



CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 23, 2026 10:00 am

Choral Holy Eucharist

Welcome to our Sunday morning worship service at Church of Our Saviour. We are glad you are here.

For those who cannot join us in person, today's service is being live cast and recorded. Please note the recording may be made publicly available on YouTube and Facebook.

SERVING TODAY

Presider: The Very Rev. Julia McCray-Goldsmith

Preacher: The Very Rev. Julia McCray-Goldsmith

Seminarian: David Mealy

Music Director: Jeanette Tietze

Lector: Caroline Gibbs, Koko Peters

Eucharistic Ministers: Bill Cullen, Koko Peters

Intercessor: Caroline Gibbs

Usher: John MacLeod, Amy Paulenich

Altar: Koko Peters, Susan Wetzler

Flowers: Amy Paulenich

Coffee Hour: Frances Whitnall

The Christian spiritual path is always walked in community. Our worship together is our response to the love of God. Gathering for worship allows us to support one another as we seek to respond to the call to Christian life.

If you are new to The Episcopal Church, we invite you to join in worship as you feel comfortable. The congregation reads the **bold** portions in this booklet in unison. Some people practice their personal piety through gestures such as making the sign of the cross or bowing at certain times because they find it helps them to focus and deepen their experience. There is no requirement to do so but, if you'd like to try, feel free to follow the lead of others in the room. You are invited to participate in all elements of the service, including taking Communion.

We extend a special welcome to families of all configurations. If you are attending with a family member who needs more room to wiggle or make noise, they'll probably find others like themselves in the toddler room off the narthex (vestibule), which families are welcome (but in no way required) to use.

The Episcopal Church is rooted in the Anglican tradition. We use *The Book of Common Prayer*, a book filled with prayers and liturgies that shape our worship. It is the red book you will find in front of you. Any Episcopal Church you attend will use a similar pattern for worship. This booklet makes use of *The Book of Common Prayer* and other texts, with a sidebar to help explain the shape and purpose of our liturgy. Your questions and your participation are always welcome

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

PRELUDE

THE ACCLAMATION

Please stand as you are able.

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

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever.**

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Hymnal 443

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

People **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 51:1-6

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the Lord. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. For the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be for ever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

Reader Hear what the spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Liturgy of the Word is the first half of our worship. We focus on God's work in the world by reading and reflecting on scripture and through prayer.

The opening sentences serve as a greeting for those who have gathered for worship.

This prayer, called the Collect for Purity, invites us to step out of our crowded day and into a consciousness of God's loving presence.

A hymn of praise always follows the opening words, so that we can begin our worship in gratitude.

A collect is a type of prayer that "collects" or "gathers" the intentions of the people.

There are different collects appointed for each day of the church year that attend to the themes of the readings and the church season.

We follow a three-year cycle of readings called a lectionary. On the same day the same scripture lessons are heard in congregations of all types throughout the world.

It is customary for lay people to read the Lessons. We welcome new readers. If you feel called to be one, please let the celebrant or a member of the community know.

Psalm 138

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; *
before the gods I will sing your praise.
I will bow down toward your holy temple
and praise your Name, *
because of your love and faithfulness;
For you have glorified your Name *
and your word above all things.
When I called, you answered me; *
you increased my strength within me.
All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord, *
when they have heard the words of your mouth.
They will sing of the ways of the Lord, *
that great is the glory of the Lord.
Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly; *
he perceives the haughty from afar.
Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; *
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.
The Lord will make good his purpose for me; *
O Lord, your love endures for ever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.

THE SECOND READING

Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Reader Hear what the spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN

Caribbean Alleluia

GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13-20

Please stand as you are able

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Saviour Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you Lord Christ**

The Psalms, ancient songs and poetry from the Old Testament, are sometimes called the prayer book of the Bible. They appear in our Book of Common Prayer as the Psalter, beginning on page 582.

Many of the Psalms are traditionally attributed to King David. They may be sung, recited, or read antiphonally.

