

July 7, 2024

Christ Episcopal Church of Guilford
The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Eucharist Rite II
The Rev. Michael Sweeney, celebrant

10 a.m.



Prelude: Prelude on *Rhosymedre*

R. Vaughan Williams

Welcome

Introit: How can I keep from singing

Lowry, arr. Sullivan

Leila Mustakos, soprano; Steven Mustakos, clarinet

Opening Hymn #594 God of grace and God of glory

Cwm Rhondda

Sung by all, standing as you are able. All hymns are found in The Hymnal 1982, the blue book in your pew rack.

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

***People:* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity

BCP, p. 355

Hymn of Praise S 280: Glory to God *Gloria in excelsis*

R. Powell

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

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The celebrant says the Collect.

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Word of God

The people sit.

First Reading:

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and said, "Look, we are your bone and flesh. For some time, while Saul was king over us, it was you who led out Israel and brought it in. The Lord said to you: It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel." So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron; and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the Lord, and they anointed David king over Israel. David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years. At Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months; and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years.

David occupied the stronghold, and named it the city of David. David built the city all around from the Millo inwards. And David became greater and greater, for the Lord, the God of hosts, was with him.

The Lector concludes: The Word of the Lord. *People respond:* **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm: Psalm 48 *Magnus Dominus*

1 Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised; *
in the city of our God is his holy hill.

2 Beautiful and lofty, the joy of all the earth, is the hill of Zion, *
the very center of the world and the city of the great King.

3 God is in her citadels; *
he is known to be her sure refuge.

4 Behold, the kings of the earth assembled *
and marched forward together.

5 They looked and were astounded; *
they retreated and fled in terror.

6 Trembling seized them there; *
they writhed like a woman in childbirth,
like ships of the sea when the east wind shatters them.

7 As we have heard, so have we seen,
in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God; *
God has established her for ever.

8 We have waited in silence on your loving-kindness, O God, *
in the midst of your temple.

9 Your praise, like your Name, O God, reaches to the world's end; *
your right hand is full of justice.

10 Let Mount Zion be glad
and the cities of Judah rejoice, *
because of your judgments.

11 Make the circuit of Zion;
walk round about her; *
count the number of her towers.

12 Consider well her bulwarks;
examine her strongholds; *
that you may tell those who come after.

13 This God is our God for ever and ever; *
he shall be our guide for evermore.

Second Reading:

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven— whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person— whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

The Lector concludes: The Word of the Lord. *People respond:* **Thanks be to God.**

All standing.

Sequence Hymn #488 Be thou my vision

Slane

The Gospel according to Mark

6:1-13

Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, ex-

cept in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

The Gospeller concludes: The Gospel of the Lord.

People respond: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Michael Sweeney †

All standing

Nicene Creed

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 people stand or kneel.

Prayers of the People: Form III

BCP, p. 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 cycles of prayer, we pray for the clergy and people of St. Paul's Plainfield, Christ Church, Pomfret, Trinity, Portland; military chaplains, and all who serve this country; and for The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean. We pray for those on the parish prayer list, including Noah Fujimoto Sands, BJ Wellman and family; Debbie R, Shelley and John N, Debra Santi, Kathy

Rodgers, Michelle, Chloe Negron, Noreen, David Barker, Ignacio, Peggy Van Patten, Paul, Heather Henning, the family of Lois Creighton; and for those on your hearts.

Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister and 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.**

Celebrant declares the Absolution

The Peace

All stand.

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

Announcements and Greetings

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Offertory anthem: My eyes for beauty pine

H. Howells

The Doxology: Hymn 380 (vs. 3)

The people stand

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord.

People: And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP, p. 367

The people remain standing.

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 our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is truly right, and good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through the great shepherd of your flock, Jesus Christ our Lord; who after his resurrection sent forth his apostles to preach the Gospel and to teach all the nations; and promised to be with them always, even to the end of the ages. 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 – Hymnal S-125: Holy, holy, holy Lord *Sanctus* R. Proulx

The people stand or kneel.

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.

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;

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 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.

