



# CHRIST CHURCH ANGLICAN

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## **Sixth Sunday after Pentecost** **July 5, 2026 Holy Eucharist 10:30am**

Presider: The Rev. Brendon Bedford  
Homilist: John Howard  
Lay Reader: Francis Richardson  
Organist: Ashton Dunk

Server: Sarah Howard  
Cantor: Francis Richardson  
Reader: Toni Bothwell  
Greeter: Gene Latour



## Our Land Acknowledgement

We at Christ Church are gathered together on the territory of the Saugeen Ojibway Nation and commit ourselves to the hard work of reconciliation.



## Our Mission Statement

Christ Church is committed to live in a generous and loving spirit in all its relationships.

## Our Contacts

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## Welcome and Announcements

Post-Covid, we have curtailed the “passing of the plate” at Christ Church. There are offering envelopes in the pews and on the table at the back of the church. We thank you for your donation to the ministry and upkeep of the parish which can be placed on the offering plate as you enter the church.

**Prelude** Carillon Prelude on “The Old Hundredth” - Paul Fey

*Please stand as you are able.*

## OPENING SENTENCE

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN:** #354 Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing  
blue hymn book

## GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

**Presider:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**People:** and also with you.

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

**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 Christ our Lord. Amen.

**THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO (Glory to God in the Highest)**  
(#702 blue hymn book)

**All:** 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.**

**Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth.**

## **THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*Please be seated.*

## **The Proclamation of the Word**

### **THE FIRST READING**

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

Reader: A reading from the Book of Genesis

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM 45:11-18**

*The psalm refrain is sung once by the cantor and is then repeated by the congregation.*



- (1) "Hear, O daughter; consider and listen closely;
- (2) forget your people and your father's house.
- (1) The king will have pleasure in your beauty;
- (2) he is your master; therefore do him honour.
- (3) The people of Tyre are here with a gift;
- (4) the rich among the people seek your favour." **R.**
- (1) All glorious is the princess as she enters;
- (2) her gown is cloth-of-gold.
- (1) In embroidered apparel she is brought to the king;
- (2) after her the bridesmaids follow in procession.
- (3) With joy and gladness they are brought,
- (4) and enter into the palace of the king. **R.**

- (1) "In place of fathers, O king, you shall have sons;
- (2) you shall make them princes over all the earth.
- (1) I will make your name to be remembered
- (2) from one generation to another;
- (4) therefore nations will praise you for ever and ever. **R.**

## THE SECOND READING

Romans 7:15-25a

Reader: A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

Reader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand, as you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (from Sing a New Creation)

*Sung 3x or until procession stops mid-aisle.*

### 190 Alleluia

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

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*Please turn to face the Gospel reader.*

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Gospeller: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

*After the reading:*

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION #190 Alleluia** (from Sing a New Creation)  
*repeated by congregation.*

*Please be seated.*

**HOMILY**

John Howard

Lay Reader

*Please stand, as you are able.*

**THE NICENE CREED**

Lay Reader: Let us confess our faith, as we say,

**All: 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 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. With the Father and the Son He is worshipped 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.**

*Please sit, kneel or stand, as you're able.*

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Francis Richardson

Lay Reader

### THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Lay Reader: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Lay Reader: Most merciful God,

**All: 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 neighbours 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.**

Presider: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

### THE PEACE

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And also with you.**

*Members of the congregation greet one another with a sign of peace.*

*Remain standing, as you are able.*

**OFFERTORY HYMN: #374 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus blue hymn book**

### THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

## The Celebration of the Eucharist

Eucharistic Prayer # 1– BAS page 193

Presider: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider: It is indeed right that we should praise you, gracious God, for you created all things .....

.....  
Therefore, with them, and with all your saints who have served you in every age, we give thanks and raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

**THE SANCTUS (HOLY)**

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord - #212 Sing a New Creation*

**All: Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!  
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed, blessed, blessed is the one  
coming in the name, the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!  
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!**

BAS pg 194

Presider: Holy God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly gives you praise. ....

