

The First Lesson

Hosea 1:2-10

When the Lord first spoke through Hosea, the Lord said to Hosea, "Go, take for yourself a wife of whoredom and have children of whoredom, for the land commits great whoredom by forsaking the Lord." So he went and took Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son.

And the Lord said to him, "Name him Jezreel; for in a little while I will punish the house of Jehu for the blood of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel. On that day I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel."

She conceived again and bore a daughter. Then the Lord said to him, "Name her Lo-ruhamah, for I will no longer have pity on the house of Israel or forgive them. But I will have pity on the house of Judah, and I will save them by the Lord their God; I will not save them by bow, or by sword, or by war, or by horses, or by horsemen."

When she had weaned Lo-ruhamah, she conceived and bore a son. Then the Lord said, "Name him Lo-ammi, for you are not my people and I am not your God."

Yet the number of the people of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which can be neither measured nor numbered; and in the place where it was said to them, "You are not my people," it shall be said to them, "Children of the living God."

The Psalm

Psalm 85

Benedixisti, Domine

- 1 You have been gracious to your land, O Lord, you have restored the good [fortune of Jacob](#).
- 2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your people and blotted out all their sins.
- 3 You have withdrawn all your fury and turned yourself from your wrathful indignation.
- 4 Restore us then, O God our Savior; let your anger depart from us.
- 5 Will you be displeased with us for ever? will you prolong your anger from age to age?
- 6 Will you not give us life again, that your people may rejoice in you?
- 7 Show us your mercy, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.
- 8 I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to him.
- 9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

10 Mercy and truth have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

12 The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase.

13 Righteousness shall go before him, and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

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 2:6-15, (16-19)

As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

Hymn

Thy Kingdom come, O God!

H 613

Gospel Lesson

Luke 11:1-13

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial."

And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

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*

<u>Eucharistic Prayer "A"</u>	BCP 361
<i>Sanctus</i>	Words in BCP, Musical Setting H-S 129
<i>Memorial Acclamation</i>	H-S 132
<i>The Lord's Prayer</i>	BCP 364
<i>Fraction Anthem</i>	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 - Vs. 1</i>	H 336
<i>Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit</i>	H 294
<i>"Thy kingdom come!"</i>	H 615

Our Prayer after Communion BCP 366

Hymn *Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart* **H 488**

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
Will, Bruce and Dee Puckett in memory of loved ones.

Following our service will be Coffee Hour, hosted today by John and Delia Kersey. 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

<u>Acolyte</u>	Rob Merritt
<u>Lectors</u>	Don Williams Becky Kersey
<u>Chalicians</u>	Rob Merritt
<u>Altar Guild</u>	Elizabeth Sudduth, Delia Kersey, Betty Nash, Patty Richardson, Elizabeth Clement, Mimi Merritt

Last Sunday Attendance **55**

Birthdays This Week: Shirley Ofsa, Mike Sudduth, Michelle Parks, Sue Troutner

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 – July 28 Parish Life Committee meeting
after Coffee Hour in St. Mary's Conference Room
Sunday – August 11 Church Picnic at Lotito Park 10:30 am
Wednesday – August 14 Vestry Meeting 7:00pm
Thursday – August 15 Food Pantry 9:00-11:00am
Saturday – August 17 Canterbury Club at
the home of Jim and Chris Justice 6:00pm
Sunday – August 18 Bishop's Visitation at CEC
Tuesday – August 20 DOK meeting 10:00am
Friday – September 20-22 "Graced" Women's Conference

Announcements:

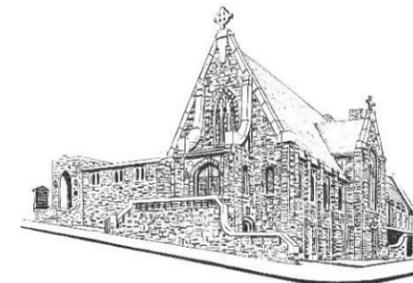
Church Picnic: Our annual Church Picnic will take place on Sunday, August 11, at 10:30 am at Lotito Park Shelter No. 1 (the largest shelter near the playground). We will celebrate Holy Eucharist, share fellowship and food, and finish off the fun with a ride on the Ridge Runner. Please bring a side dish 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. Brochures 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 28, 2019 The 7th Sunday After Pentecost

and being Proper XII 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, my soul, the King of heaven* **H 410**

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.*