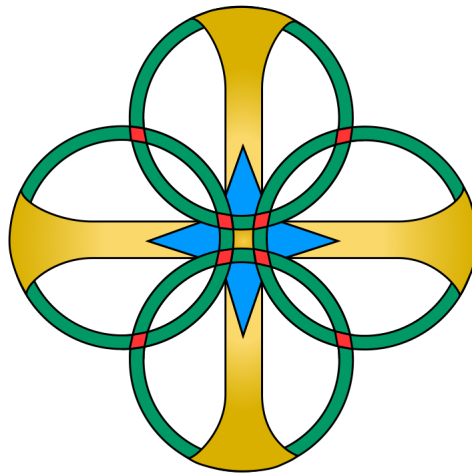

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

September 13, 2026
8:00am 10:30am (Livestreamed on Facebook)



CHRIST CHURCH
The Episcopal Church of Norcross

We invite you to join as an active participant in the worship of God. The worship service can be found in the red Book of Common Prayer (found in the pew racks) beginning on page 355. The scripture readings and the Prayers of the People are printed in the worship bulletin. Scripture texts are taken from the Revised Common Lectionary.

We use the red Book of Common Prayer, the blue 1982 Hymnal and Lift Every Voice and Sing Hymnal, all located in the pew racks.

In the time before our worship begins, please be mindful of those who need this time for quiet prayer and meditation.

Please silence all cell phones and other digital devices, and we ask that you refrain from "texting" during the service.

*Newcomers and visitors, we welcome you warmly.
May you find here, by the grace of God, that which feeds your soul.*

***The mission of Christ Church Episcopal is to live, love,
and serve boldly together in the name of Jesus Christ.***

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

The Word of God

Prelude *In the bulb, there is a flower* arr. Melody Bober

Processional Hymn *Lobe den Herren* Hymnal #390
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation

Opening Acclamation BCP p. 355

Collect for Purity BCP p. 355

Gloria Hymnal #S-280

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

Collect of the Day

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

First Reading Exodus 14:19-31
A Reading from the Book of Exodus.

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

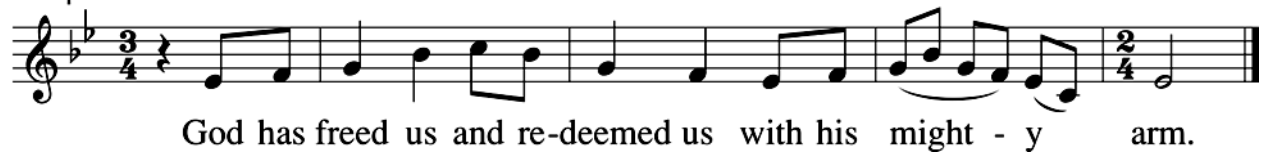
Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

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

Antiphon



1 Hallelujah!

When Israel came out of Egypt, *
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

2 Judah became God's sanctuary *
and Israel his dominion.

3 The sea beheld it and fled; *
Jordan turned and went back.

4 The mountains skipped like rams, *
and the little hills like young sheep.

Refrain

5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? *
O Jordan, that you turned back?

6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams? *
you little hills like young sheep?

7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, *
at the presence of the God of Jacob,

8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water *
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

Refrain

Second Reading

Romans 14:1-12

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans.

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

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

Sequence Hymn

Diademata
Crown him with many crowns

Hymnal #494
verses 1-3

All remain standing.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Richard H. Winters

Nicene Creed

BCP p. 358

Prayers of the People, Form III

BCP p. 387

The Leader and People pray responsively

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, especially Sean and Rob, our bishops, and Rich and Dan, our clergy.
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, especially for Donald, our president, Brian, our governor, Nicole, our county chair, and Craig, our mayor;
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, especially for Brooks, Heather, John, Scott, Bob, Jenny, Debanhi, Judy & Richard, Graham & Laraine, Buenaventura, and Wes.
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest, especially for Julia Lavallet, mother of Julie Norville.
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.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

We pray for God's mercy on the members of our diocesan family currently held in immigration detention, and for their families. We pray for the children held in detention across our nation. We pray for their release and for the restoration of humane and ethical immigration enforcement

We pray for those who serve in the Armed Forces, especially Jeff, Daniel, Andrew, and Mamie.

