Christ Church Grosse Pointe

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 27
November 8, 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 Cantabile *César Franck (1822-1890)*

The Announcements The Reverend Andrew Van Culin

The Entrance Rite

Hymn 657 Love divine, all loves excelling *Hyfrydol*

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.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he 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 Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16

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

Psalm 70

The people stand for the hymn.

Hymn 462 The Lord will come and not be slow *York*

The Gospel Matthew 25:1-13

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 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, for those serving at Crossroads of Michigan, 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, and 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 those who have served in the armed forces of the United States, for their loyalty in service and courage in battle,in the pursuit of freedom on this and every shore; 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 Vigilate *William Byrd (1543-1623)*

Vigilate, nescitis enim quando dominus domus veniat, sero, an media nocte, an galli cantu, an mane. Vigilate ergo, ne cum venerit repente, inveniat vos dormientes. Quod autem dico vobis; Vigilate.

Be ye watchful, for ye know not when the Lord to his house shall come again, evening, or in the deep midnight, or at the cock crowing, or in the morning. Be ye therefore watchful, lest, when suddenly he cometh, he findeth you all sleeping. And what I say unto you, say I to all men; Be ye watchful.
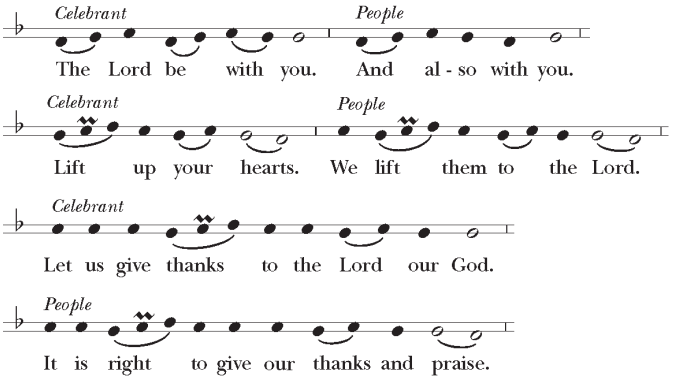
Matthew 25:13

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 68, vs. 1-2 Rejoice! rejoice, believers *Llangloffan*

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A



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

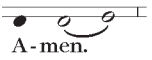
Sanctus & Benedictus - S 129

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 

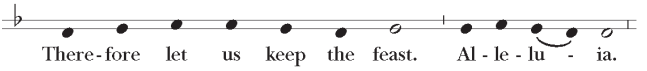
The Lord's Prayer

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 

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 Pavane and Galliard to the Earl of Salisbury *W. Byrd*

Anthem Audivi media nocte *Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)*

Audivi media nocte clamor factus est. Vocem de caelo venientem: venite omnes virgines sapientissime. Ecce sponsus venit. Oleum recondite in vasis vestris dum sponsus advenerit.

I heard in the middle of the night there was a cry. A voice coming from heaven: come all wisest virgins. Behold the bridegroom comes. Fill your vessels with oil, for the bridegroom is coming.

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 436 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates *Truro*

Voluntary Hymn-Prelude on Truro *Seth Bingham (1882-1972)*

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