# Christ Church Charlotte

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost**
**October 25, 2020 · Outdoor Worship**
**Holy Eucharist, Rite II**

Welcome to your Spiritual Home! As we gather outdoors for worship, we invite you to prepare for worship wherever you are standing, just as you would indoors: take a few moments of prayer, quiet, and meditation before we begin.

Special greetings to our Visitors! We want your experience to be as enjoyable as possible. If you have questions, please visit connect with one of our clergy, check-in with one of our greeters, contact us at visitor@christchurchcharlotte.org or visit our website.

This bulletin is designed for use with the Book of Common Prayer (BCP). Text in bold italics is read aloud or sung by the congregation. Text in regular italics provides directions or details.

**Prelude**

## THE WORD OF GOD

**Welcome and Brave Together Sunday Announcement**

**The Opening Acclamation** *(standing)* BCP 355

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
***People:*** ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

**The Collect of the Day** BCP 234

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
***People: And also with you.***
Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**The Gospel: Matthew 22:34-46**

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “’You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: “What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet”’?

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

*After the Gospel,*

*Priest:* *The Gospel of the Lord.*
***People:*** ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

**The Homily**

**The Nicene Creed** *(standing)* BCP 358

***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, Form III** BCP 387

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
**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;
**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest;
**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. In our parish prayers today we pray for…..

*Parish intercessions are offered.*

*The Celebrant says a concluding collect.*

God of all power and love, we give thanks for your unfailing presence and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss. Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire. Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world: a people who pray, worship, learn, break bread, share life, heal neighbors, bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit. Wherever and however we gather, unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission, that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

**The Confession of Sin and Absolution** BCP 360

***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 priest stands and says:*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

**The Peace** *(standing)* BCP 360

The Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
**People: And also with you.**

**Announcements**

**The Great Thanksgiving** BCP 367

*The Celebrant faces the people and says,*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
***People: And also with you.***
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
***People: We lift them to the Lord.***
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
***People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.***

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For by the water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and People*

***Holy, Holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,***
***Heaven and earth are full of your glory.***
***Hosanna in the highest.***
***Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.***
***Hosanna in the highest.***

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant continues,*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he 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 shed for you
and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

***We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;***

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all, presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. 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 for ever. ***Amen.***

**The Lord's Prayer** BCP 364

As our Savior 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** BCP 364

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
***People:*** ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

**The Communion**

*All are invited to receive the bread of Holy Communion. The Celebrant will bring bread to your location. After the Celebrant gives you the bread, you may remove your mask to consume. After consuming, please put your mask back on.*

**Communion Anthem**

**The Postcommunion Prayer** BCP 366

***Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.***

**The Blessing of the Pledges**

Almighty God, you call us to follow where you lead and promise to be with us on the way, help us trust your presence with us. In times of upheaval, give us peace; in times of despair, give us hope; in times of doubt, give us the courage to take the next step in faith. In all things, help us stand with our Christ Church family, sure of your grace, mercy, and love and brave together for the future. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

**The Blessing of the People**

**The Dismissal** BCP 366

*The priest says a dismissal.*
***People:*** ***Thanks be to God.***

**Postlude**

**Intercessions**

**The Church –** Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Sam and Anne, our Bishops; Metlha, Bishop of Botswana; Orlando, Bishop of Costa Rica; and in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Church in Wales

**People of Other Religions –** Prayers for the people of all world religions, that we might share a spirit of respect, understanding and cooperation for the welfare and peace of the world

**Leaders of All Nations –** Donald, our President; Roy, our Governor; Vi, our Mayor; the Congress, the Courts, and all in authority

**Those in Harm's Way –** U.S. Military, especially Ray Workman; First Responders; for those affected by natural disasters, acts of violence and the coronavirus

**Our Community Partners in Mission and Outreach –** especially Men's Shelter of Charlotte

**The sick in body, mind, or spirit –** Tom Leonard, Katie Elsasser, Beth Bauman, Donna Evans, Betty Garner, Bill Adams, Mary Louise Kilroy, Scott Husselbee, Paul Sturtz, Naomi Alexander Stevenson, Peter Bragdon, Libba Eleazer, Barbara Wood, Mary Criswell, Benjamin Poole, Joe Lawton, Hilary Hamilton, Gray Austin, Syble Carson, Joe Motto, Arthur Middleton, Philip Hammond, Reuben Hufham, Johnsie Canny, Wally Brown, Lillie Cowan, and Peter Schreiner

**For those who long to have children and for the expectant mothers in our parish –** Kendra McAdams, Lindsay Leary, Emily French, Haley McGahey, Meghan Tcherkezian, Annie Ninemire, Meggie Horne, Marianna Steele, Emily Adair, Julia Gray Farber, Bella Anderson, Anette Hufham, Molly Nielsen, Rebecca McAdams Smith, Grace Wynn, Elizabeth McMurray, Stuart Aurre and Carol Bledsoe Jones

