



The First Lesson

Isaiah 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus, says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that

are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

The Psalm

Psalm 29

Afferte Domino

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- 11 The Lord shall give strength to his people; the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

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

Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread

throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Hymn

Christ, when for us you were baptized

H 121

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 3:13-17

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

Written about 325 AD, this is the ancient statement of our faith

The Prayers of the People (Form III)

BCP 387

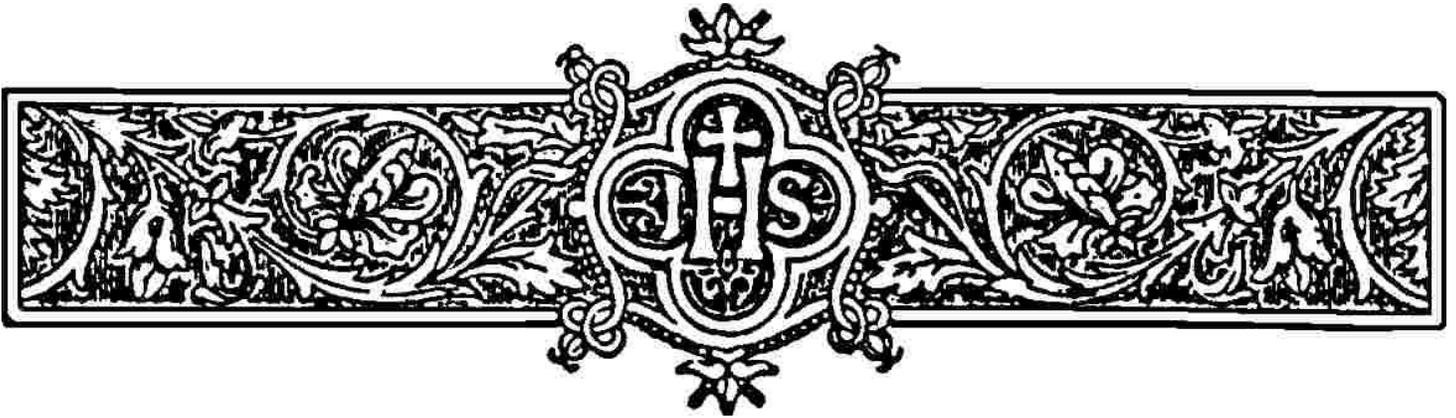
We pray together as the people of God

Confession & Absolution

BCP 360

We confess our sins and are reassured of our pardon





The Liturgy of the Eucharist, sometimes called *the Mass*

Presentation of Gifts and Tithes

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

From Hymn 380 vs. 3

Eucharistic Prayer “A”

BCP 361

Sanctus

Words in BCP, Musical Setting

H-S 129

The Lord’s Prayer

Traditional version, found on BCP 364

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 Hymn

Bread of the world, in mercy broken

H 301

Our Prayer after Communion

BCP 366

Hymn

Hail to the Lord’s Anointed

H 616

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
The Clement Family in memory of loved ones.

Following our service will be Coffee Hour, hosted today by Don & Wendy Harris and Stan & 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 Macon Clement

Chalicer Rob Merritt

Lector David Kersey

Robb Merritt

Altar Guild Linda Thomas

Betty Nash

Linda Ammar

Nursery Help Elizabeth Clement

Vestry Member of the Month:

Don Kersey

Pianist Samuel Kimzey

Birthdays This Week: Liliana Bennitt Mark Williams Sandy Moir

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, Jerry and Debbie, Nina and family, Marlene, Amy Melvin, Bob and Peggy Walk, Susan Jewell, John Kersey, Judy Anderson, Michelle Coleman, Martha Linkous, Sarah Irwin, Janet Slager, Kelly Cox, Mike McLeod, Maxine Stevenson, Dean Farmer, Bob Moore, Haddon Lazenby, Miffi Williams, Jack Burchette

Calendar of Events

Sunday – January 12	Annual Meeting after Church today Bagging of Food Pantry groceries
Wednesday – January 15	ECM Dinner 6pm Vestry 7pm
Thursday – January 16	Food Pantry 9-11am
Sunday – January 19	Altar Guild Meeting following Coffee Hour
Tuesday – January 21	DOK meeting 10:30am
Wednesday – January 22	Dinner at the Union Mission 4:30pm

Announcements:

The Annual Meeting: The Annual Meeting of Christ Episcopal Church will be held today after Church. This will allow us to present full year 2019 accounting figures to everyone.

Loose Offering: Any loose offering collected in January will go toward the Heating & Cooling Project.

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

Altar Guild Meeting: There will be an altar guild meeting on Sunday, January 19th, following coffee hour.

Coffee Hour: If you'd like to provide the refreshments for this very important ministry at Christ Church, please call the office at 304-327-6861

Canterbury Club: There is a 2020 sign-up sheet in the narthex for Canterbury Club. Anyone that would like to host one you can sign up. Thanks to everyone who hosted a Canterbury Club in 2019!

Nursery Help: Please consider signing up to assist with our Sunday morning nursery. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. For more information please see Fr. Chad or Elizabeth Clement.

Prayer Requests: Please take a moment to review the names on our Prayer Request list and, if you wish a name to be removed at this time, call or email the office to let us know. Thank you!



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