And now, as our Savior Christ 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
Fraction Anthem #S-155 Christ our Passover

BCP, p. 364
G. Near

Invitation to Communion: The Gifts of God for the People of God

Communion solo: I lift up my eyes, unto the mountains
Mark Rehnstrom, baritone

M. Rehnstrom

The people stand or kneel.

Postcommunion Prayer:

BCP, p. 365

**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.**

Blessing

The people stand.

Closing Hymn #528 Lord, you give the great commision

**sung to Abbot's Leigh*

Dismissal: Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Lord Jesus Christ, be present now BWV 655

J. S. Bach

In Today's Worship
Celebrant: The Rev. Michael Sweeney
Ushers: Kay Claiborn, Carol Iovana, Jean Meiselman,
Mardee Moore, Diana Stovall
1st Reading & Psalm: Ed Seibert
2nd Reading: Caroline Herrick
Prayers of the People: Kaye Haggans
Chalice Bearers: Annie Rae, Chris Robinson
Music Director: Mark Sullivan
Soloists: Leila Mustakos, Mark Rehnstrom
Altar Guild: Pat Daunic
Counters: Leigh Beatty, Gene Bishop

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Beach Services

Let's worship at the beach this summer! We've scheduled special late afternoon outdoor services in the Jacobs Beach pavilion in July and August. Father Michael will lead us in a 30-minute service of Holy Eucharist with hymns accompanied by the guitar. These services are very family-friendly and will have "hands-on" elements that engage children.

Please note: these services are in addition to our 10am services!

Schedule: July 14, July 28, August 11, August 25

Note for July 14 Beach Service: we have the pavilion reserved from 1:30-4:30pm, so feel free to arrive early to enjoy some social time and beach play. Invite family and friends!

Welcome Dinners with Father Michael

There will be a number of dinners hosted by congregational members over the coming months to provide everyone the opportunity to spend time outside of church with Father Michael. These small dinners will help him get to know all of us on a more personal basis, learning more about our experiences and hopes for the future of our parish. Check the sign-up sheet in the back of the church for upcoming events hosted by Ted Sands and Caroline Herrick, and Vicky Reeve. We will continue to add more dates – stay tuned!

Newcomers: If you are visiting Christ Church for the first time (or perhaps have been coming regularly) please fill out the Welcome form in the pew holder. We would also ask that you sign the guest book in the rear of the church before you leave.

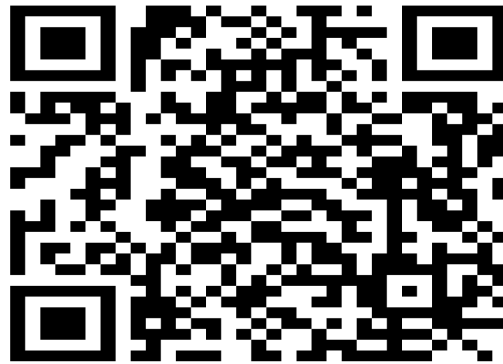
Altar Flowers: If you would like to offer flowers on a Sunday in memory or in honor of someone, please contact the church office. You may purchase & bring them, have a local florist deliver, or offer flowers from your garden.

Home Communion: We realize that not all of our church family is able to attend worship services in person. If you or someone you know would like to receive communion where you live, please contact the church office at 203-453-2279.

Change for Charity: Your loose change makes a difference! Please empty any change you're carrying around in the jar at the back of the church. It is used for charities supported by our church.

Food Bank: Gift cards to Big Y or Stop & Shop are needed to help feed those in need here in our own community. They can be dropped off at the church office or you can write a check to CEC with a note on the memo line "Food Bank." The Guilford Food Bank currently is in need of tea, crackers, canned fruit (no added sugar), canned chicken, hot chocolate, 100% fruit juice, gluten free products, laundry detergent, dish detergent, paper towels, shampoo.

Online Giving: Scan the QR code to connect to our website for online giving



Postcards: There are some lovely already-stamped postcards in the back of the church. The idea for these postcards is to send a note to someone you are thinking about, praying for, and just want to say hello and "I'm thinking about you". Please take 1, 2, or 22 and share some love with others!