

**The Second Sunday after Pentecost**

MORNING PRAYER: RITE II

9:00 A.M. SERVICE

SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 2023

**CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL**

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Mission Statement

We are called to be one with God and each other,  
by living the Gospel with love and compassion.

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**Prelude:** *Morning Prayer Chants: Jubilate Deo, Venite*

**Officiant:** *Welcome to all who have come to be with us today for worship.*

**Opening Sentence:** You are no longer strangers and sojourners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God.

*Ephesians 2:19*

**Opening Hymn:** *The God of Abraham Praise verses 1, 2, 3*     **Hymnal 401**

**Confession of Sin** *Officiant and People together, all kneeling*

**Officiant:** *Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.*

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 Invitatory and Psalter-***all stand*

Officiant: Lord open thou our lips

*People: 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. Alleluia.*

**Psalm 50:7-15 responding at the asterisk\***

**Lector: Barbara Franks**

- 7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak:  
"O Israel, I will bear witness against you; \*  
*for I am God, your God.*
- 8 I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; \*  
*your offerings are always before me.*
- 9 I will take no bull-calf from your stalls, \*  
*nor he-goats out of your pens;*
- 10 For all the beasts of the forest are mine, \*  
*the herds in their thousands upon the hills.*
- 11 I know every bird in the sky, \*  
*and the creatures of the fields are in my sight.*
- 12 If I were hungry, I would not tell you, \*  
*for the whole world is mine and all that is in it.*
- 13 Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls, \*  
*or drink the blood of goats?*
- 14 Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
*and make good your vows to the Most High.*
- 15 Call upon me in the day of trouble; \*  
*I will deliver you, and you shall honor me."*

**First Reading: Hosea 5:15-6:6**

**Lector: Barbara Franks**

Thus says the Lord: "I will return again to my place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face. In their distress they will beg my favor: 'Come, let us return to the Lord; for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us; he has struck down, and he will bind us up. After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord; his appearing is as sure as the dawn; he will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth.' What shall I

do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early.

Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets, I have killed them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light. For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.”

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

**The Epistle:** Romans 4:13-25

*Lector: Barbara Franks*

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord

from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

*All rise*

**HYMN:** *By All Your Saints Still Striving*

**Hymnal 231**

**verses 1 & St. Barnabas, June 11 verse & 3**

**The Gospel:** Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

**Lay Leader:** Joanie Yahn

The Gospel of our Lord, according to John

*Glory to you, Lord Christ*

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me."

And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute

players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, “Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Praise to you, Lord Christ*

**Homily**

**Lay Leader:** Joanie Yahn

**Music Meditation:** *In Heavenly Love Abiding*      *composer: Anne Waring*

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

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth;

I believe in Jesus Christ,

his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He 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,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

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**      *Kneel*

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People*    **And also with you.**

*Officiant* Let us pray.

**The Lord's Prayer**

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.**

**Latin**

Pater noster, qui es in caelis,  
sanctificetur nomen tuum.  
Adveniat regnum tuum.  
Fiat voluntas tua,  
sicut in caelo et in terra.  
Panem nostrum quotidianum da  
nobis hodie.  
Et dimitte nobis debita nostra  
Sicut nos dimittimus debitoribus  
nostris.  
Et ne nos inducas in temptationem  
sed libera nos a malo.

**Suffrage B** – *parish responding at italics*

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:** O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**A Collect for Peace:** O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *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.*

**Intercessor:** *Barbara Franks*

### **Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving**

Almighty and ever living 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.*

Strengthen and sustain all whose spirits are weak and whose lives are gripped by pain or suffering or distress. Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble.

For those who have asked for our prayers, especially:

*Bill, Donny, Nancy Briggs, Alex Fagan, John Fagan, Nancy Franks,  
Doris Higgins, Rindy Higgins, Francoise Kelz, Peggy McConnell,  
Eileen Mulligan, Wendy Grace Rossi, Joyce Weegar*

*(and for those we now name either silently or aloud.)*



Living Lord, confused friends left your empty tomb in both fear and great joy. We hold before you the sadness of loss and the joy of our hope in you.

*The Altar Flowers, which adorn the Sanctuary, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Edwin C. Jameson, Jr. by Nick Moore*

**Officiant:** The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

**Officiant:** Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

**Offertory Solo:** *Benedictus Es*

**Presentation of Offering -Doxology**

**Hymnal 380**

*Officiant continues*

**A Prayer For Joy in God's Creation:** O heavenly Father, who hast filled the world with beauty: Open our eyes to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works; that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, we may learn to serve thee with gladness; for the sake of him through whom all things were made, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**The General Thanksgiving** *Officiant and People together*

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.**

**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**

**Closing Hymn:** *O God of Bethel verses 1,2 & 3*

**Hymnal 709**

*Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.*

*People: Thanks be to God.*

**Dismissal: Go In Peace**

**Postlude:** *Precious Lord*

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**ECCT Prayer Cycle:** *St. Paul's, Norwalk; All Saints with Christ, Oakville; St. Saviour's, Old Greenwich. Students of all ages who are graduating.*

**Worship Assistance Today:**

**Soloist:** Donna Castaner

**Lay Leader:** Joanie Yahn

**Lector & Intercessor:** Barbara Franks

**Usher:** Marybeth Franks-Begor and Scott Begor,

**Altar:** Marybeth Franks-Begor and Scott Begor

**Hospitality:** Marybeth Franks-Begor and Scott Begor, Barbara Franks

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOSPITALITY: Many Sundays are available in June Please sign up.

SUNDAY NIGHTS- AA MEETINGS MENS GROUP- 7:30 TO 8:30

TUESDAY & THURSDAY-SHARON AA HAPPY HOUR-5:30 TO 6:30

CRAZY CRAFTERS - 1<sup>ST</sup> AND 3<sup>RD</sup> TUESDAYS at 3:00-4:30 PM.

Next is June 20<sup>th</sup>

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS are available to parishioners.

Contact the office.

## PARISH PRAYER LIST

If there is someone you would like us to pray for that is ill or troubled in some way, please let us know if they would like to be included on our list.

## SHARON CHURCHES UNITED

### SOFTBALL GAME

Christ Church Episcopal/Sharon

Congregational verses

Sharon United Methodist / Saint Kateri

Parish- St. Bernard's (Catholics)

**SATURDAY, JUNE 24TH at 1:00 PM**

**Sharon Valley Ball Field (Veterans**

**Field). Bring any equipment you might have as well as players and fans!**



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