The Second Reading, sometimes called the Epistle, is usually selected from the letters that were written to the early church communities. They are typically attributed to Paul, Peter and other apostles were written to guide and strengthen the young Christian communities.

The word Gospel means 'good news'. We hear part of the story of Jesus Christ, who, by revealing the depth of God's love for us, is the ultimate bringer of good news to the world.

The Gospel readings are taken from the

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

SERMON The Very Rev. Julia McCray-Goldsmith
All sit.

THE NICENE CREED

Please stand as you are able.

**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.**

New Testament books of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

Caesarea Philippi was an imperialized setting associated with Herod Philip and Caesar's cult; a temple honoring Caesar stood there. Peter's confession of Jesus as Messiah and Son of God therefore carries a pointed public and political resonance..

The sermon “breaks open” the Word of God and proclaims the gospel in the context of the readings from scripture, the liturgical occasion and the gathered congregation.

The Nicene Creed is a statement of our Christian faith. Based on the older Apostles Creed, the Nicene Creed was adopted by the Council of Nicaea in 325. It was shaped over the next century to resolve controversies over the divine and human natures of Jesus Christ, and the relationship of mutuality within the Holy Trinity.

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Reader I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop, Austin, and our diocese; for this parish community and this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

I ask your prayers for Church of Our Saviour as we continue our journey through this time of transition and discernment, and for wisdom and guidance in the search for our permanent rector.

In our Anglican cycle of prayer, we ask your prayers for **The Church of the Province of South Africa**. In our Diocesan cycle of prayer, we ask your prayers for **St. Bartholomew's, Livermore**.

In our parish cycle of prayer, we ask your prayers for the **Roberts, Harlander and Hayes** families and the Ministry of **St. Anne's Circle**.

Silence. Pray for the Church.

Reader I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.
 Pray for justice and peace.

Silence.

Reader I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of the divine.
 Pray that they may find and be found by God in Christ.

Silence.

Reader I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. For healing, we pray especially for **Nini, Rom, Debbie, Larry, Nancy, Michelle, Katie, Leela, Betty, Roland, Jeanne, Charles, Michael, Pamela, Astrid, Dayna, Mare, Ladonna, Steve, Tin, Charles**

Silence. Pray for all in any need or trouble.

Reader Please feel free to speak aloud the prayers of your heart
Silence.

Reader I ask your prayers for the departed, especially **Kay, Rosemary**
 Pray for those who have died.

Silence.

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

In prayer we bring the needs of the world, and our own needs, to God.

During The Prayers of the People, we pray for:

- The Universal Church, its members, and its mission
- The Nation and all in authority
- The welfare of the world
- The concerns of the local community
- Those who suffer and those in any trouble
- The departed

You are invited to name people, places or things in your heart or out loud following each intercession.

Silence may be kept.

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

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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

WELCOME AND COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine to the celebrant.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant God be with you.
People **And also with you.**

In the Peace, we acknowledge that we encounter Christ in one another, and we prepare to receive communion.

In ancient times, Christians would greet each other with "the kiss of peace". Today we shake hands or hug. There are no set words- "Peace," "God's Peace," and "The Peace of the Lord be with you," are all commonly used.

The Liturgy of the Table is the second half of our worship. We shift our focus to the altar, God's table, where we meet Christ in the bread and wine that is offered, blessed, and shared.

In the offertory we present ourselves before God by offering the fruits of our common life and work. Your generosity supports the many ministries of Church of Our Saviour and The Episcopal Church around the world.



OFFERTORY

We begin Holy Communion with a dialogue (sometimes sung) that invites us to turn our attention towards God.

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.

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit, you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing (say):

SANCTUS

Hymnal S-129

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life. On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us

In the Eucharistic Prayer we praise God for the God's creating, saving and redeeming acts throughout history, and especially for the gift of Jesus Christ.

