

The First Lesson

Amos 7:7-17

This is what the Lord God showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a [plumb](#) line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said,

"See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said,

Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land."

And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'

"Now therefore hear the word of the Lord. You say, 'Do not prophesy against Israel, and do not preach against the house of Isaac.' Therefore thus says the Lord: 'Your wife shall become a prostitute in the city, and your sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword, and your land shall be parceled out by line; you yourself shall die in an unclean land, and Israel shall surely go into exile away from its land.'"

The Psalm

Psalm 82

Deus stetit

- 1 God takes his stand in the council of heaven; he gives judgment in the midst of the gods:
- 2 "How long will you judge unjustly, and show favor to the wicked?"
- 3 Save the weak and the orphan; defend the humble and needy;
- 4 Rescue the weak and the poor; deliver them from the power of the wicked.
- 5 They do not know, neither do they understand; they go about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

- 6 Now I say to you, 'You are gods, and all of you children of the Most High;
- 7 Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, and fall like any [prince](#).'
- 8 Arise, O God, and rule the earth, for you shall take all nations for your own.

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

Colossians 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,
To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.
In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Hymn

In Christ there is no East or West

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Gospel Lesson

Luke 10:25-37

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He

answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

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

Prayers of the People (Form IV)

BCP 388

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

Presentation of Gifts and Tithes

*Holy Father, holy Son
Holy Spirit, Three we name thee
while in essence only One,
undivided God we claim thee*

From Hymn 366 vs. 4

Eucharistic Prayer "A"

BCP 361

Sanctus

Words in BCP, Musical Setting

H-S 129

Memorial Acclamation

H-S 132

The Lord's Prayer

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

Come with us, O blessed Jesus - V.s. 1 H 336
I to the hills will lift mine eyes H 668
I come with joy to meet my Lord H 304

Our Prayer after Communion BCP 366

Hymn *Love divine, all loves excelling* H 657

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
Margaret Anne Marra in memory of loved ones.

Following our service will be Coffee Hour, hosted today by Sheila Brooks and Mary Catherine Williams, assisted by Wanda Myers and Art Mead. 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

Acolyte John Allen
Lectors Bill Denny Alyson Bowling
Chalicists Don Williams
Altar Guild Elizabeth Sudduth, Delia Kersey, Betty Nash,
Patty Richardson, Elizabeth Clement, Mimi Merritt

Birthdays Last Week and This Week: Louisa Stowers, Catherine Wimmer-Anderson, Ben Faulkner, Peter Richardson, Bonnie Taylor, Bill Davis, David Hardin, Don Harris, Caroline Wilkinson, Tripper Thomas, John Beckett, Phillip Morgan

Last Sunday Attendance 53

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, Edie Perkins, Deanna Edwards, Elizabeth Kane, Jerry and Debbie, Nina and family, Vera van der Sleen, Marion Lowe Eppard, Marlene, Bluefield College Choir.

Calendar of Events

Sunday – July 14 Bagging groceries after church
Tuesday – July 16 DOK meeting 10:30am
Meal for Wade Center volunteers 6:00pm
Thursday – July 18 Food Pantry 9:00-11:00am
Sunday – August 11 Church Picnic at Lotito Park 10:30 am
Sunday – August 18 Bishop's Visitation at CEC
Friday – September 20-22 "Graced" Women's Conference

Announcements:

Special Thanks: A special Thank You goes out to Fr. Russ Hatfield for his filling in for Fr. Chad today.

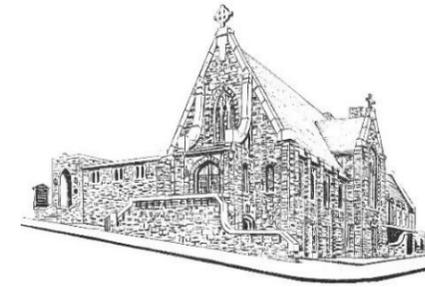
Church Picnic: Our annual Church Picnic will take place on Sunday, August 11, at 10:30 am at Lotito Park Shelter No. 1 (the largest shelter near the playground). We will celebrate Holy Eucharist, share fellowship and food, and finish off the fun with a ride on the Ridge Runner. Please bring a side dish 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!

Nursery Ministry: Our Christian Education Committee is beginning a new ministry here at Christ Church! If you would be interested in volunteering periodically for the Nursery please see Elizabeth Clement to learn more.

Women's Conference: A weekend women's retreat will be held at Peterkin Camp & Conference Center on Friday thru Sunday, September 20-22nd. If interested in attending, please see detailed brochure in the narthex.

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
Mrs. Becky Beckett Senior Warden
Mr. Tom Coughlan Junior Warden



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July 14, 2019 The 5th Sunday After Pentecost

and being Proper X 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 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* H 390

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 Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.