



The First Lesson

Amos 8:1-12

This is what the Lord God showed me-- a basket of summer fruit. He said, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A basket of summer fruit." Then the Lord said to me,

"The end has come upon my people Israel; I will never again pass them by.

The songs of the temple shall become wailings in that day,"

says the Lord God; "the dead bodies shall be many, cast out in every place. Be silent!"

Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale?

We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat."

The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob:

Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

Shall not the land tremble on this account, and everyone mourn who lives in it, and all of it rise like the Nile, and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile of Egypt?

On that day, says the Lord God, I will make the sun go down at noon, and darken the earth in broad daylight.

I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation;

I will bring sackcloth on all loins, and baldness on every head;

I will make it like the mourning for an only son, and the end of it like a bitter day.

The time is surely coming, says the Lord God, when I will send a famine on the land; not a famine of bread, or a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord.

They shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the Lord, but they shall not find it.

The Psalm

Psalm 52

Quid gloriaris?

1 You tyrant, why do you boast of wickedness against the godly all day long?

2 You plot ruin; your tongue is like a sharpened razor, O worker of deception.

3 You love evil more than good and lying more than speaking the truth.

4 You love all words that hurt, O you deceitful tongue.

5 Oh, that God would demolish you utterly, topple you, and snatch you from your dwelling, and root you out of the land of the living!

6 The righteous shall see and tremble, and they shall laugh at him, saying,

7 "This is the one who did not take God for a refuge, but trusted in great wealth and relied upon wickedness."

8 But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God; I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever.

9 I will give you thanks for what you have done and declare the goodness of your Name in the presence of the godly.

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 1:15-28

Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers-- all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him-- provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to

make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

Hymn

Sing, my soul, his wondrous love

H 467

Gospel Lesson

Luke 10:38-42

As Jesus and his disciples went on their way, Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying.

But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me."

But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

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
- Humbly I adore thee* H 314
- Blessed Jesus, at thy word* H 440

Our Prayer after Communion BCP 366

Hymn *Immortal, invisible, God only wise* H 423

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
Mike and Kay Sudduth in memory of loved ones.

Following our service will be Coffee Hour, hosted today by Stan and Grey Kiser. 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 Becky Kersey
- Lectors David Kersey Rob Merritt
- Chalicists Rob Merritt
- Altar Guild Elizabeth Sudduth, Delia Kersey, Betty Nash,
Patty Richardson, Elizabeth Clement, Mimi Merritt

Birthdays This Week: Jennifer Slater, Kray Davis Luxbacher, Becky Steorts, Joe Allen

Last Sunday Attendance 43

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, Becky Steorts.

Calendar of Events

- Sunday – August 11 Church Picnic at Lotito Park 10:30 am
- Thursday – August 15 Food Pantry 9:0-11:00am
- Saturday – August 17 Canterbury Club at
- Sunday – August 18 Bishop's Visitation at CEC
- Tuesday – August 20 DOK meeting 10:00am
- Wednesday – August 21 Vestry Meeting 7:00pm
- Friday – September 20-22 "Graced" Women's Conference

Announcements:

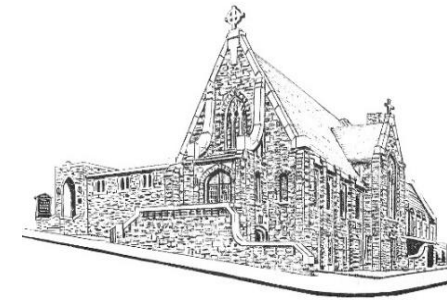
Church Picnic: Our annual Church Picnic will take place on Sunday, August 11, at 10:30 am at Lotito Park Shelter No. 1 (the largest shelter near the playground). We will celebrate Holy Eucharist, share fellowship and food, and finish off the fun with a ride on the Ridge Runner. Please bring a side dish 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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and being Proper XI 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 *Hail, thou once despised Jesus!* H 495

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.*

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*