As we sing the Sanctus (Latin for 'Holy') we join with the whole heavenly host in praising God who calls us into relationship with the whole Body of Christ across time and space.

Together, we say a "memorial acclamation" that acknowledges that God is always on the side of humanity: past, present and future.

the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.
AMEN.

People **Amen.**
 Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People **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

Hymnal S-154

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION HYMN

Hymnal 707

Gluten free wafers are available on request. All who are seeking Christ are invited to receive communion. Hold out your hands and you will be given the bread. Help the cupbearer by guiding the chalice to your lips by the base. You may also receive the bread and the wine together. Hold the bread in your hand and the chalice-bearer will dip it in the wine and return it to your hand. You have fully received communion if you receive only the bread or the wine. If you would prefer to receive a blessing simply cross your arms over your chest. Whoever you are, and whatever you need today, you are welcome here and we are glad you are with us.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living
 members of 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 Savior. Amen.**

BLESSINGS

For birthdays

BCP p. 830

The priest asks God to send the Holy Spirit to bless the bread, wine, and us as we prepare to receive Communion.

In "The Great Amen" we all join in asking Jesus to be present in the bread and the wine.

The Lord's Prayer is the link between our daily bread, meaning the things we need to get through each day, and the spiritual food we will receive in the Eucharist.

Just like the bread and wine, our lives, if we choose to open them up to God, can also be taken (accepted by God), blessed (assured of God's loving-kindness and empowered to grow in God's Spirit), broken or poured (not held tightly in our own control), and shared (sent out to be Christ's presence in the world).

After communion, we say a prayer of thanksgiving together which reminds us to live our daily lives in the spirit of The Holy Eucharist, filled with thanksgiving, so that what we celebrate in the liturgy might become realized in our lives.

The priest offers the congregation a blessing that assures us of God's ongoing love, guidance, and presence in our lives.

For travel
For anniversaries

BCP p. 831
BCP p. 431

For the assembly (Celebrant)

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Hymnal 401

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

POSTLUDE

The final act of our common worship is the Dismissal. It is not an afterthought, but an integral part of the service.
We are sent out as apostles, to carry forward Christ's own work to change the world, and to call forth God's Kingdom.
We go out from the church in mission and ministry to the world.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Wednesday, August 26, Holy Eucharist and Bible Study
Sanctuary & Leppo Room, 10:30am (service) 11:00-Noon (Bible Study)

Friday, September 4, St. Anne's Circle
Fireside Room, 10:00am-Noon

Sunday, September 6, Seen and Unseen
Art Exhibition & Artist Talk by Carol Aust,
Central American themed coffee hour
Sanctuary & Fireside Room, 11:15am

Monday, September 7, Adult Education: The Creed
"Curry and The Creeds" -Please bring a Curry to share, rice will be provided.
Fireside Room 6:00pm-8:00pm

Sunday, September 13, Bishop Visit at COS
Sanctuary, 10:00am
Please Note: there will be no 8:00am service on this Sunday.



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The Bishop is Coming!



On **Sunday, September 13**,
Bishop Austin Rios will make his
first formal Visitation to
Church of Our Saviour.

Let's give him a visit to remember!



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

• SPECIAL HIGHLIGHTS OF THE VISIT INCLUDE •



CONFIRMATION

For those ready to
affirm their faith.



RECEPTION

Come enjoy delicious
food, fellowship, and
a joyful celebration!



RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

For anyone who wants
some extra blessing.



ART SHOW ART INSTALLATION BY CAROL AUST

We'll be unveiling
beautiful new artwork
in our church!



SPECIAL FOOD & FUN

Come enjoy delicious
food, fellowship, and
a joyful celebration!



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*Growing in Faith.
Sharing God's Love.*



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

We can't wait to celebrate together!

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WORSHIP AT CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR

Sundays: 8:00 am Eucharist, Rite I

10:00 am Choral Eucharist & Fellowship Coffee Hour

Wednesdays: 10:30 am Holy Communion followed by Bible Study