We pray for those who minister to others, especially the Neighborhood Cooperative Ministries, Rainbow Village, our Thrift Shop volunteers, our Stephen Ministers and those for whom they care, our Path to Shine volunteers, and for our Vestry.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Collect for the 25th Anniversary of 9/11

God of peace, justice, and righteousness, we pray today for the victims of the attacks of September 11, 2001, for the heroic people who rushed to save them, and for all who were injured in spirit that day, in our nation and the world. Enable us to learn the right lessons from these and all acts of savagery and darkness in the broken world which you love without reservation or exception. Strengthen our resolve to uphold the principles that signify our nation at its best. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Confession of Sin BCP p. 360

Absolution BCP p. 360

All stand.

Peace BCP p. 360

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome and Announcements

Mission of Mercy Recipient

The Mission of Mercy recipient for September is the Neighborhood Cooperative Ministries.

Blessing of Birthdays and Anniversaries

E-Giving QR Code—>



THE HOLY COMMUNION

As we prepare for Holy Communion let us listen attentively with an open heart to the music of the anthem.

*We have gluten free communion wafers available for anyone who requests them.
Please ask the priest for them when you are at the altar rail.*

Offertory Anthem *Sing we alleluia* arr. Jay Althouse

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

Presentation Hymn *Old 100th* Hymnal #380
From all that dwells below the skies verse 3

The people remain standing.

Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B BCP p. 367

Sanctus Hymnal #S-125

The Lord's Prayer BCP p. 364

Breaking of the Bread BCP p. 364

Fraction Anthem Hymnal #S-164

Invitation BCP p. 364

Communion Anthem *The Lord's Prayer* arr. Carl Deis & Carl Winrich

Postcommunion Prayer BCP p. 365

Blessing

The priest blesses the people

Postcommunion Hymn *Cwm Rhondda* Hymnal #690
Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

Dismissal BCP p. 366

Postlude *All creatures of our God and King* arr. Marty Parks

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**Remember this: The farmer who plants a few seeds will have a very small harvest.
But the farmer who plants because he has received God's blessings will receive
a harvest of God's blessings in return.**

2 Corinthians 9:6 Stewardship Quote

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Prayers for Members of Our Parish

Brooks Breedlove, Heather Emery, John Emery, Scott Gottuso, Bob Haer,
Jenny Ham, Debanhi Hernandez, Sherry Milano, Judy & Richard Moore,
Graham & Laraine Perrins, Buenaventura Rafael, and Wes Quesenberry.

Prayers for the Repose of the Soul

Julia Lavallet, mother of Julie Norville.

Prayers for Members of our Military

Jeff Jennings, Daniel O'Keefe, Andrew Pridgen, and Mamie Pridgen.

Prayers for Friends and Family

Veniamin Batuev, Brad Burns, John Buchek, Sophia Crawford, Nick Forleades,
Richard Freeman, Val McCall, Kaye McRoberts, Riley Moore, Sidney Mulkey,
Patty Peña, Bonnie Pitman, Ann Pruitt, Frances Rich, Gary & Cindy Russell,
Debbie Scott, Andrew Thompson, Peter Tzianabos, Ann Mayberry Welch,
Ed Welch, Katherine Wright, and Peter Zakis.

Please call 770/447-1166 or e-mail the church office at office@ccnorcross.org to add or remove names from the prayer list.

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TIME-SENSITIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please read The Christ Church Chronicle (CCC) at www.ccnorcross.org for detailed announcements.

WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL!



To make your visit smoother, please scan the QR code with your smartphone. This will take you to our electronic visitors book, where you can quickly and easily enter your details. Your information helps us keep in touch with all new family members. Welcome home!

WEARING OF NAME BADGES

Please remember to wear your name badges when you are attending a worship service or some other event. Not only do we have clergy rotating over the next several months, we also have visitors attending from time to time. Wearing your name badge will help identify them so they can be properly greeted.

