



CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLUEFIELD, WEST VIRGINIA

The Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

Liturgy of the Word

June 23, 2024



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Prelude

The people stand

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

Officiant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit BCP 355
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. *Amen*

The Collect for Purity

Officiant

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The people remain standing.

Hymn of Praise *How wondrous and great thy works* **H 533**

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

The people remain standing.

Collect for the Day

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The people sit.

The First Lesson

Job 38:1-11

The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:

"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

Gird up your loins like a man,

I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?
Tell me, if you have understanding.
Who determined its measurements—surely you know!
Or who stretched the line upon it?
On what were its bases sunk,
or who laid its cornerstone
when the morning stars sang together
and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?
"Or who shut in the sea with doors
when it burst out from the womb?—
when I made the clouds its garment,
and thick darkness its swaddling band,
and prescribed bounds for it,
and set bars and doors,
and said, "Thus far shall you come, and no farther,
and here shall your proud waves be stopped'?"

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God!

The Psalm Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32 *Confitemini Domino*
The Psalm will be read responsively by whole verse

1. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, and his mercy endures for ever.
2. Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed proclaim that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.
3. He gathered them out of the lands; from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.
23. Some went down to the sea in ships and plied their trade in deep waters;
24. They beheld the works of the LORD and his wonders in the deep.

25. Then he spoke, and a stormy wind arose, which tossed high the waves of the sea.
26. They mounted up to the heavens and fell back to the depths; their hearts melted because of their peril.
27. They reeled and staggered like drunkards and were at their wits' end.
28. Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.
29. He stilled the storm to a whisper and quieted the waves of the sea.
30. Then were they glad because of the calm, and he brought them to the harbor they were bound for.
31. Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy and the wonders he does for his children.
32. Let them exalt him in the congregation of the people and praise him in the council of the elders.

Second Lesson

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

As we work together with Christ, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says,

“At an acceptable time I have listened to you,
and on a day of salvation I have helped you.”

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see-- we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return-- I speak as to children-- open wide your hearts also.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God!

The people standing.

Hymn

O for a thousand tongues to sing

H 493

The Gospel Lesson

Mark 4:35-41



When evening had come, Jesus said to his disciples, “Let us go across to the other side.” And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?”

He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?” And they were filled with great

awe and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

Officiant The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Homily

Teresa Paine

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

All stand as they are able and say together:

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People, Form III

BCP 387

The people may stand or kneel.

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Matthew, our Bishop, for Paul
our Priest, and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

In our Diocesan Cycle of prayer, we pray for The General Convention of the
Episcopal Church being held in Louisville, Kentucky, and our elected Deputies
from the Diocese of West Virginia.

We pray for all who are on our parish prayer list, and for any others that we might now name, either silently or aloud

Pause

We pray for all who have died, especially our loved ones who have gone before us, and for any others that we might now name, either silently or aloud

Pause

We give thanks for all of the blessings of this life, for our family, friends and loved ones, and for any other thanksgivings we might now name, either silently or aloud.

Pause

Officiant

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord *Amen.*

The Confession

The Officiant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Bishop, when present, or the Officiant, stands and says

May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins
through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all
goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in
eternal life. *Amen.*

The Peace

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of God's love.

Announcements

Offertory Hymn

After the Offertory piece has been played the people stand and sing the familiar tune of the "Old 100th"

Praise God, from whom all blessing flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Officiant receives the offertory plate and places it on the credence table.

Officiant May the Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Let us pray the words our Savior Christ taught us:

People and Officiant

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power, and the glory,
 for ever and ever. Amen.

Recessional Hymn

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

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The Dismissal

Officiant Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God. *Alleluia, alleluia.*

Postlude

Please Keep the Following in Your Prayers: Dorene Dimes, Bonnie Taylor, Joe Sanders, Bob and Peggy Walk, Martha Linkous, Buck Sowers, Donna Fortune, Ed and Gladys Fortune, Jim and Chris Justice, Ivy and the Gaines Family, Fr. Russ and Debbie Hatfield and family, Mary Lou, Brian, Don Harris, Ted and Katherine Lewis, Brian, John and Becky Beckett, Jim Paine, Lane, Norma Mahood, Don and Mary Catherine Williams and family, Sherry, Scot, Max, Brad, Sandi, Joan, Mike Boosier, Pam Spracher, Barry Dinger, Joel Hammond, Jim, Joan Gray, Rosemary, Eddie Hughes, Doug Truter, Beth Kane, Debbie H., Kimberly Norriss, Mark, Donna Thompson-Whitehead, Liz, Joan, Dave, Mopsy Shott Forbes, Allen, Everyly Nowlin, and Sandra.

Following our service will be Coffee Hour, hosted today by Rob and Mimi Merritt. This is a time for us to have fellowship, share our joys, learn ways we can pray for each other, and get to know one another better. It is very much an extension of the communal feast we share in the Holy Eucharist.

Please join us!

Birthdays this week: Mark Meachum, Mary Lou Mannschreck, Martha Shewey, Joe Sanders.

Attendance Last Sunday:

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The Altar Flowers are given by
Dr. and Mrs. Steven Ward for the greater Glory of God.

The chancel rail flowers are given in honor of the 54th Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. John Beckett who were married on June 20, 2970. They are given by Preston and Tamy, Keith and Tonya, and Dee and Will.

Participants in Today's Liturgy

Officiant

Teresa Paine

Organist & Choirmaster

Terry E. Whittington, Jr.

Acolyte

Mike Lilly

Lector

Ted Lewis

Altar Guild

Betty Nash, Linda Gillespie, Staci Thomas

Calendar of Events

Saturday – June 22 to June 28

General Convention in Louisville, KY

Thursday – July 4

Independence Day

Tuesday – July 16
Thursday – July 18

DOK meeting 10:30am
Food Pantry 9:00am – 11:00am

Announcements:

Directory: If you haven't returned your completed Questionnaire yet, please do so. Thank you!

Coffee Hour: A Coffee Hour host will be needed for **July 7 and 28**. Please sign up on the whiteboard located outside the library. Contact Mary Catherine Williams at: (276-326-2411) or mkw@dlwco.com if you have any questions. Thank you for helping Christ Church in this important ministry.



Clergy, Staff, and Wardens of this Parish

The Rev. Paul Barker

Mr. Terry E. Whittington, Jr.

Ms. Emma Bennett

Ms. Gina Vescio

Mrs. Becky Beckett

Mr. Peter Richardson

Priest

Organist & Choirmaster

Parish Administrator

Sexton

Senior Warden

Junior Warden