

35**St. Christopher's Anglican Church****聖公會聖基道堂**

9th Sunday after Pentecost
July 26, 2026 at 10:30 am
Joint Holy Eucharist
with St. Cyprian's Anglican
Church and Iona
Presbyterian Church

2026 Theme :

Awake, Abide and be
Abundant in Christ

The Lord is in His Holy Temple

Opening Sentence:

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

John 6:68

Processional Hymn Hymn #525 – The Church's One Foundation

Gathering of the Community

Collect of Purity

Gloria in Excelsis

Collect:

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy, increase and multiply upon us your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Reader: A reading from Romans 8:26-39 (NIV)

Laura Hope

²⁶ In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. ²⁷ And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God. ²⁸ And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. ³⁰ And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified. ³¹ What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not

also, along with him, graciously give us all things? ³³Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ³⁶As it is written: “For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.” ³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader: The word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Anthem

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Gospel Hymn

Hymn #458 - Seek Ye First (vs 1 & 2)

Reader: The Lord be with you

Pastor Vivian Chu-Chen

People: And also with you

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 (NIV)

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

³¹He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. ³²Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches.” ³³He told them still another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds of flour until it worked all through the dough.”

⁴⁴“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field. ⁴⁵“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. ⁴⁶When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it. ⁴⁷“Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. ⁴⁸When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. ⁴⁹This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁵¹“Have you understood all these things?” Jesus asked. “Yes,” they replied. ⁵²He said to

them, "Therefore every teacher of the law who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old."

Reader: The Gospel of Christ

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Gospel Hymn

Hymn #458 - Seek Ye First (vs 2)

Children's Talk

Sermon

More than Conquerors

Rev. Dr. John Oakes

The Nicene Creed

Intercessions

Hank Huang

Confession/Absolution

The Exchange of Peace

Offertory Hymn

I Need Thee Every Hour

Prayer Over the Gifts

God of grace, accept all we offer you this day, as we look toward the glory you have promised. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer #4

The Lord's Prayer

Receiving Communion

Communion Hymn

In Christ Alone / Cornerstone

Eunice Der

Prayer after Communion

God of grace, we have received the memorial of the death and resurrection of your Son. May your love, poured into us, bring us to your promises. We ask in the name of Redeemer Jesus Christ. Amen.

Doxology

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Announcements

Recessional Hymn

Hymn #388 – Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken

Dismissal

Leader: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God !

[Seek Ye First]

Seek ye first the kingdom of God

And His righteousness

And all these things

Shall be added unto you
Allelu alleluia

Ask and it shall be given unto you
Seek and ye shall find
Knock and the door shall be
Opened unto you
Allelu alleluia

Music: Karen Lafferty Word: Matthew 6:33

[I Need Thee Every Hour]

- 1 I need Thee ev'ry hour, most gracious Lord;
no tender voice like Thine can peace afford.

Refrain: I need Thee, O I need Thee;
ev'ry hour I need Thee;
O bless me now, my Savior,
I come to Thee.

- 2 I need Thee ev'ry hour, stay Thou nearby;
temptations lose their pow'r when Thou art nigh. [Refrain]
- 3 I need Thee ev'ry hour, in joy or pain;
come quickly and abide, or life is vain. [Refrain]
- 4 I need Thee ev'ry hour, teach me Thy will;
and Thy rich promises in me fulfill. [Refrain]
- 5 I need Thee ev'ry hour, most Holy One;
O make me Thine indeed,
Thou blessed Son. [Refrain]

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Roster for Today

Officiant: Canon Dr. Philip Der
Lay Reader: Hank Huang
PPT Compiler: Benita Pong
Live Broadcast: Angela Li
Intercessor: Hank Huang

Preacher: Rev. Dr. John Oakes
Organist: Laura Hope
Server: Stephen Chan
Care person: Cat Ho

2026 Daily Grace & Light (124)

Every 2 weeks, we meditate on one Bible verse to reinforce our year-long theme “Awake, Abide and be Abundant in Christ”.

