

# Christ Church Grosse Pointe

THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: PROPER 23

OCTOBER 11, 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

SCHMÜCKE DICH, O LIEBE SEELE, BWV 654

*J. S. Bach  
(1685-1750)*

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Reverend Andrew Van Culin

### ❧ The Entrance Rite ❧

HYMN 7

CHRIST, WHOSE GLORY FILLS THE SKIES

*Ratisbon*

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.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ 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 25:1-9

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

PSALM 23

*The people stand for the hymn.*

HYMN 339

DECK THYSELF, MY SOUL, WITH GLADNESS

*Schmücke dich*

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 22:1-14

*Gospeller* The Holy Gospel of our Lord 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 Maureen L. Martin

*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

CANTIQUE DE JEAN RACINE

*Gabriel Fauré  
(1845-1924)*

*Verbe égal au Très-Haut, notre unique espérance,  
Jour éternel de la terre et des cieux,  
De la paisible nuit, nous rompons le silence.  
Divin Sauveur jette sur nous les yeux!*

*Répands sur nous le feu de ta grâce puissante,  
Que tout l'enfer fuie au son de ta voix,  
Dissipe le sommeil d'une âme languissante,  
Qui la conduit l'oubli de tes lois!*

*O Christ sois favorable à ce peuple fidèle  
Pour te bénir maintenant rassemblé;  
Reçois les chants qu'il offre à ta gloire immortelle  
Et de tes dons qu'il retourne comblé!*

Word, equal to the Almighty, our only hope,  
Eternal light of the earth and the Heavens;  
We break the peaceful night's silence,  
Divine Saviour, cast your eyes upon us!

Spread the fire of your mighty grace upon us  
May the entire hell flee at the sound of your voice;  
Disperse from any slothful soul the drowsiness  
Which induces it to forget your laws!

O Christ, look with favour upon this faithful people  
Which has now gathered to bless you.  
Receive its singing, offered to your immortal glory,  
And may it leave with the gifts you have bestowed upon it!

*Racine's paraphrase of the Matins hymn "Consorts parentis lumine"*

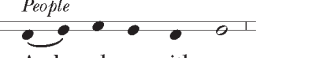
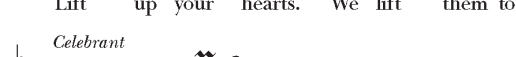
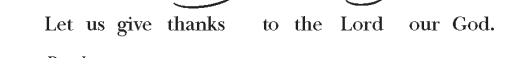
*The people stand as the gifts are presented.*

*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

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| <p><i>Celebrant</i></p>  <p>The Lord be with you.</p>                   | <p><i>People</i></p>  <p>And al - so with you.</p>                      |
| <p><i>Celebrant</i></p>  <p>Lift up your hearts.</p>                    | <p><i>People</i></p>  <p>We lift them to the Lord.</p>                  |
| <p><i>Celebrant</i></p>  <p>Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.</p> |                                                                                                                                                          |
|                                                                                                                                                          | <p><i>People</i></p>  <p>It is right to give our thanks and praise.</p> |

*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.*

**VOLUNTARY**      SCHMÜCKE DICH, O LIEBE SEELE, OP. 122, NO. 5 *Johannes Brahms*  
(1833-1897)

ANTHEM I SAT DOWN *Edward C. Bairstow*  
(1874-1946)

I sat down under his shadow with great delight, and his fruit was sweet to my taste. He brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me was love.

*Song of Solomon 2:3-4*

## 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 557                      REJOICE, YE PURE IN HEART!                      *Vineyard Haven*

VOLUNTARY                      PRELUDE IN C MINOR, BWV 546                      *J. S. Bach*

*During the voluntary, parents are invited to escort their children to the Education Wing for breakfast and formation.*