CONFIRMATION - RECEPTION - REFIRMATION

We will have a formal confirmation class starting **September 13, 2026, at 11:45am, in room 107** of the Ed. Wing. Those who are taking the current Adult Ed class using the book "Walk In Love" will be able to participate in the confirmation celebration on December 6, 2026 at the Cathedral. For further questions, please contact Deacon Dan Burrows at deacon@ccnorcross.org.

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY (EfM)—ENROLLING NOW!

Do you want to deepen your Christian faith, learn how to articulate that faith, and let that faith inspire you into action? Then join Education for Ministry (EfM)! **Two ways to join: Classic Track** and the **Wide Angle Track** (please see The Chronicle for all the details. **Beginning on September 14, 2026** and continuing through May 24, 2027, from 6:30pm until 8:30pm in room 107 of the Ed. Wing. There is a fee for enrollment. If you'd like to participate, but need financial assistance, please contact **Diane Lynch or Kathy Smith** for more information.

PARISH MEETING, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2026, 9:30AM, IN WEBSTER HALL

Members of the vestry will share updates from our meeting with diocesan representatives, walk through where things stand with our transition, and give an update on our financial position. This is a season of change, but also one of hope — and we want you to be part of the conversation as we look toward what's next. Come with your questions, your ideas, and your energy. Coffee and good company included!

LIVESTREAM LINKS

Our services are livestreamed and can be viewed on either Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/ChristChurchEpiscopalNorcross/> or YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/@ccnorcross>.

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Liturgical Participants for 8:00am and 10:30am services on Sunday, September 13, 2026

Celebrant.....	The Rev. Richard H. Winters
Deacon.....	The Rev. Daniel J. Burrows
Acolytes.....	Kassie Diehl
Altar Guild	Karyn Angstadt, Ann Post
Eucharistic Ministers	Ange Justice; Ann Post
Greeters	Carla Johnson
Lectors	Diane Lynch; Aqeela Ray
Ushers.....	Karyn Angstadt, Carla Johnson
Vestry of the Day	Diane Lynch; Joel Christian; Kristie Bernard

Liturgical Participants for 8:00am and 10:30am services on Sunday, September 20, 2026

Celebrant.....	The Rev. Mimi Guerra
Deacon.....	The Rev. Daniel J. Burrows
Acolytes.....	Jodi Arminio, Kristie Bernard
Altar Guild	Jodi Arminio, Lori Landis
Eucharistic Ministers	Kathy Smith; Lori Landis
Greeters	Guy & Susan Gupton
Lectors	Steve Smith; Ashley Boggs
Ushers.....	Scott Gottuso, Gayle Morris
Vestry of the Day	Kathy Smith (8am & 10:30am); Kristie Bernard (1pm)

Liturgical Participants for 8:00am and 10:30am services on Sunday, September 27, 2026

Celebrant The Rev. Mimi Guerra
Deacon The Rev. Daniel J. Burrows
Acolytes Kassie Diehl
Altar Guild Carla Johnson, Connie Leff
Eucharistic Ministers Jenny Ham; Mike Wood
Greeters Carla Johnson
Lectors Jenny Ham; Betsy Pickren
Ushers Carla Johnson
Vestry of the Day TBD (8am); Carla Johnson (10:30am & 1pm)

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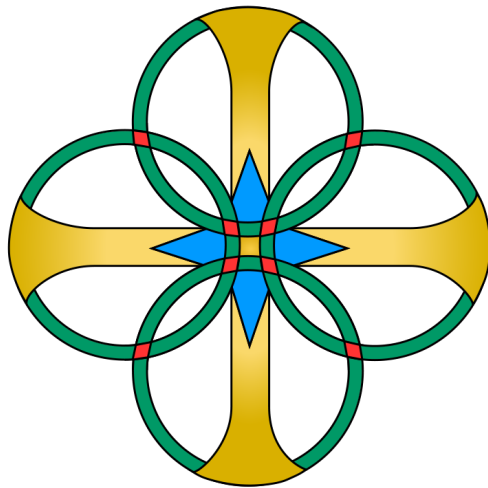
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