings and sermon are the same.

Regardless of how we continue in our mission, the church and its ministry continue while we are #togetherapart. If you would like to know more about Christ Church and how we practice the Christian faith in this time and place, we invite you to contact us.

Military Service:

U.S. Army	Richard W., Eric C., Michael S., Chris W., Mark R., Michael B.
U.S. Navy	Marshal N., Nicole G., Joshua R.
U.S. Air Force	David B., Tony G., Mark
U.S. Marine Corps	Timothy N., Jerome S., William S., Austin
U.S.M.C. Reserve	Neil S., Rob
National Guard	Evan H., James R., Robert W.

First Responders: Jim N., Rob H., Frank D., Tom H., Joan H., David III, Michael D., Marianna, Aaron K., Josh P., Doug C., Art R., Lee E., Jesse F., Mitchell H., Wayne M.

This Week’s Prayers Requested For: Howard B., Amy L., Kay T., Tim L.

Continuing Prayers Requested For: Miriam, Adele C., Katharyn H., Maureen, Richard, Mackenzie C., Fran C., Michelle, Pam John H., Jay S., Donna P., Sue S., Joyce M., Rebecca, Anna, Jack, Jane B., Nancy A., Cameron, Megan, Jessica, Donna, Baby Vincent.

Recently Departed: Sherri

Names will remain on the continuing prayer list for a four-week period.

PRELUDE

Now Thank We All Our God

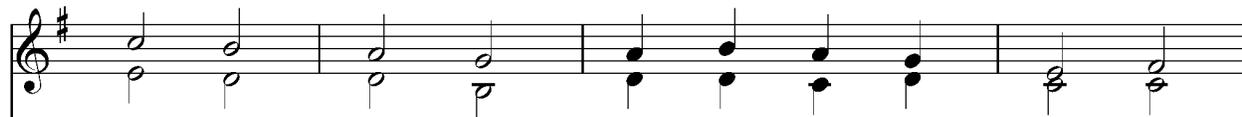
Johann Sebastian Bach

OPENING HYMN *All people that on earth do dwell* (vs. 1, 4) (Led by Alice Berry) H 377

Unison or harmony



1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with
2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; with - out our aid he
3 O en - ter then his gates with praise, ap - proach with joy his
4 For why? the Lord our God is good, his mer - cy is for



1 cheer - ful voice: him serve with mirth, his praise forth
2 did us make: we are his folk, he doth us
3 courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his Name al -
4 ev - er sure; his truth at all times firm - ly



1 tell, come ye be - fore him and re - - jice.
2 feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.
3 ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.
4 stood, and shall from age to age en - - dure.

OPENING SENTENCE

The Presider says

We give thanks to the Father, who has made us worthy to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. *Colossians 1.12*

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Presider says to the people

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Presider and People together, all kneeling

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.**

The Presider alone stands and says

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.
Amen.

The Invitatory and Psalter

VERSICLE

All stand

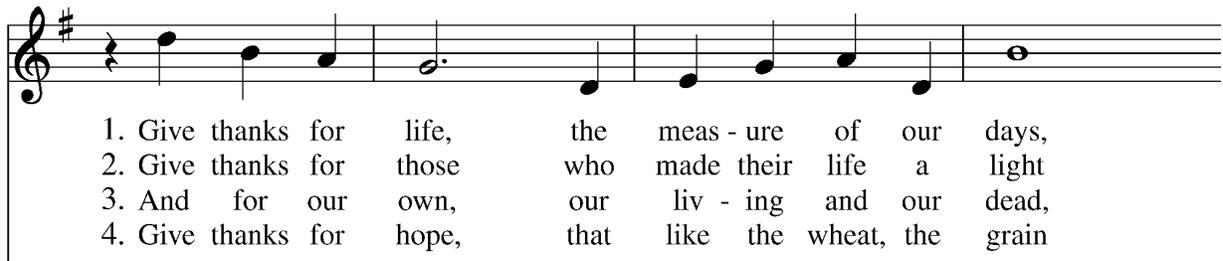
Presider Lord, open our lips.
People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Presider and People

