



**Christ Episcopal Church**  
**Holy Eucharist**  
**The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**July 23, 2023 10:30 am**

*If you are a visitor, we are grateful that you have joined us this morning. Should this form of worship be unfamiliar, relax and let the assembly carry you. We follow the worship pattern of the Book of Common Prayer beginning on page 355. Hymns and songs are found in Hymnal 1982 (blue book) or printed in this program.*

*Kindly turn off cellphones for the duration of the liturgy.*

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The organ music today are variations on "Lobe den Herren," the melody of the Processional Hymn. The variations are taken from a set of 10 variations on the tune, written by Christa Rakich, who currently teaches at Oberlin College in Oberlin, Ohio.

*Tolling bells invite us to silence and stillness.*

**Prelude**

Variation on "Lobe den Herren"

Christa Rakich

*At the tolling of the bell, all rise as able and face the baptismal font.*

**Processional Hymn**

"Praise to the Lord"

*Hymnal 1982 390*

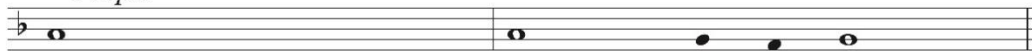
**Opening Acclamation**

*Celebrant*



Bless-ed be God: Father, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit.

*People*



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

**Hymn of Praise**




1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -




might - y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,



on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you




take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



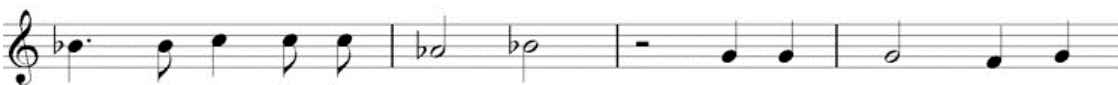
5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -



ceive our prayer. 6. For



you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the



Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of



God the Fa - ther. A - men. 4

## The Collect

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray...

**Amen.**

## The Word of God

*All are seated.*

**The First Reading:** Isaiah 44:6-8

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word. **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 86:11-17

*Assembly sings Refrain (vs. 15), choir sings verses:*



**But you, O Lord, are gra-cious and full of com-**



**passion, slow to an-ger, and full of kind-ness and truth.**

- 11 Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth; \*  
give me an undivided heart to revere your Name.
- 12 I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart, \*  
and glorify your Name for evermore.
- 13 For great is your love toward me; \*  
you have delivered me from the pit of death.
- 14 The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent people seeks my  
life; \*  
they have not set you before their eyes. **Refrain**

But you, O Lord, are gra-cious and full of com-  
 pas-sion, slow to an-ger, and full of kind-ness and truth.

- 16 Turn to me and have mercy upon me; \*  
 give your strength to your servant; and save the child of your handmaid.  
 17 Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be put  
 to shame; \*  
 because you, O Lord, have helped me and comforted me. **Refrain**

**The Second Reading:** Romans 8:12-25  
 Holy Wisdom. Holy Word. **Thanks be to God.**

*Silence and stillness*

*All rise as able.*

**Gospel Acclamation**

*Sing with choir and then repeat Alleluia after choir sings the verse.*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. —

Blessed are you, the Ruler of heaven and earth;  
 you have revealed to these little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

**The Holy Gospel:** Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*At the conclusion of the reading:*

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*All are seated.*

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Samuel Torvend

*Silence and stillness*

*All rise as able.*

**The Nicene Creed**

*The Book of Common Prayer, page 358*

## The Prayers

Deacon: Let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

The musical notation is written on two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and is labeled "Deacon or Cantor". It contains a melodic line: a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note D5, a quarter rest, a quarter note E5, a quarter note D5, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note A4. The bottom staff is in bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and is labeled "People (unison or harmony)". It contains a harmonic line: a quarter note G3, a quarter note A3, a quarter note B3, a quarter note C4, a quarter note D4, a quarter rest, a quarter note E4, a quarter note D4, a quarter note C4, a quarter note B3, and a quarter note A3. The lyrics "Lord, in your mer - cy Hear our prayer." are written below the notes.

## Concluding Collect

*All kneel or bow as able.*

### Confession and Forgiveness

*The Book of Common Prayer, page 360*

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence*

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 Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*You are welcome to offer a word or gesture of peace to your neighbors.*



# The Holy Communion

All are seated.

## Offertory Sentence

### Offertory

An offering of money is collected. With the gifts of many others, your contribution makes possible the worship, formation, and service of Christ Church.

### Offertory Music

Variation on "Lobe den Herren"

Christa Rakich

All rise as able.

### Hymn at the Presentation of the Gifts

"For the Fruit of All Creation"

1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.  
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will be done.  
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.

For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.  
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.  
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.

For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,  
In our world-wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,  
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con-found us,

fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.  
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.  
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.



## The Great Doxology

*Celebrant* *People*

A-men.

## The Lord's Prayer

*Celebrant*

As our Sa - vior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

*Celebrant and People*

Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,

your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven.

Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.

For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.

Save us from the time of tri - al, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.

For the king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours,

now and for ev - er. A - men.



## **Communion Meditation**

I love your simple story of the sower,  
With all its close attention to the soil,  
Its movement from the knowledge to the knower,  
Its take on the tenacity of toil.

I feel the fall of seed a sower scatters,  
So equally available to all,  
Your story takes me straight to all that matters,  
Yet understands the reasons why I fall.

Oh deepen me where I am thin and shallow,  
Uproot in me the thistle and the thorn,  
Keep far from me that swiftly snatching shadow,  
That seizes on your seed to mock and scorn.

O break me open, Jesus, set me free,  
Then find and keep your own good ground in me.

~ Malcolm Guite, "Good Ground," 2015

*All rise as able.*

## **Post Communion Collect**

*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 forever. Amen.**

## **Blessing**

*As the ministers process to the doors, all turn toward the baptismal font.*

**Recessional Hymn**

“Come, Labor On”

*Hymnal 1982 541*

## **The Dismissal**

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

Variation on “Lobe den Herren”

Christa Rakich

*The flowers are given by Shelby Clayson in  
loving memory of her mother, Violet Clayson.*

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**Assisting with the liturgy:** Presider and Preacher: The Rev. Samuel Torvend; Deacon: The Rev. Donna Arellano; Eucharistic Minister and Intercessor: Robert Hicker; Acolyte: Rodney Blackburn; Lector: Brianne Knudson; Interim Music Director: Dr. Paul Tegels; the Christ Church Summer Choir; Ushers: Winfield Giddings, Liz Johnson, Dennis Johnson, and Dylan Hays; Altar Guild: Harriett Fields, Ron Fields, Pat Chen, and Tim Chen; Coffee Hour Host: Barbara Williams

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