

The Collect

Our collective prayer for the day.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

The Psalm

Psalm 95:1-7a

Venite, exultemus

- 1 Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
- 3 For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his also.

- 5 The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have molded the dry land.
- 6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
- 7 For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

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

Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Hymn

At the name of Jesus

H 435

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a

stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

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

Prayers of the People IV

BCP 388

We pray together as the people of God

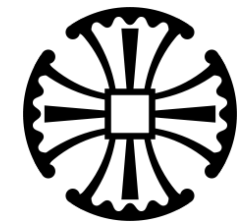
Confession & Absolution

BCP 360

We confess our sins and are reassured of our pardon

The Peace

We share the joy of the Good News!



The Liturgy of the Eucharist, sometimes called the Mass

Offertory

God so loved the world

Stainer

Presentation of Gifts and Tithes

*To thee, great One in Three,
The highest praises be, Hence evermore;
thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see,
and to eternity love and adore.*

From Hymn 365 vs. 4

Eucharistic Prayer "B"

BCP 367

Sanctus

Words in BCP, Musical Setting

H-S129

Memorial Acclamation

Words in BCP, Musical Setting

H-S138

The Lord's Prayer

Traditional version, found on

BCP 364

The Distribution of the Holy Sacrament

All baptized Christians, of any tradition, are welcome to receive the sacrament. It is the tradition of this parish that 12 to 14 people at a time receive Communion at the altar rail, at which point all are dismissed together to return to their seats, and another group may move forward to the rail. Gluten free wafers are available to those who request them.

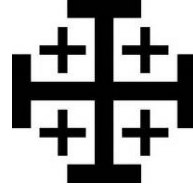
Communion Hymns

Bread of heaven, on thee we feed H 323
Lord dismiss us with thy blessing H 344
My God, thy table now is spread H 321
Our Prayer after Communion BCP 365

Hymn *Crown Him with many crowns* H 494

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 today by Parish Life. 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 Mr. and Mrs. Paul Broyles.

Birthdays This Week: Elizabeth Burton Rebecca Broyles

Participants in Today's Liturgy

Acolyte Kipp Cortez Becky Kersey
Chalicer Kipp Cortez Jay Kephart
Lector Laurie Arthur Mike Lilly
Altar Guild Kay Sudduth Elizabeth Sudduth Delia Kersey

Attendance Last Sunday 48

Please Keep the Following in Your Prayers

Dorene Dimes - Wanda Myers - Tom Blevins - Bonnie Taylor - Joe Sanders - Edi - Marlene - Lee Puckett, Sr. - Sierra - Linda - Valerie Mahood - Thomas Jaworski - Hal Gusler - Roy Abel - Alex B. - Toni R - Brian - Phyllis & Nelson Walker - Linda Sydeski - Ed - Peggy - Alexis - Don - Johnmark - Debbie - Maxine - Mike - Sylvia

Calendar of Events

Saturday-December 2 Godly Play Training
 Christmas Bazaar at St. Mary's 10-4
 Sunday-December 3 Annual Meeting
 Saturday-December 9 Bluefield Christmas Parade 1pm
 Sunday-December 10 Canterbury Club at the Beckett's 6pm
 Tuesday-December 12 Taize Service 6pm
 Thursday-December 21 Food Pantry
 Sunday-December 24 Morning Prayer 10am
 HE at St. Mary's 6pm
 HE at CEC 11pm

Announcements:

Food Pantry: We will be collecting blankets, hats, gloves, and scarves in December. Thank you for your donations.

Godly Play Training: Through the generosity of the Diocese, Christ Church will host training for the Montessori based Sunday School curriculum Godly Play. This training will be on Saturday, December 2nd with an Open House following church on Sunday, December 3rd. If you are interested in attending training, please see Fr. Chad. You must register online by tomorrow, November 27, to attend!

Christmas Poinsettias: If you would like to purchase a poinsettia for Christmas in honor or memory of a loved one, there will be a sign-up sheet at the usher's station beginning next Sunday. Poinsettias are \$15 each.

Directory Questionnaire: Directory questionnaires were mailed out last week. If you did not receive a questionnaire, please see Don or Mary Catherine Williams for one.

Clergy, Staff, and Wardens of this Parish

the Rev. Chad Slater Rector of Christ Church
 the Rev. Dr. Tom Day Interim Missioner of the TCEC
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November 26, 2017

Being the Sunday of

Christ the King

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 *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!* H 460

The Service Begins BCP 355

Gloria in Excelsis H-S 280

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