**Death –** Martha Card Huggins, mother of Holly Wenger; Joan Bechard, mother of Greg Copps

## LOVE GOD

**Brave Together Sunday** - Please join us either in person or virtually today for Brave Together Sunday, the launch of our financial stewardship season at Christ Church. You can deliver your pledge during all regularly-scheduled worship services. If you are unable to join us for live services, we invite you to bring your pledge to the Church from the hours 1 and 4 pm today. Please register for a time: www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0A45AFA92DA5F94-pledge. Alternatively, if you prefer to stay in your car, you may simply drive through the front circle any time from 1 to 4 pm to deliver your pledge. Please reach out to Sarah Eyssen at eyssens@christchurchcharlotte.org or call the church office at 704-333-0378 with any questions. Finally, you may always make your 2021 pledge online at www.christchurchcharlotte.org/pledge, via TEXT2PLEDGE by texting your name and the amount to 980-221-4035, or by mailing in a pledge card.

**Faith Forum: Climate Change - Fact or Fiction?** Join us at 10 am today for a discussion with Katharine Hayhoe, an atmospheric scientist whose research focuses on understanding what climate change means for people and the places where we live. Katharine is an endowed professor at Texas Tech University; she hosts the PBS digital series Global Weirding; and she has been named one of TIME's 100 Most Influential People, the United Nations Champion of the Environment, and the WorldEvangelical Alliance's Climate Ambassador.

**Youth Council Worship** - All Youth Council members are invited to come to a small, socially-distanced gathering on the lawn of Christ Church for worship and fellowship on Sunday, November 1 at 6:15 pm. Youth Council members must sign up to attend (45 person limit). Participants will need to agree to a self-check health screening at home. When on campus, appropriate social distancing and mask wearing will be required, including during the service. Participants will need to bring their own mask, chair or blanket, etc. Contact Alice deVries at devriesa@christchurchcharlotte.org with questions.

**Youth Confirmation** - We are so excited about our upcoming Confirmation process that will begin in January 2021! If your 8th grader is interested in being confirmed, please contact Maggie Baker at bakerm@christchurchcharlotte.org to learn more about the process and to register. Registration can be found on the website.

**School of Faith** - We invite you to join us from wherever you are for School of Faith, a series of online conversations about faith in everyday life, centered around some of our key spiritual practices. Sunday through Thursday we'll host online gatherings to discuss relevant topics, get to know each other, welcome guest speakers, and explore your questions. Advance registration is not required – just drop in when you can! Join the conversation via Zoom or Facebook, or simply watch the broadcast at www.schooloffaith.church. Find the fall program schedule in the latest issue of the *Disciple*.

**The Christ Church App** - The Christ Church app is available to download for Apple and Android. Stay connected to your spiritual home through your phone or tablet any time. With the Christ Church app, you can access our new School of Faith, watch videos live or later, listen to podcasts, read the Bible and weekly eDevotions, and more! Go to www.christchurchcharlotte.org/app for more information and download links. We can't wait to connect with you in this new way!

## WAYS TO GIVE

**Your Generosity Makes a Difference**

Our spiritual home will continue to be the church throughout this time of crisis. Your ongoing financial support is critical. Please consider giving to Christ Church during worship services or any time.

Visit www.christchurchcharlotte.org/offering for details about Text2Give and other giving options.

**The Space Between Us** - Communication is how we share ourselves in this epic conversation called life. You are invited to develop this life-giving skill at The Space Between Us, a three-day experience (November 10 - 12, 9 am – 3:30 pm via Zoom) that will transform the way you communicate at home, at work, and in the world, led by Alice DeVries and Makeda Pennycooke. Register now for one of these transformative workshops online at www.christchurchcharlotte.org/tsbu

## CARE FOR EACH OTHER

**Trunk or Treat Drive-Thru Parade** - We are excited to host Trunk or Treat 2020 -- parade style! Please join us Monday, October 26 to celebrate this fun holiday in pandemic fashion, where wearing masks will be all the rage! This all-ages event is fun for everyone! It will be such a "treat" to watch the joy on the children's faces as they drive through in their adorable costumes to see the fabulously spooky and silly trunks! While the individual trunks will be unable to distribute candy, we will hand out small goody bags at the end of the parade. (You can let us know when you arrive if you do not wish to receive one.) Think you're too young or too old? Not this night! Participate in the festivities by hosting a trunk! We will safely distance decorated trunks for all the children to drive by and enjoy. Sign up at www.christchurchcharlotte.org/trunkortreat for the parade or to host a trunk. Contact Kathryn Saunders at saundersk@christchurchcharlotte.org with questions.

**Parenting in a Pandemic: How to Be Present in Uncharted Territory** - There is so much we can't control, but we can get back to unruffled, purposeful parenting. Join The Reverend Connor Gwin and parishioner Rachel Heitman, Licensed Professional Counselor, for this important workshop in mindful parenting. On Thursday, October 29 from 6:30 - 7:30 pm, we will meet on campus in small groups to discuss teenager parenting tips. Visit www.christchurchcharlotte.org/family-ministry to find details and register (required).

