

# Christ Church Grosse Pointe

THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: PROPER 14

AUGUST 10, 2025 ✠ 10 AM

*Welcome to this service of Holy Eucharist at Christ Church Grosse Pointe. We hope that this service will help lift you to the presence of God and strengthen you for the week to come.*

*Scripture readings are printed in Currents (leaflet insert).*

*Hymns are found in the red hymnal in your pew.*

*'S' numbers refer to service music found in the front of the hymnal.*

*BCP refers to the Book of Common Prayer.*

## Holy Eucharist: Rite II

VOLUNTARY

SONG 13

*Percy Whitlock  
(1903-1946)*

### ✧ The Entrance Rite ✧

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The people stand for the hymn.*

HYMN 401

THE GOD OF ABRAHAM PRAISE

*Leoni*

OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant* Blessed be our God.

*People* **For ever and ever. Amen.**

*The Celebrant prays the Collect for Purity, and the people respond Amen.*

SONG OF PRAISE

*The children follow the Children's Cross to the  
Chancel steps during the Song of Praise.*

Through north and south and east and west May God's im-mor-tal name be  
blessed: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Till  
ev - ry - where be - neath the sun, God's reign be - gins; God's will is  
done: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. al - le -  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - - - ia!

## ❧ The Word of God ❧

### THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

*Celebrant* God be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
Let us pray.

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your lovingkindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*People* **Amen.**

*The Celebrant dismisses the children to Children's Chapel,  
and the people respond Amen.*

*The people are seated for the reading and the Psalm.*

### THE READING

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 33:12-22

*The people stand for the hymn and remain standing for the Gospel.*

### HYMN 545

LO! WHAT A CLOUD OF WITNESSES

*St. Fulbert*

### THE GOSPEL

Luke 12:32-40

*Gospeller* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*The Gospel is read.*

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

*The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.*

### THE SERMON

The Reverend Canon Ronald Spann

*A brief period of silence is observed for reflection on the sermon.*

*The people stand.*

### THE NICENE CREED

*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 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

*Intercessor* Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

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

We pray for those on our parish cycle of prayer (*N.*). Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
*People* **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
*People* **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;  
*People* **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

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

We pray for *N.* Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
*People* **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

We pray for those who have died (*N.*).  
 Give to the departed eternal rest.  
*People* **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

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

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

*The people may add their own petitions.*

*People* Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant concludes with a collect and the people respond Amen.*

## THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Gospeller* Let us confess our sins to God.

*A brief period of silence is observed.*

*People* **God of all mercy,  
we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.  
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will. Amen.**

*The Celebrant offers the absolution, and the people respond Amen.*

## THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace and then are seated.  
Those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries are invited to come forward.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray for those in our congregation who are celebrating a birthday or an anniversary.

*People* **O God, our times are in your hand:  
Look with favor, we pray,  
on your servants as they begin another year.  
Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace,  
and strengthen their trust in your goodness  
all the days of their lives;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE OFFERTORY

*The people remain seated while the offering is collected.*

### ANTHEM

BEREITE DICH, ZION, FROM  
CHRISTMAS ORATORIO

*Johann Sebastian Bach  
(1685-1750)*

*Bereite dich, Zion, mit zärtlichen Trieben,  
Den Schönsten, den Liebsten bald bei dir zu sehn!  
Deine Wangen müssen heut viel schöner prangen,  
Eile, den Bräutigam sehnlichst zu lieben!*

Make yourself ready, Zion, with tender desires  
to see with you soon him who is most beautiful, most dear!  
Your cheeks must today be far more beautifully resplendent,  
hasten, to love your bridegroom with the greatest longing!

*The people stand as the gifts are presented.*

*Children and their parents are invited to follow the children's cross and to sit in the Chancel between the choir stalls. They return to their seats for Communion.*

### HYMN 68, vs. 1-2

REJOICE! REJOICE, BELIEVERS

*Llangloffan*

## ❧ The Holy Communion ❧

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer C, BCP, p. 369

*Celebrant* God be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

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

*People* **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.

*People* **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.

*People* **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.

*People* **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:

### SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS - S 129

*The people remain standing as the Celebrant gives thanks for the reconciling  
work of Christ through his passion and resurrection and prays over the bread  
and wine.*

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

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

Lord God of our ancestors: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God  
of Tamar, Rahab, Ruth and Mary; 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.

*People* **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.

*People*      **AMEN.**

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Celebrant*      And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
*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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

#### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant*      We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

*People*      **We who are many are one body,  
for we all share in the one bread.**

#### THE INVITATION

*To receive Communion, come to the Communion Station or to the Altar Rail. If you wish to receive a blessing rather than Communion, cross your arms over your chest—this will alert the priest to your request. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.*

#### AGNUS DEI - S 163

*The people are seated.*

**VOLUNTARY**      **FIDELIS, FROM *FOUR EXTEMPORIZATIONS***      *P. Whitlock*

#### THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

*The people stand.*

*Celebrant*      Let us pray.

*People*      **God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

#### THE BLESSING & DISMISSAL

*Celebrant*      God be with you.

*People*      **And also with you.**

*The Celebrant blesses the people.*

*People*      **Amen.**

*The Gospeller dismisses the people.*

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN 637**      **HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION, YE SAINTS OF THE LORD**      *Lyons*

**VOLUNTARY**      **POSTLUDE IN D MINOR**      *Charles V. Stanford  
(1852-1924)*