Christ Church Grosse Pointe

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: PROPER 17
AUGUST 31, 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

Meditation, from Three Pieces for Organ

David Halls (b. 1963)

The Entrance Rite

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

The people stand for the hymn.

Hymn 598 Lord Christ, when first thou cam'st to earth

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OPENING ACCLAMATION

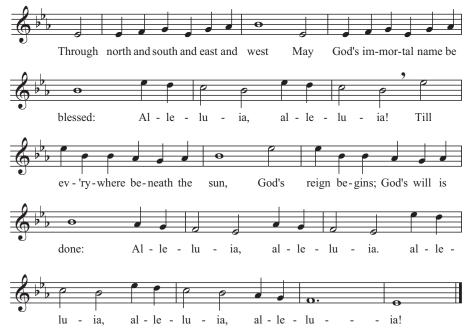
Celebrant Blessed be our God.

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.



The Word of God

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Celebrant God be with you. *People* **And also with you.**

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.

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 13:1-8, 15-16

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

PSALM 112

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

Hymn 438 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord! Woodlands

THE GOSPEL Luke 14:1, 7-14

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel is read.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Andrew Van Culin

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

People 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.

Lord, in your mercy,

People

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 Ev'ry valley shall be exalted, George Frideric Handel FROM MESSIAH (1685-1759)

Ev'ry valley shall be exalted, and ev'ry mountain and hill made

low, the crooked straight, and the rough places plain.

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 707 Take my life, and let it be consecrated Hollingside

➣The Holy Communion ≪

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer C, BCP, p. 369

Celebrant God be with you.

And also with you. People

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord. People

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.

Glory to you for ever and ever. People

> 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.

By your will they were created and have their being. People

> 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 ARIETTA Thomas Kerr (1915-1988)

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 344 LORD, DISMISS US WITH THY BLESSING Sicilian Mariners