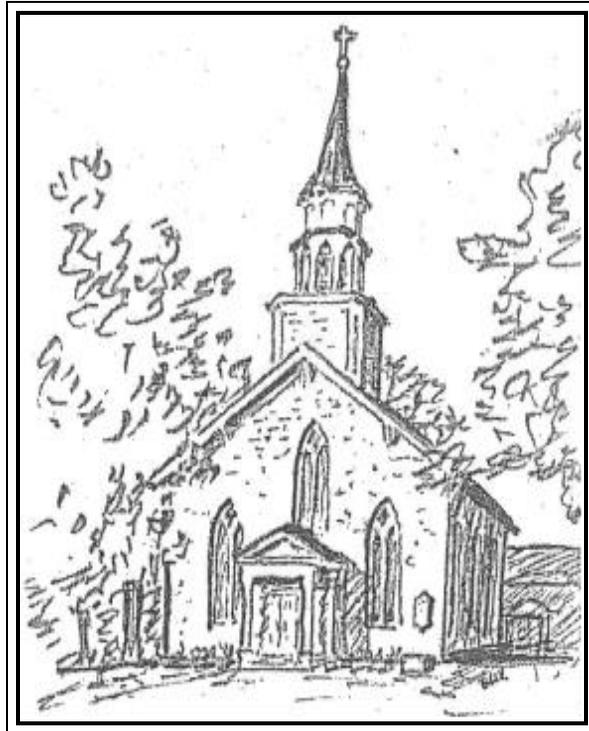


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# CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL

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### **Opening Sentence**

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

### **The Invitatory and Psalter**

Officiant: Lord open thou our lips

**All: And our mouths shall proclaim thy praise**

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;**

**As it was in the beginning is now and shall be forever. AMEN**

### **Psalm 149**

1 Hallelujah!

Sing to the LORD a new song; \*  
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

2 Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; \*  
let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

3 Let them praise his Name in the dance; \*  
let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.

4 For the LORD takes pleasure in his people \*  
and adorns the poor with victory.

5 Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; \*  
let them be joyful on their beds.

6 Let the praises of God be in their throat \*  
and a two-edged sword in their hand;  
7 To wreak vengeance on the nations \*  
and punishment on the peoples;  
8 To bind their kings in chains \*  
and their nobles with links of iron;  
9 To inflict on them the judgment decreed; \*  
this is glory for all his faithful people.  
Hallelujah!

**First Reading**  
**Romans 13:8-14**

**Lector: Nick Moore**

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

**Second Reading**  
**Matthew 18:15-20**

Jesus said, “If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along

with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Homily by Rev. Dr. Martha Tucker**

#### **The Apostles Creed**     *Officiant and People together, all standing*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### **The Prayers**

Officiant: The Lord be with you

People: ***And with thy spirit.***

Officiant: Let us kneel and pray.

#### **The Lord's Prayer**     *Together, all kneeling*

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.***

## **Suffrage B**

- V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;  
R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.  
V. Day by day we bless you;  
R. We praise your name for ever.  
V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;  
R. Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.  
V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;  
R. For we put our trust in you.  
V. In you, Lord, is our hope;  
R. And we shall never hope in vain.

**The Collect:** Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**Collect for Sundays:** O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**Collect for Mission:** Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. *Amen.*

**Christ Church Prayer:** O God, who has brought us into the Church of thy dear Son, make all in our parish a family of one heart and mind in love towards thee; and grant that our common life and work may help to bring in thy kingdom. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## **Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving**

Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring

us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

We pray for those on our parish prayer list to include:

Nancy Briggs	Barbara Franks	Addie Selfridge
Mary Jean Calvi	Erin Ford	Shelley Strid
Mary Jean Chacona	Francoise Kelz	Jon Swart
Betty Dearborn	John Lynch	Richard Tucker
Janis Downey	Larry Mac Neil	Philip Waugh
Michael Dyroff	Joyce Millage	Joyce Weegar
Miles Eller	Adele Prindle	Mary Ann Wilkens
Jane Farnol	Wendy Grace Rossi	Jon Widing

The Altar Flowers, which adorn the Sanctuary, are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Herbert Rubensohn by Nick Moore.

### **A Prayer for the Power of the Spirit Among the People of God**

God of all power and love, we give thanks for your unfailing presence and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss. Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire. Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world: a people who pray, worship, learn, break bread, share life, heal neighbors, bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit. Wherever and however we gather, unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission, that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **General Thanksgiving**

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 ourselves 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*

**Blessing: 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 forever and ever. Amen**

**Officiant: Let us Bless the Lord**

*People: Thanks be to God.*

*Go In Peace*

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September Celebrations:

7 Alison Clarke Kenary	8 Frederick Ives
8 Joseph Hajek	10 Francoise Kelz
11 Martha Tucker	24 Ellen Casey
20 Judith Schwerin	25 James Bernard Kenary
22 Katelynn Grace Ives	30 Trevor Kilbourn Ives
28 Ryan Cooper	

September 20-27<sup>th</sup>

The Crop Walk will be virtual. Sponsor envelopes are on the back table of the church. The way it works is that participant's will do there walk wherever they want during that week. Donations will be collected in much the same way. They ask that you send pictures of yourself on the walk so they can be included in a Virtual Ceremony on the last day. Join The SteepleWalkers! Weather permitting, I plan to walk from the church around the Green and back to church, at Noon on Friday September 25<sup>th</sup> if anyone cares to team up with me.

