

Christ Episcopal Church

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The 18th Sunday After Pentecost

being Proper XXIII 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.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; 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

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.

Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

The Psalm

Psalm 66:1-11

Jubilate Deo

- 1 Be joyful in God, all you lands; sing the glory of his Name; sing the glory of his praise.
- 2 Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.
- 3 All the earth bows down before you, sings to you, sings out your Name."
- 4 Come now and see the works of God, how wonderful he is in his doing toward all people.
- 5 He turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot, and there we rejoiced in him.
- 6 In his might he rules for ever; his eyes keep watch over the nations; let no rebel rise up against him.
- 7 Bless our God, you peoples; make the voice of his praise to be heard;
- 8 Who holds our souls in life, and will not allow our feet to slip.
- 9 For you, O God, have proved us; you have tried us just as silver is tried.
- 10 You brought us into the snare; you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

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 2:8-15

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David-- that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;
if we endure, we will also reign with him;
if we deny him, he will also deny us;
if we are faithless, he remains faithful--
for he cannot deny himself.

Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.



Gospel Lesson *Luke 17:11-19*

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

The SermonThe 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***OffertoryPresentation of Gifts and Tithes

*To thee, great One in Three,
The highest praises be,
Hence evermore; thy sovereign majesty
may we in glory see,
and to eternity love and adore.*

<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>The head that once was crowned with thorns</i>	H 483
<i>Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old</i>	H 567

Our Prayer after Communion BCP 366

Hymn *Now thank we all our God* **H 397**

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
Rob and Mimi Merritt in memory of loved ones.

Following our service will be Coffee Hour, hosted today by Shirley Ofsa. 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

Ben Slater

Lectors

Linda Ammar

Becky Kersey

Chalicians

Becky Kersey

Altar Guild

Linda Ammar

Teresa Paine

Mimi Merritt

Nursery Help

Vestry Member of the Month: Elizabeth Clement

Birthdays This Week: Mike Lilly, Burt Kersey, Emma Slater, Stephanie Smith.

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

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

Wednesday – October 23

Serve dinner at Union Mission 4:30pm

Sunday – October 27

Coffee Hour Presentation on Dio. Convention

Sunday – November 10

Hymn sing at the Paine's 4:00pm

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.

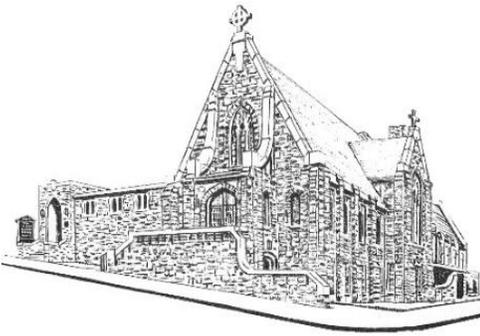
St. Francis Day Pet Blessing: Join Fr. Chad at 4:00pm on Sunday, October 13th at the Duhring Street Parking lot with the special animals in your life for our Annual Pet Blessing. This year we will also be awarding a special gift to our city K-9 units and arson dog with Prayers for Protection and thanksgiving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

Stickers and Decals: There are bumper stickers and window decals on the usher's table for anyone who would like them.

Loose Offering: Any loose offering collected in October will go to the Food Pantry.



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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