The Kingdom of Heaven is like a seed – a small beginning that will grow and produce great results. May we all give thanks to God and live life to the fullest.	... The Kingdom of Heaven is like a mustard seed planted in a field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but it becomes the largest of garden plants; it grows into a tree, and birds come and make nests in its branches. Matthew 13:31–32
 read, meditate, pray, contemplate 閱讀、默想、祈禱、活出 <i>Daily grace & light 2: word by word, between the lines</i> 每日恩典 2：字裏行間 	

General Announcements

1.
 - a. Thank you for joining today's joint worship to renew the ministry partnership of Tri-Church.
 - b. We will have a group photo right after the service.
 - c. Please join us for a light lunch in Iona's sanctuary.
 - d. This year marks the 35th Anniversary of St. Christopher's. You are invited to join our anniversary banquet on Sunday, September 20 at 6 pm. Please see announcement #4b.
2. Offering Made Easy
Offering shows our love for God. Donations can be made using any of the following methods:
 - a. E-Transfer via online banking to donation@stchris.ca. Under “Message” fill in your name/envelope number and type of offering. If you do not have an envelope number, please fill in your address, phone number or email address. This will enable the issuance of the tax donation receipt in due course.
 - b. Smart Stewardship Program - a monthly pre-authorized donation program (\$0.50/transaction service charge). Application forms are available on our website www.stchris.ca.

- c. Credit Card offering via www.stchris.ca (3.75% service charge on credit card).

Donations will be marked as Regular Offering if you do not specify your type of offering. Please contact Treasurer, Angela Lee (treasurer@stchris.ca) for information and inquiries. Thank you for your support and offering!

3. Fundraising For A New Roof

- a. RHC needs a new roof after 18 years of harsh winters and summer storms. We are adding an extra layer of insulation to reduce carbon emission and protect the environment. The total cost is approximately \$80,000. By the end of December, we hope to find 10 donors to pledge \$4,000, 10 donors to pledge \$2,000; 10 donors to pledge \$1,000 and 10 donors to pledge \$500. Donations can be made in 4 instalments and we hope to exceed this goal at the September 20 Anniversary Fundraising Dinner. Please fill in the pledge form before July 26. Thank you for your generous support.
- b. Thank you to the 57 parishioners who have already pledged or donated a total of \$ 74,405. Please pray for this fundraising initiative.

4. 35th Anniversary Celebration

- a. We are collecting recent photos from small groups and outreach groups to compile the 35th anniversary special album. Please email your photos to warden Angela Li (angela.tsoi@stchris.ca) before July 29.
- b. Anniversary Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on Sunday, September 20, 6 pm at Golden Palace Banquet Hall. Tickets are now on sale for \$90 each. \$25 donation receipt will be issued for each ticket bought. You can get tickets from Bessie Ma. You may buy tickets in groups of 10 or by the table.
- c. "Grateful for You, Encouraging One Another" as We Walk Together — Footprints Collection:
In August, we will give out paper footprint cut-outs for everyone to decorate. Decorated footprint cut-outs from all 3 congregations will be posted on the RHC church walls for the church anniversary celebration. These footprints symbolize our journey together in unity as we praise the Lord's grace.
Please decorate the footprint cut-outs using the LEG theme:
L = Learn: What I have learned at St. Christopher's Church
E = Experience: What I have experienced at St. Christopher's
G = Gratitude: Words of thanks and gratitude

The church will hold several "Creating Footprints Together" sessions. Simple craft supplies will be provided. Here are the dates:

RHE: for the entire month of August, following the worships

RHC: August 9 at 10:00 a.m.

NYC: August 23 after worship

You could also take your footprint cut-outs home to decorate and please bring them back by August 30 and place them in the Footprints collection box.

5. Adult Sunday School

2026 2nd session of Adult Sunday School will start on August 9 until November 15, every Sunday, 2:30-4 pm. We will study the book of Hebrews. Ricky Chan will prepare all course material. Please sign-up with Marilyn Yeung at marilynyeung0@gamil.com.

6. Welcoming Lunch For Newcomers

On August 16, from 12:45 pm – 2:15 pm, we will host a 'Welcoming Lunch for Newcomers' in RHC Church Hall. We welcome all parishioners who joined our church in the past year. Please sign-up with Bessie Ma.

7. Baptismal Class

Baptismal class will start on August 19 for 5 consecutive Wednesdays, from 3 pm to 5 pm at NYC. Please contact Canon Der if you are interested!

8. Labyrinth Prayer and Meditation Session

The church will set up the Labyrinth in the RHC church hall on Sunday, August 2, from 10:15 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Through quiet reflection, prayer, and meditation, you are invited to experience the peace of walking with God. To help protect the canvas, participants are kindly asked to wear socks while walking on it. Please refrain from eating or drinking during the experience. While the session is in progress, we also ask everyone to maintain a quiet atmosphere in the church hall out of respect for those who are praying and reflecting.

