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The 17th Sunday After Pentecost

being Proper XXII 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 *Come, labor on* **H 541**

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 and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson

Lamentations 1:1-6

How lonely sits the city that once was full of people! How like a widow she has become, she that was great among the nations! She that was a princess among the provinces has become a vassal. She keeps bitterly in the night, with tears on her cheeks; among all her lovers she has no one to comfort her; all her friends have dealt treacherously with her, they have become her enemies. Judah has gone into exile with suffering and hard servitude; she lives now among the nations, and finds no resting place; her pursuers have all overtaken her in the midst of her distress.

The roads to Zion mourn, for no one comes to the festivals; all her gates are desolate, her priests groan; her young girls grieve, and her lot is bitter. Her foes have become the masters, her enemies prosper, because the Lord has made her suffer for the multitude of her transgressions; her children have gone away, captives before the foe. From daughter Zion has departed all her majesty. Her princes have become like stags that find no pasture; they fled without strength before the pursuer.

The Psalm

Psalm 137

Super flumina

- 1 By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept, when we remembered you, O Zion.
- 2 As for our harps, we hung them up on the trees in the midst of that land.
- 3 For those who led us away captive asked us for a song, and our oppressors called for mirth: "Sing us one of the songs of Zion."
- 4 How shall we sing the Lord'S song upon an alien soil.
- 5 If I forget you, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget its skill.
- 6 Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth if I do not remember you, if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy.
- 7 Remember the day of Jerusalem, O Lord, against the people of Edom, who said, "Down with it! down with it! even to the ground!"
- 8 O Daughter of Babylon, doomed to destruction, happy the one who pays you back for what you have done to us!
- 9 Happy shall he be who takes your little ones, and dashes them against the rock!

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

1 Timothy 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

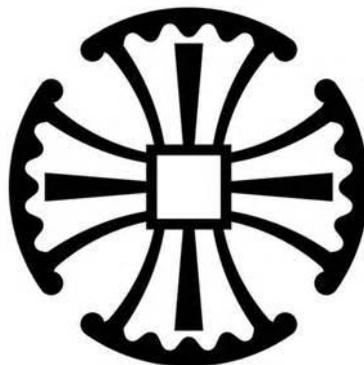
I am grateful to God-- whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did-- when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Hymn

Rise up, ye saints of God!

H 551



Gospel Lesson

Luke 17:5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

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

*Holy Father, holy Son, Holy Spirit, Three we name thee
while in essence only One, undivided God we claim thee
then, adoring, bend the knee and confess the mystery.*

From Hymn 366 vs. 4

<u>Eucharistic Prayer “B”</u>		BCP 367
<i>Sanctus</i>	Words in BCP, Musical Setting	H-S129
<i>Memorial Acclamation</i>	Words in BCP, Musical Setting	H-S138
<i>The Lord’s Prayer</i>	Traditional version, found on 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>Bread of heaven, on thee we feed</i>	H 323
<i>Amazing grace! how sweet the sound</i>	H 671
<i>Strengthen for service, Lord</i>	H 312

Our Prayer after Communion BCP 366

Hymn *Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim* **H 535**

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
Linda Ammar in memory of loved ones.

Following our service will be Coffee Hour, hosted today by Jim and Susanne Pulse. 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

Don Williams

Alyson Bowling

Chalicians

Bill Denney

Altar Guild

Linda Ammar, Teresa Paine, Betty Nash, Patricia Taylor

Nursery Help Jennifer Slater

Vestry Member of the Month: Elizabeth Clement

Birthdays This Week: Elizabeth Clement, Don Williams, Grace Taylor Sudduth, Brian McCoy.

Last Sunday's Attendance

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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, Becky Steorts, Amy Melvin, Bob and Peggy Walk, Lorraine Blansfield, Susan Jewell, John Kersey, Judy Anderson, Michelle Coleman, Hilendorf Family.

Calendar of Events

Wednesday – October 9

Serve Meal at the Union Mission 3:00pm

Sunday – October 13

Bagging groceries after church

St. Francis Day Pet Blessing 4:00pm

Tuesday – October 15

DOK meeting 10:30am

Wednesday – October 16

Men's dinner 6:00pm

Vestry meeting 7:00pm

Thursday – October 17

Food Pantry 9:00 -11:00am

Sunday – October 27

Coffee Hour Presentation on Dio. Convention

Announcements:

Food Pantry Items Needed: Handout lists are available in Narthex for Food Pantry items being collected during the months of September thru January.

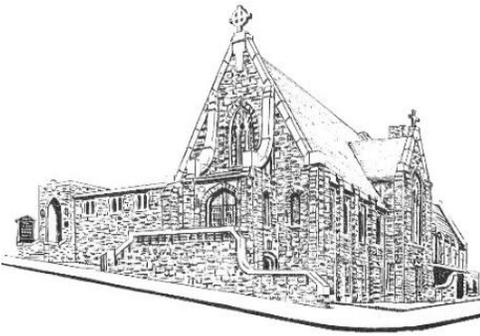
Nursery Help: Please consider signing up to assist with our Sunday morning nursery. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. Sign-ups are now open for the remainder of this calendar year! For more information please see Fr. Chad or Elizabeth Clement.

Trip to Israel Opportunity: Pastor Gerald Manning of Fincastle Presbyterian Church in Bluefield, VA is leading a ten-day trip to Israel in February 2020. There are a couple more vacancies to fill, so if you are interested in going, more information can be found in the narthex.

St. Francis Day Pet Blessing: Join Fr. Chad at 4:00pm on Sunday, October 13th at the Duhring Street Parking lot with the special animals in your life for our Annual Pet Blessing. This year we will also be awarding a special gift to our city K-9 units and arson dog with Prayers for Protection and thanksgiving for them and their handlers.



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



Clergy, Staff, and Wardens of this Parish

the Rev. Chad Slater

Ms. Emma Bennett

Mr. Terry E. Whittington, Jr.

Mrs. Vanessa Hall

Mrs. Susan Jewell

Mrs. Becky Beckett

Mr. Tom Coughlan

Rector

Parish Administrator

Organist & Choirmaster

Sexton

Nursery Attendant

Senior Warden

Junior Warden

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