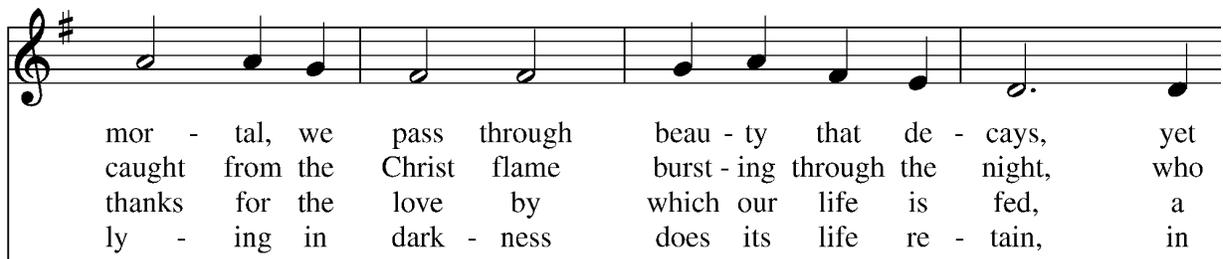
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

HYMN OF PRAISE *Give thanks for life (vs. 4) (Led by Dan Rosen)*

WLP 775



1. Give thanks for life, the meas - ure of our days,
2. Give thanks for those who made their life a light
3. And for our own, our liv - ing and our dead,
4. Give thanks for hope, that like the wheat, the grain



mor - tal, we pass through beau - ty that de - cays, yet
caught from the Christ flame burst - ing through the night, who
thanks for the love by which our life is fed, a
ly - ing in dark - ness does its life re - tain, in

sing to God our hope, our love, our praise,
 touched the truth, who burned for what is right,
 love not changed by time or death or dread,
 res - ur - rec - tion to grow green a - gain. } Al -

le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

PSALM: Psalm 100

¹Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

²Worship the LORD with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.

³Know that the LORD is God.

**It is he that made us, and we are his;
 we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

⁴Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him, bless his name.

⁵For the LORD is good;
**his steadfast love endures forever,
 and his faithfulness to all generations.**

At the end of the Psalm is sung or said

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

The Lessons

FIRST READING: EZEKIEL 34:11-16, 20-24

The reading may be announced:

¹¹For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. ¹²As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

²⁰Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, ²²I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

²³I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 25:31-46

The people stand.

Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

[Jesus said,] ³¹“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to

one of the least of these who are members of my family you did it to me.’⁴¹ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ ⁴⁴ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ ⁴⁵ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ ⁴⁶ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

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

Silence may follow.

SEQUENCE ANTHEM

The Call

Alexander Brent Smith

HOMILY

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Presider and People together, all standing.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers

SALUTATION

The people stand or kneel

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider and People

**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,
 forever and ever. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church; *That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

We pray today for the name on our prayer lists: *Howard, Amy, Kay, Tim L., The Roman Family, Miriam, Adele C., Katharyn H., Maureen, Richard, Mackenzie C., Fran C., Michelle, Pam John H., Jay S., Donna P., Sue S., Joyce M., Rebecca, Anna, Jack, Jane B., Nancy A., Cameron, Megan, Jessica, Donna, Baby Vincent.*

(Military): *Richard W., Eric C., Michael S., Chris W., Mark R., Michael B., Marshal N., Nicole G., Joshua R. David B., Tony G., Mark, Timothy N., Jerome S., William S., Austin, Neil S., Rob., Evan H., James R., Robert W.*

(First Responders): *Jim N., Rob H., Frank D., Tom H., Joan H., David III, Michael D., Marianna, Aaron K., Josh P., Doug C., Art R., Lee E., Jesse F., Mitchell H., Wayne M.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; *Remembering Sherri*
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Lord, you have called us to serve you. Grant that we may walk in your presence with your love in our hearts and your courage in our minds, until, at the end of the journey, we know the joy of our homecoming in your welcoming embrace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

FIRST COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

SECOND COLLECT

God of the present moment, God, who in Jesus stills the storm and soothes the frantic heart; bring hope and courage to your people as we wait in uncertainty. Bring hope that you will make us equal to whatever lies ahead. Bring us courage to endure what cannot be avoided, and the obedience to refrain from what must be avoided for the wellbeing of all; for your will is health and wholeness; you are God, and we need You. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. *Amen.*

THIRD COLLECT

Gracious God, giver of all that is loving and liberating and life-giving. These cards represent the work of our hands and the dreams of our hearts. The pledges which we make on them are but tokens of the abundant blessings that have been entrusted to us and they are pledged in thanksgiving for all we have received, for the mission you are leading us into, and for all we are challenged to share in this place and time. May we see them as our courageous offering to you, sacred, holy, yet earthy, filled with possibilities. May we know your wholehearted generosity to us as we do our part in your mission through Christ Church. Make us open to see our very selves in this offering, a resounding Alleluia though your passion and into your victory. We pray in the name of Jesus, crucified and risen, wholehearted Shepherd of the church. *Amen.*

