



# Christ Episcopal Church

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## October 27, 2019

The 20th Sunday After Pentecost

*being Proper XXV 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

*O God, our help in ages past*

**H 680**

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, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## The First Lesson

Joel 2:23-32

O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before.

The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

Then afterward I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female slaves, in those days, I will pour out my spirit. I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls.

## The Psalm

Psalm 65

*Te decet hymnus*

- 1 You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.
- 2 To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, because of their transgressions.
- 3 Our sins are stronger than we are, but you will blot them out.
- 4 Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there! they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple.
- 5 Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness O God of our salvation, O Hope of all the ends of the earth and of the seas that are far away.

- 6 You make fast the mountains by your power; they are girded about with might.
- 7 You still the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.
- 8 Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs; you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.
- 9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water.
- 10 You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.
- 11 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.
- 12 You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty.
- 13 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, and the hills be clothed with joy.
- 14 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; let them shout for joy and sing.

*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

*2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18*

I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Hymn

*Blest are the pure in heart*

**H 656**



## Gospel Lesson *Luke 18:1-8*

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.

The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all

my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

## 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

*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.*

From Hymn 365 vs. 4

### Eucharistic Prayer “B”

<i>Sanctus</i>	Words in BCP, Musical Setting	BCP 367 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>Humbly I adore thee</i>	H 314
<i>How lovely is thy dwelling-place</i>	H 517

### Our Prayer after Communion

BCP 366

### Hymn

*Come, thou fount of every blessing*

**H 686**

## 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!*

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The Altar Flowers are given today by  
Michael and Michelle Parks  
in loving memory of his grandmother, Nancy.

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Following our service will be Coffee Hour, hosted today by Charlie Blevins and Betty Nash. 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

Will Puckett

Chalicer

Becky Beckett

Lectors

Bernadette Dragotto

Becky Beckett

Altar Guild

Linda Ammar

Teresa Paine

Mimi Merritt

Nursery Help Ted Lewis

Vestry Member of the Month: Elizabeth Clement

## 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, Amy Melvin, Bob and Peggy Walk, Susan Jewell, John Kersey, Judy Anderson, Michelle Coleman, Hilendorf Family, Martha Linkous.

**Birthdays This Week:** Eleazer Resurreccion.

## Last Sunday's Attendance

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## Calendar of Events

Sunday – October 27

Coffee Hour Presentation on Dio. Convention

Wednesday – November 13

Serve dinner at the Union Mission 3:00pm

Sunday – November 10  
Sunday – November 17  
Tuesday – November 19  
Wednesday – November 20

Hymn sing at the Paine's 4:00pm  
Bagging Groceries after church  
DOK meeting 10:30am  
ECM Dinner 6:00pm  
Vestry 7:00pm  
Food Pantry 9:00 – 11:00am

Thursday – November 21

### **Announcements:**

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.

Coffee Hour: If you are interested in this very important ministry at Christ Church, please call the office at 304-327-6861 or Email Emma Bennett at [secretary@cecblf.org](mailto:secretary@cecblf.org).

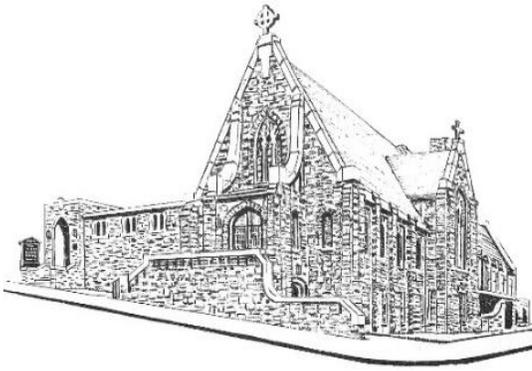
Stickers and Decals: There are bumper stickers and window decals on the usher's table for anyone who would like them.

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

Food Pantry Items Needed: Handout lists are available in Narthex for Food Pantry items being collected during the months of October thru January. We will accept monetary contributions also. See Patty Richardson or Mary Catherine Williams if you have any questions.



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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*welcomes you*