

Christ Church Grosse Pointe

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: PROPER 20

SEPTEMBER 20, 2026 ✠ 9 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.

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

VOLUNTARY

ALLEGRETTO, FROM
SONATA NO. 4, OP. 65

*Felix Mendelssohn
(1809-1847)*

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Reverend Andrew Van Culin

❧ The Entrance Rite ❧

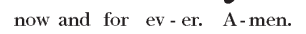
HYMN 9

NOT HERE FOR HIGH AND HOLY THINGS

Morning Song

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People  And blessed be God's kingdom,  now and for ev - er. A - men.

The Celebrant prays the Collect for Purity, and the people respond Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO - S 280

The children follow the Children's Cross to the Chancel steps during the Gloria.

❧ The Word of God ❧

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People  And al - so with you.

Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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

Jonah 3:10 – 4:11

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 145:1-8

The people stand for the hymn.

HYMN 659

O MASTER, LET ME WALK WITH THEE

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THE GOSPEL

Matthew 20:1-16

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord 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 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

Leader Let us pray for the Church and for the world.
For the Church of God, for Sean, our Presiding Bishop, for Bonnie,
our Bishop, for all who minister in Christ's Church, and for the
people of God in every place, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those in positions of public trust, especially the President of the
United States, our elected officials and the judiciary, that they may
serve justice and promote the dignity and freedom of every person,
we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the mission of the Church, for the peace of the world, that we
may be faithful witnesses to your love and mercy, we pray to you,
O Lord.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers, for those
on our parish cycle of prayer (*N.*), we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For (*N.*), for the healing of the sick, for the relief of the suffering,
and for the comfort of all who are close to death; we pray to you,
O Lord.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For refugees, immigrants, and all who come to us as strangers, that
they may know the welcome of Christ, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those expecting babies, and for those who give life to others, we
pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For ourselves, our families and friends, and those we love, and for
those who do not know love, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those who rest in Christ (*N.*) and for all the dead, we pray to
you, O Lord.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We 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 against God and our neighbor.

A brief period of silence is observed.

People **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 Celebrant offers the absolution, and the people respond Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord 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

SIMILE EST REGNUM

*Francisco Guerrero
(1528-1599)*

Simile est regnum caelorum homini patri familias, qui exiit primo mane conducere operarios in vineam suam. Et egressus circa horam tertiam, vidit alios stantes in foro otiosos, et dixit illis: Ite et vos in vineam meam et quod justum fuerit dabo vobis.

The kingdom of heaven is like a householder who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. And he went out about the third hour and saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them: "Go also into my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is just".

Matthew 20:1, 3, 4

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.

~ The Holy Communion *~*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant

People

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant

People

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant

People

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Celebrant offers our thanks to God for the grace and mercy made available to us in Christ.

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.

Celebrant

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People

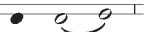
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic prayer.

Celebrant

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

People


A - men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant

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

All

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.

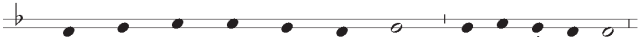
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People


There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

THE INVITATION

To receive Communion, come to a Communion Station or to the Altar Rail at the direction of the ushers. If you wish to receive a blessing rather than Communion, cross your arms over your chest—this will alert the priest of your request. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

AGNUS DEI - S 163

The people are seated.

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ANTHEM

THE EYES OF ALL WAIT UPON THEE

*Jean Berger
(1909-2002)*

The eyes of all wait upon thee and thou givest them their meat in due season. Thou openest thine hand and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

The people stand.

Celebrant Let us pray.
All **Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us
as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

Celebrant The Lord 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 655 O JESUS, I HAVE PROMISED TO SERVE THEE TO THE END

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