9. Gathered by the Lake, Walking with the Lord

Hosted by the Aurora–Newmarket Small Group, this special event, "Gathered by the Lake, Walking with the Lord: Discovering Gospel Opportunities in Aurora-Newmarket," will be held on Saturday, August 22, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. We will meet at 10:00 a.m. in the parking lot of St. Paul's Anglican Church (227 Church Street, Newmarket). From there, we will enjoy a hike around Fairy Lake, with singsongs, group games, fellowship, and sharing. We will also visit the Newmarket Farmers' Market. At noon, we will tour St. Paul's Anglican Church and enjoy lunch together. A complimentary lunch will be provided. Please bring your own beverage. Please register by Monday, August 17, by contacting Emily at 416-838-2964 or by registering online at <https://bit.ly/4fxnacR>. For more information, please contact Canon Philip at 416-712-0295.



10. English Conversational Class

Classes are held every 2nd and 4th Friday at 2:00-3:00 p.m. in the choir room, facilitated by Helen Cheung. Please contact Jiang Lin if you are interested.

11. Bulletin Format

- a. The latest updates from each department will still be included in the main bulletin.
- b. Other regular activities will be published once a month on the supplementary page. You can scan the QR code or the link: bit.ly/4vH592s for more details.



12. Visitors

Over the summer, we often have family and friends visiting us. Please remember to invite them to your spiritual home and worship God together!

As a church family, we remember the needs of the church and our brothers and sisters in Christ:

- For the ending of the war in the Middle East, in Ukraine and Russia. Pray for the victims and refugees.
- For those in need among us: Ricky Ip (health), Christine Chan (health), Brian Cheung (health), Shirley Lai (wrist recovery), Wah Li (health), Kingsman Tang (health), Peter Tsu (health), Maggie Duong (physical and mental health), Koon Yuk Chan (mental health),

Michelle Au, Frederick Yeung, James Yeh (stroke), Shuk Kwan Chan (health), Albert Chui and others.

- We give thanks for those who celebrate their birthdays: Vincent Tsoi, Lydia Tong, Francis Wong
- Altar flowers: Lydia Tong's birthday thanksgiving, Angela Li for thanksgiving

Reading & Prayer Cycle for the week of July 26

	Reading	Intercession for
Monday	Mark 6:14-29	Kenny & Iris Cheung/Matthew/Janice
Tuesday	Mark 6:30-46	Lana Cheung
Wednesday	Mark 6:47-56	Wing Cheung
Thursday	Mark 7:1-23	Zhe Lan Cheung
Friday	Mark 1:24-37	Eric & Halina Chiu
Saturday	Mark 8:1-10	Sunday Worship

Last Sunday Service Attendance and Offering

	Attendance	Amount
RHC Chinese service	56	\$1,037.00
RHC English service	15	
NYC Chinese service	34	
Live Stream – Church Website	75	
On-line donation		0.00
E-transfer		\$1,670.00
Weekly Smart Stewardship Program		\$1,147.85
Development Fund		\$21,365.00
FaithWorks		0.00
Total	<u>180</u>	<u>\$25,219.85</u>

Thank you for your continual support and participation in our ministries. We need approximately \$10,249 on a weekly basis to support our regular and developing ministries. Offering is a Christian's responsibility and our response to God's love. Please consider applying for the "Smart Stewardship Program", a monthly auto-donation program, as a great way to support our ministries. Application forms are available at our website www.stchris.ca. Thanks.

Parish of St. Christopher's Mission Statement

Through Jesus Christ, we unite to

- Reach up to worship and deepen our communication with God
- Reach in to care, nurture and equip disciples
- Reach out to evangelize and serve the community

Sunday Service

9 am – Chinese service in-person at NYC

11 am – English and Chinese service to be held in-person at RHC

For Chinese online service, please visit www.stchris.ca

Weekly Activities

Monday 10.30 am – Line Dance (NYC)

Wednesday 1.30 pm – Line Dance (NYC)

Thursday 9:30 am -1 pm Thursday YEAH (RHC)

Friday 9:30 am - 1pm Friday YEAH (RHC)

2 – 3 pm – English Conversation (RHC) (2nd & 4th Friday)

Saturday 10 am – Ping Pong for beginners (NYC)

10-11:30 am – Tai Chi 24 (RHC)

2 pm – Mandarin Intermediate (Zoom)

4 pm – Mandarin Elementary (Zoom)

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