**Spark Bible Order for Families** - Families are invited to order a Spark Bible for use at home with younger children, as well as during the Discovery service. The selected Bible stories are written with children in mind, and the accompanying pictures help tell the stories. Orders can be picked up from the Church Rotunda. $10 order fee helps offset expenses.

**Parenting in a Pandemic: Parenting with Faith and Courage** - On Thursday, November 5 at 8 pm, The Reverend Connor Gwin, as well as parishioner and Licensed Professional Counselor Rachel Heitman will lead a discussion on mindful, purposeful parenting tips you can use in your house with children and youth of all ages. Whether you attend the October in-person workshops or not, you'll gain practical parenting information in our conversation together. Visit www.christchurchcharlotte.org/family-ministry to find details and register (required).

**Middle School EYC** - Middle School EYC is meeting both in-person and virtually. Middle School students are invited to register for in-person EYC, which meets Sunday afternoons at 3 pm, and/or they can register to meet virtually via Zoom on Sunday evenings at 7 pm. Both registrations can be found on the website. For in-person gathering, there is a limit of 13 students, and they must agree to a health pre-screening as well as following mask wearing and social distancing guidelines. Contact Maggie Baker at bakerm@christchurchcharlotte.org with questions.

**Virtual Navigators Gatherings** – 4th and 5th grade Navigators are invited to weekly virtual gatherings on Sundays at 10 am via Zoom. To register for the gatherings, visit www.christchurchcharlotte.org/navigators. Contact Sarah Ford at fords@christchurchcharlotte.org with questions.

**High School Life Group** - High School students are invited to weekly Life Group on Wednesdays from 7 – 8 pm. We will post the details for High School Life Group on GroupMe. If your high school student isn't currently part of GroupMe, but wants to connect with us, please contact Alice deVries at devriesa@christchurchcharlotte.org. We will need their name and phone number.

**The GoodNews Shop** offers remote shopping via social media, email (gns@christchurchcharlotte.org), or phone (704-372-5906), with curbside pickup and approvals. Check out our merchandise on Instagram @thegoodnewsshop, or call us to arrange a FaceTime from the Shop so you can browse! Special orders, monogramming, and gift wrap are available. We are open Mon - Thurs, 9 am - 4 pm.

**Food to Go** - Stock up on easy meals pre-ordered from our fabulous Chef Mary. Place your order by Monday at 4:30 pm; pick up and pay (check preferred) in the Church Circle on Thursday, 11 am - 1 pm. Menu and order form are posted at www.christchurchcharlotte.org/kitchen.

**Yoga for the Spirit on Sundays at 4 pm** continues via Zoom so you can practice at home. All are welcome, regardless of limitations. Email Joyce Cmiel at joycecmiel@aol.com for an invitation to the Zoom class.

**Because We Care -** We know that many people could use some help right now. If you need assistance, or if you can offer assistance, please email us at care@christchurchcharlotte.org and let us know what you need or how you can help.

**Are You Receiving Christ Church Emails?** We want to stay in touch with you during these uncertain times. If you are not receiving emails or you would like to update your contact information, please go to the Spiritual Home Update page or www.christchurchcharlotte.org/contact-info to submit your contact information.

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## SERVE THE WORLD

**Community Webinar** - The Outreach team invites you to participate in an important community webinar conversation on Thursday, November 12 from 8:30 – 10 am, called A Bridge Over the Benefits Cliff: Creating Pathways to Living-Wage/Family-Sustaining Employment. Please contact Laura Konitzer at konitzerl@christchurchcharlotte.org if you would like more information or to participate.

**Serve-A-Bration** - Join us for a VIRTUAL Serve-A-Bration the week of November 1 – 7. Visit www.christchurchcharlotte.org/serve to learn about and support our community partners.

**#knowCLT Systemic Racism -** What is systemic racism and how does it show up in our everyday lives in ways that are not obvious or to which we are blind? Join us via Zoom at 7 pm every Wednesday in October for conversations with people in the Charlotte community who are working towards equity for everyone. For more information and to register, visit www.christchurchcharlotte.org/justice.

**Episcopal Relief & Development** - As so much of our country is being ravaged by hurricanes and wild fires, please consider making a donation to Episcopal Relief & Development to support relief efforts. For more information and to donate visit www.christchurchcharlotte.org/outreach.

**Election 2020** - If you want to enact change in your country and in your community, the best way to do so is by casting your vote as soon as you can. We encourage all eligible voters to register and make their plan to vote in the November election now. For voters who plan to vote by mail you should request your ballot now so that you can have plenty of time to receive and return it by going to www.vote.org. If you plan to vote in person, we strongly recommend that you vote early. North Carolina early voting period runs from Thursday, October 15 to Saturday, October 31.