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Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**All Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

Presider: Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection, and looking for his coming again in glory, .....  
.....  
Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

**People: Amen.**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER (sung) #684 blue hymn book**

Presider: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

**All: 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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD (FRACTION RITE) sung**  
Lamb Of God (Agnus Dei)

**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.**

**THE COMMUNION**

Presider: The gifts of God for the People of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*Please be seated.*

*All baptized Christians, regardless of denomination, are welcome to receive communion at God’s altar. If you are not baptized, you are very welcome to come forward to the communion rail for a blessing, indicating so by crossing your arms over your chest.*

***If you are interested in exploring baptism, please speak to the priest after the service.***

*Gluten free hosts are available at the altar rail upon request.*

**COMMUNION HYMN #31 Beyond the Beauty and the Awe**

Sing a New Creation  
*Please stand, as you are able.*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**THE DOXOLOGY (Sung)**

**All: Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**THE FINAL BLESSING**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN #466 How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord**  
blue hymn book

**THE DISMISSAL**

**Presider: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.**

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*Please be seated.*

**THE POSTLUDE**

Preludio Festivo - Paul Fey

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**This Week's Prayer List**

(We invite you to hold all on our list in your prayers for the coming week.)

**The Diocese:** We hold in our prayers the people and clergy of: Christ Church, Amherstburg; Trinity, Cottam; St. Paul's, Essex; Church of the Epiphany, Kingsville.

**The Parish:** We hold in our prayers: Marion Turner, John Watchurst, Howie Wheeler and their families as well as all those serving in the Canadian Armed Forces at home and overseas.

**The Wider Church:** We hold in our prayers the clergy and people of the Episcopal Church of the USA; the clergy and people of the Diocese of Jerusalem; the clergy and

people of Bath Abbey and St. Giles, Cripplegate, UK as well as Bishop Sarah Mullally, Archbishop of Canterbury.

**Intercessions:** For healing and hope we hold up to God: Bev & family, Carole, Charlie, Dave, Marg, Deanie, Fraser, Gord, Katharine, Ted, Tim and their families, and any others who are in need of our prayers.

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**Our Prayer List.** Please let Fr. Brendon know if there is anyone who continues to need our prayers and whose name will continue on the prayer list into the next month.

***Memorial Flowers on the Altar***

*Flowers at the altar today are given to the glory of God and with grateful thanks for the life and ministry of Gordon and Edith Dunn, a gift of the Howard family.*

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If you would like to place flowers on the altar in memory of a loved one, please contact Muriel Armitage, with advance notice if possible, at 519-538-2852.

**NEXT WEEK**

**Sunday, July 12, 2026, Seventh Sunday After Pentecost**

The readings are: Genesis 25:19-34; Psalm 119:105-112; Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Following the service, please join us for our BBQ and Strawberry Social, out on the lawn and parking lot, under the shade of the canopy. Hamburgs, hotdogs with all the fixins' and strawberries & ice cream will be served. If you have your own chair, it would be appreciated if you would bring it.**

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**The Wednesday BCP (Said) Eucharist at 12noon and Study Group at 1pm continue Wednesdays with the Book of Genesis.**

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**The next Repair Cafe is here on Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup> going from 9am to 12noon. Bring along your small item(s) to repair and join us for a cup of coffee.**

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**Art in the Pews – Our church is reserved on Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup> for a special art show, put on by the Meaford art group, Seasaw. Several artists will be present displaying their works of art from 3pm to 7pm here at Christ Church. Come out for the lovely exhibit.**

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**Save the Date: Saturday, August 15, 2026 join us for the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Dedication of the WWII Memorial War Windows & more – service at 2pm. Details in eblasts. If you are not on the eblast list and would like to be, please see Chris in the office.**

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**SAVE THE DATE- ALL CHOIR MEMBERS - A rehearsal of Christ Church choir with the Goldennaires is scheduled for August 13<sup>th</sup> at 1pm at Meaford United Church. We will be practising regularly on Thursdays here at 2:30pm to prepare for this special event – all are welcome to join us!**

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**We invite each to bring a non-perishable item on Sundays for the Little Free Pantry (LFP) in order to keep it stocked over the summer. Items in need are on the sheet at the back of the church – snacks and hygiene items (soap) are especially preferred.**

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**For Pastoral Care, please contact the Rev. Brendon Bedford at [brendonbedford@diohuron.org](mailto:brendonbedford@diohuron.org) or 226-974-5060. For all other questions, concerns or ministries, please contact [office@christchurchanglican.ca](mailto:office@christchurchanglican.ca) or 519-538-1330.**

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