

Christ Church Grosse Pointe

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: PROPER 15

AUGUST 16, 2026 ✠ 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

RHOSYMEDRE

*Ralph Vaughan Williams
(1872-1958)*

✧ The Entrance Rite ✧

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

The people stand for the hymn.

HYMN 371

THOU, WHOSE ALMIGHTY WORD

Moscow

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.*

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.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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

Isaiah 56:1,6-8

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

PSALM 67

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

HYMN 470

THERE'S A WIDENESS IN GOD'S MERCY

Beecher

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 15:10-28

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

RECOGNITION OF CATECHISTS

A priest recognizes Kelsey Devaney, Kristina DiVozzo, and Raegan Niscoromni.

WELCOME OF MONTESSORI DIRECTOR

THE OFFERTORY

The people remain seated while the offering is collected.

ANTHEM

LOVE BADE ME WELCOME,
FROM *FIVE MYSTICAL SONGS*

R. Vaughan Williams

Love bade me welcome; yet my soul drew back,
Guilty of dust and sin.
But quick-eyed Love, observing me grow slack
From my first entrance in,
Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning,
If I lack'd any thing.

A guest, I answered, worthy to be here:
Love said, You shall be he.
I the unkind, ungrateful? Ah, my dear,
I cannot look on thee.

Love took my hand, and smiling did reply,
Who made the eyes but I?

Truth Lord, but I have marr'd them: let my shame
Go where it doth deserve.
And know you not, says Love, who bore the blame?
My dear, then I will serve.

You must sit down, says Love, and taste my meat:
So I did sit and eat.

*George Herbert
(1593-1633)*

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 380, vs. 1, 3 FROM ALL THAT DWELL BELOW THE SKIES

Old 100th

❧ 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:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS - S 129

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.

The Celebrant continues the prayer and concludes with the following words:

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 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

A TRIBUTE TO HUBERT PARRY

*Harold Darke
(1883-1973)*

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 544

JESUS SHALL REIGN WHERE'ER THE SUN

Duke Street

VOLUNTARY

FANFARE

*John Cook
(1918-1984)*