

# Christ Church Grosse Pointe

THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: PROPER 12

JULY 26, 2026 ✠ 10 AM

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*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

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CARILLON

*Leo Sowerby  
(1895-1968)*

### ❧ The Entrance Rite ❧

#### THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The people stand for the hymn.*

**HYMN 388**

O WORSHIP THE KING

*Hanover*

#### OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

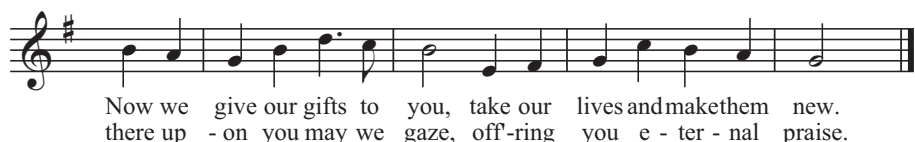
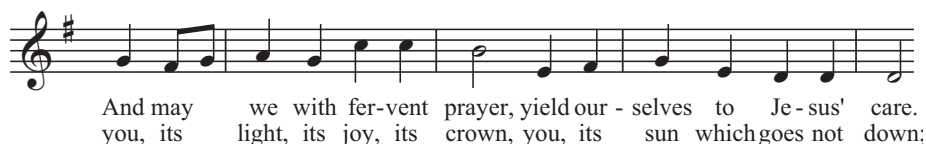
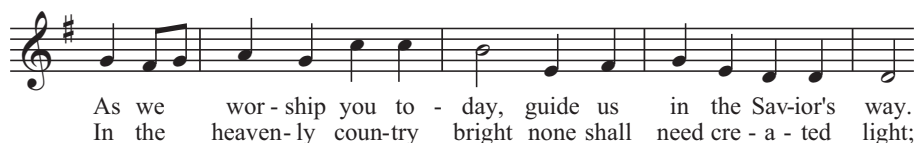
*People* **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

*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.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; 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

1 Kings 3:5-12

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 119:129-136

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

### HYMN 615

“THY KINGDOM COME!” ON BENDED KNEE

*St. Flavian*

### THE GOSPEL

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

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

*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 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.

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

*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

LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER

*arr. Moses Hogan  
(1957-2003)*

Let us break bread together on our knees.  
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
Oh, Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees.  
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
Oh, Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees.  
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
Oh, Lord, have mercy on me.

*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 711

SEEK YE FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD

*Seek Ye First*

## ❧ The Holy Communion ❧

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer, EOW 1

*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.**

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

*People*

**AMEN.**

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Celebrant*  
*People*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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.*

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PASTORALE

*Don Michael Dice  
(1941-2022)*

## 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

*Celebrant* God be with you.

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

*The Celebrant blesses the people.*

*People* **Amen.**

## THE DISMISSAL

*The Gospeller dismisses the people.*

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## HYMN 688

A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

*Ein feste Burg*

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TOCCATA IN SEVEN

*John Rutter  
(b. 1945)*