



Christ Episcopal Church

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All Saints Sunday

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

Opening Reading

Ecclesiasticus 44: 1-15

Let us now sing the praises of famous men, our ancestors in their generations. The Lord apportioned to them great glory, his majesty from the beginning. There were those who ruled in their kingdoms, and made a name for themselves by their valor; those who gave counsel because they were intelligent; those who spoke in prophetic oracles; those who led the people by their counsels and by their knowledge of the people's lore; they were wise in their words of instruction; those who composed musical tunes, or put verses in writing; rich men endowed with resources, living peacefully in their homes—all these were honored in their generations, and were the pride of their times. Some of them have left behind a name, so that others declare their praise. But of others there is no memory; they have perished as though they had never existed; they have become as though they had never been born, they and their children after them. But these also were godly men, whose righteous deeds have not been forgotten; their wealth will remain with their descendants, and their inheritance with their children's children. Their descendants stand by the covenants; their children also, for their sake. Their offspring will continue forever, and their glory will never be blotted out. Their bodies are buried in peace, but their name lives on generation after generation. The assembly declares their wisdom, and the congregation proclaims their praise.

Hymn

Who are these like stars appearing

H 286

The Service Begins

BCP 355

Gloria in Excelsis

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

H-S 280

The Collect

Our collective prayer for the day.

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift that your faithful people offer you true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

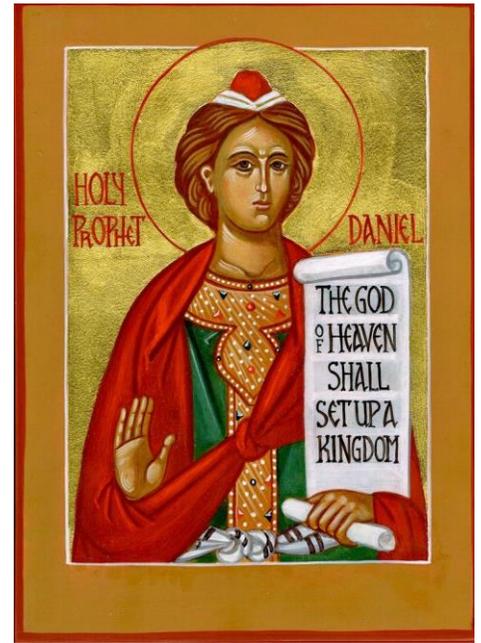
The First Lesson

Daniel 7:1-3,15-18

In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: "As

for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom for ever—for ever and ever."



The Psalm

Psalm 149

Cantate Domino

- 1 Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song; sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.
- 2 Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.
- 3 Let them praise his Name in the dance; let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.
- 4 For the Lord takes pleasure in his people and adorns the poor with victory.
- 5 Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; let them be joyful on their beds.
- 6 Let the praises of God be in their throat and a two-edged sword in their hand;
- 7 To wreak vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples;
- 8 To bind their kings in chains and their nobles with links of iron;
- 9 To inflict on them the judgment decreed; this is glory for all his faithful people. Hallelujah!

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 1:11-23

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

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

Let saints on earth in concert sing

H 526

Gospel Lesson

Luke 6:20-31

Jesus looked up at his disciples and said,

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.

Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.”

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

First composed in 325, this is the ancient statement of faith

The Prayers of the People (Form IV)

BCP 388

The Confession and 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

Presentation of Gifts and Tithes

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creature here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

From Hymn 380 vs. 3

Eucharistic Prayer “D”

BCP 372

Sanctus

Words in BCP, Musical Setting

H-S129

Memorial Acclamation

H-141

The Lord’s Prayer

Traditional version, found on BCP 364

Fraction Anthem

H-S 152

The Distribution of the Holy Sacrament

All baptized Christians, of any tradition, are welcome to receive the sacrament. Everyone, regardless of faith, is welcome to receive a blessing—simply cross your arms in front of you as the priest comes by. 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

<i>Come with us, O blessed Jesus</i>	vs. 1	H 336
<i>The Litany of the Saints</i>		
<i>Remember your servants, Lord</i>		H 560

Our Prayer after Communion

Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love you have fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, and have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction, and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all your saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

The Blessing

The priest pronounces a blessing over the people. Please respond to each petition with Amen.

Hymn

Ye holy angels bright

H 625

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!*

The Altar Flowers are given today by
Becky Steorts
in memory of loved ones.

Following our service will be Coffee Hour, hosted today 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!

Participants in Today's Liturgy and Ministry

<u>Officiant</u>			the Rev. Chad Slater
<u>Organist & Choirmaster</u>			Terry E. Whittington, Jr.
<u>Cantor</u>			David Hardin
<u>Acolytes</u>	John Allen	Ben Slater	Will Puckett
<u>Chalicer</u>			Bill Denney
<u>Lectors</u>	Emma Slater	Mike Lilly	Alyson Bowling
<u>Altar Guild</u>		Linda Thomas	Sandy Moir
<u>Nursery</u>		Susan Jewell	Delia Kersey
<u>Vestry Member of the Month:</u>			Delia Kersey

Please Keep the Following in Your Prayers

Dorene Dimes, Wanda Myers, Bonnie Taylor, Joe Sanders, Lee Puckett, Sr., Kerrigan Farmer, Mabeline & Elton Robinson, Bea Paine, Charlotte Woolwine, Lynn Burney, Marilyn Denney, Michelle Parks, Shirley Weaver, Will Calfee, Doug Bloomfield, Paul Anderson, Deane Family, Donna Fortune, Deanna Edwards, Elizabeth Kane, Jerry and Debbie, Nina and family, Marlene, Amy Melvin, Bob and Peggy Walk, Susan Jewell, John Kersey, Judy Anderson, Michelle Coleman, Hilendorf Family, Martha Linkous.

Last Sunday's Attendance

Birthdays This Week: Charlie Blevins, Chas Davis, Kate Faber Tombillo, Frank Dragotto.

Calendar of Events

Wednesday – November 13	Serve dinner at the Union Mission 3:00pm
Sunday – November 10	Hymn sing at the Paine’s 4:00pm
Sunday – November 17	Bagging Groceries after church
Tuesday – November 19	DOK meeting 10:30am
Wednesday – November 20	ECM Dinner 6:00pm Vestry 7:00pm
Thursday – November 21	Food Pantry 9:00 – 11:00am
Saturday – November 23	Bluefield College Choir 5:00pm

Announcements:

Nursery Help: Please consider signing up to assist with our Sunday morning nursery. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. Sign-ups are now open for the remainder of this calendar year! For more information please see Fr. Chad or Elizabeth Clement.

Coffee Hour: If you are interested in this very important ministry at Christ Church, please call the office at 304-327-6861 or Email Emma Bennett at secretary@cecblf.org.

Food Pantry Items Needed: Handout lists are available in Narthex for Food Pantry items being collected during the months of October thru January. We will accept monetary contributions also. See Patty Richardson or Mary Catherine Williams if you have any questions.

2019 Stewardship Program: This year’s theme is “Shining Our Light”. Each week we will have a written reflection included with your bulletin and a special presentation on how we “Shine our light” here at Chris Church from one of our members. Estimates of Gifts and Tithes cards will be collected in the month of November. Cards may be brought forward when you come to Communion and placed in the basket.



SHINING OUR LIGHT