OFFERTORY REMINDER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

With grateful hearts let us give what we have. With joyful hope, let us give for what can be.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Presider and People

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,**

and all the blessings of this life;
 but above all for your immeasurable love
 in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
 for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
 And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
 that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
 not only with our lips, but in our lives,
 by giving up our selves to your service,
 and by walking before you
 in holiness and righteousness all our days;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,
 to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
 be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

HYMN *Before the Lord's eternal throne* (vs 1,3,4) (Led by Dan Rosen)

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1 Be - fore the Lord's e - ter - nal throne, ye
 2 His sov - ereign Power with - out our aid formed
 3 We are his peo - ple, we his care, our
 4 We'll crowd thy gates with thank - ful songs, high



1 na - tions, bow with sa - cred joy; know that the Lord is
 2 us of clay and gave us breath; and when like wan - dering
 3 souls, and all our mor - tal frame: what last - ing hon - ors
 4 as the heavens our voic - es raise; and earth, with her ten



1 God a - lone; he can cre - ate, and he des - troy.
 2 sheep we strayed, he saved us from the power of death.
 3 shall we rear, al - might - y Ma - ker, to thy Name?
 4 thou - sand tongues, shall fill thy courts with sound - ing praise.

FINAL BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The Presider blesses the people, saying

The Lord keep you close to his heart, the Lord gather you into his arms, the Lord lead you into paths of peace; and the blessing of the One Lord God of all: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you and keep you this day and forever more. *Amen.*

CONCLUDING SENTENCE

The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. *Romans 5.5*

POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our God

Georg Friedrich Kauffmann

CCRP EVENTS & INFORMATION

Whoever you are, for whatever draws you to join Christ Church today, we are glad you are here. If you would like to learn more about how to connect and grow through the ministries of the Episcopal Church in this region, and Christ Church, Ridley Park, please send us an email:

office@christchurchridleypark.org.

Join our weekly e-newsletter by texting CCRPLOVE to 22828. The parish-wide emails will be in your inbox every Friday evening and have our most updated announcements and access to important links.

AmazonSmile supports Christ Church every time you shop on your Amazon account. A percentage of your purchase would be returned to Christ Church. To participate, sign on to www.smile.amazon.com and search for Christ Church Ridley Park. Select Christ Church as your charity and begin your shopping.

Fill the pews! We are collection new & like new stuffed animals, action figures, and dolls to fill the pews as we carefully worship #TogetherApart. Please bring your items before December 14th. *All items will be donated to new homes through the Diocesan Christmas Box Project.*

We are live! The livestreaming camera is now up and running. For the month of November you can digitally worship with us in two ways: (1) Streamed prerecorded Morning Prayer, Sunday 9am on Facebook (includes musical offerings) OR (2) Live-streamed limited in-person Holy Eucharist, Sunday 10am on YouTube (live from the nave)

YouTube is free to anyone, you do not need an account. Look up our channel, CCRP Learning and Info to view. Both Morning Prayer and Holy Eucharist will be available in our YouTube channel library to watch at any time post-Sunday.

Livestreaming Assistant- If you are willing to be trained on how to work the streaming camera remote and broadcast the Sunday 10am service please contact Mackenzie.

Life Center: December 9th. We need 2 volunteers to prepare the main meal, and a few others to donate cases of water, fruit, individual desserts and some needed supplies. Please consider signing up. Contact Carole McManus at carolemcmanus@comcast.net to let her know what you are able to donate and where and when you will be dropping off donations. Items can be dropped off at Church by Tuesday 12/8 @ 2 or at Carole's anytime before Weds. 12/9 @ 4.

Assisting this Holiday Season:

- (1) ***Share your creche*** to decorate the church windows this Christmas. We are in need of 12 and they will be handled with care. Please contact Elizabeth Rasnake by December 6th.
- (2) ***Lessons & Carols recorded readers*** are needed to create our video of biblical stories and music. Set-up a time to record at the church with Mackenzie or record at home and send in your file. Contact Mackenzie asap. Four more readers are needed.
- (3) ***Fair Acres Christmas Project*** is collecting monetary donations for Outreach to shop for 20 residents. There will not be a tag tree this year. Please turn in donations by November 20th (make checks out to Christ Church with Fair Acres in the memo).

For the love and safety of our community, Christ Church ask the following of anyone entering the building. ALL church members/visitors are required to sign-in at the entrances for purposes of contact tracing. There are sign-in sheets located at the green door entrance and at the office door entrance. All members/visitors must: (1) Have permission from the staff or wardens to enter the church building; (2) Sign-in with date and time of entry; (3) Wear a mask when inside the building.