

The First Lesson

*Ezekiel 2:1-5*

The Lord said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord God." Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

The Psalm

**Psalm 123**

*Ad te levavi oculos meos*

- 1 To you I lift up my eyes, to you enthroned in the heavens.
- 2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
- 3 So our eyes look to the Lord our God, until he show us his mercy.
- 4 Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, for we have had more than enough of contempt,
- 5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, and of the derision of the proud.

*Said together:*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Second Lesson

*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.

Hymn

*Love divine, all loves excelling*

**H 657**

Gospel Lesson

*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, except 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 Sermon

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

*Written about 325 AD, this is the ancient statement of our faith*

Prayers of the People VI

BCP 392

*We pray together as the people of God*

Confession & Absolution

BCP 360

*We confess our sins and are reassured of our pardon*

The Peace

*We share the joy of the Good News!*

Presentation of Gifts and Tithes

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise him, all creatures here below;*

*Praise him above, ye heavenly host:*

*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

From Hymn 380 vs. 3

The Lord's Prayer

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 General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

Hymn

*Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

**H 616**

### The Dismissal

We are dismissed from this gathering to go into the world to spread the Good News and the love of Christ! We respond to this instruction with: *Thanks be to God!*

Following our service will be Coffee Hour, hosted by **Peter and Patty Richardson**. This is a time for us to have fellowship, share our joys and sorrows, and get to know one another. It is very much an extension of the communal feast we share in the Holy Eucharist. Please join us.

The Altar Flowers are given today by **John and Delia Kersey**, in memory of loved ones.

### Participants in Today's Liturgy

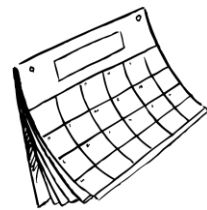
Lay Reader Kipp Cortez  
Acolyte Macon Clement  
Lector Bernadette Dragotto David Hardin  
Altar Guild Chris Justice Betty Nash Kathy Burge

### Please Keep the Following in Your Prayers

Dorene Dimes—Wanda Myers—Bonnie Taylor—Joe Sanders—Marlene—Lee Puckett, Sr.—Phyllis & Nelson Walker—Linda—Valerie Mahood—Sierra—Alex B.—Toni R.—Linda Sydeski—Ragen—Jared Cregger—Kerrigan Farmer—Lindsey Parsley—Mike—Daisy Bowman—Ellie Spencer—Sue Godwin—Mabeline & Elton Robinson—Ann Richardson—Sherry Mitchell—Carrie D.—Dorothy Curry—Lorraine Keffer—Sharon Cranfill—Margie Hardin

Attendance Last Sunday 52

Birthdays This Week: Louisa Sowers, Catherine Wimmer-Anderson, Ben Faulkner, Peter Richardson, Bonnie Taylor



### Calendar of Events

Tuesday – July 17 DOK 10:30am  
Thursday – July 19 Food Pantry 9am  
Thursday - July 26 Cookout at Community Square  
Sunday – July 29 Church Picnic at Lotito Park 10:30am

### Announcements:

Community Cookout: Christ Church will be hosting our annual cookout in Chicory Square on Thursday, July 26<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendars! Sign up sheets for items needed are located in the Narthex.

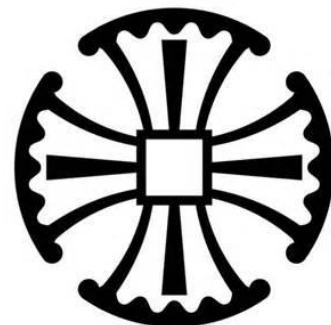
General Convention: Fr. Chad will be in Austin, TX for the General Convention of the Episcopal Church where he is serving as an elected deputy for West Virginia. If you are in need of clergy for any pastoral urgency between July 3<sup>rd</sup> and July 15<sup>th</sup> please contact Fr. Russ Hatfield at: 276-970-0576

Church Picnic: Our annual Church Picnic will take place on Sunday, July 29, at 10:30 am at Lotito Park Shelter No. 1 (the largest shelter near the playground). We will have celebrate Holy Eucharist, share fellowship and food, and finish off the fun with a ride on the Ridge Runner. Fried Chicken will be served for the meal. Please bring a side dish to share! This is always one of our most well attended and most anticipated Sundays of the year. Take the opportunity to invite a friend to church!

Usher Training: Anyone interested in serving as an usher is encouraged to talk with David Kersey. David is compiling a list of persons interested in serving as ushers during regular Sunday service. This ministry is open to women and men. Anyone interested should let our secretary know or email David at [dkersey@brewstermorhous.com](mailto:dkersey@brewstermorhous.com). Usher training will be arranged, after the list is compiled.

### Clergy, Staff, and Wardens of this Parish

the Rev. Chad Slater Rector  
Ms. Emma Bennett Parish Administrator  
Mr. Terry E. Whittington, Jr. Organist & Choirmaster  
Mrs. Vanessa Hall Sexton  
Dr. Rob Merritt Senior Warden  
Mrs. Dee Puckett Junior Warden



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## July 8, 2018

### The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

*and being the Sunday designated Proper IX of the Church Year*

### Welcome to this Place of Prayer

If you are new or visiting this congregation for the first time we invite you to fill out a Visitor's Card (found on the rack in front of you) and place it in the collect plate as it is passed. We are honored you have chosen to worship with us today and hope that you will continue your faith journey here.

This bulletin will help guide you through today's service. The abbreviation "H" stands for "Hymnal." This is the larger red book located on the shelf in front of you. That music noted as "H-S" followed by a number is service music, and is found in the very first pages of the Hymnal. "BCP" is our abbreviation for "Book of Common Prayer," which is the smaller red book.

### The Liturgy of the Word

Hymn *Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim* **H 535**

The Service Begins BCP 355  
Gloria in Excelsis H-S 280

*The text to this ancient hymn of praise is found in the BCP*

### The Collect

*Our collective prayer for the day.*

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.*