



# CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLUEFIELD, WEST VIRGINIA

## The Twenty-third Sunday After Pentecost

### Liturgy of the Word

October 27, 2024



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## Prelude

*The people stand*

### The Processional Hymn

*Praise, my soul, the King of heaven*

**H 410**

*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 they 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

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 people sit.*

### The First Lesson

*Jeremiah 31:7-9*

Thus says the Lord:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,

and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;

proclaim, give praise, and say,



“Save, O Lord, your people,  
the remnant of Israel.”

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,  
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,  
among them the blind and the lame, those with child and  
those in labor, together;  
a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come,  
and with consolations I will lead them back,  
I will let them walk by brooks of water,  
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;  
for I have become a father to Israel,  
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God!

### The Psalm

Psalm 126

*In convertendo*

*The Psalm will be read responsively by whole verse*

1. When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream.
2. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy.
3. Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."
4. The LORD has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed.
5. Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses of the Negev.
6. Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.
7. Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

### Second Lesson

*Hebrews 7:23-28*

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but Jesus holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

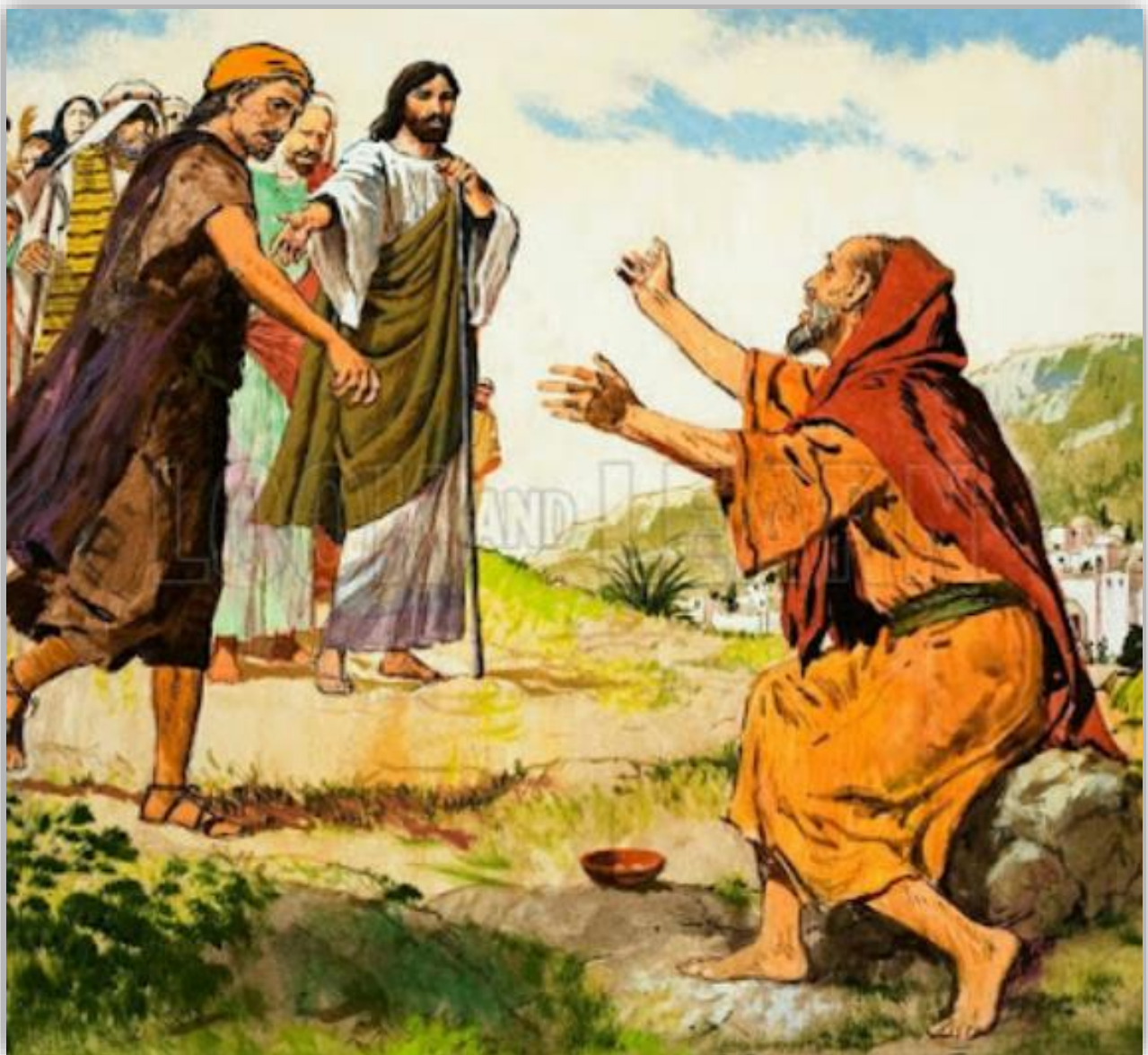
*People* Thanks be to God!

The Gospel Lesson

*Mark 10:46-52*

Reading from the Gospel according to Mark

Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, “Son of David,



have mercy on me!” Jesus stood still and said, “Call him here.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart; get up, he is calling you.” So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man said to him, “My teacher, let me see again.” Jesus said to him, “Go; your faith has made you well.” Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

*Officiant*     The Word of the Lord.

*People*        Thanks be to God.

## Meditation

Bill Denney

## 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 Police, Firefighters, Emergency Personnel, and First Responders throughout our state.

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

*Just as I am, without one plea*

**H 693**

*After the Offertory piece has been played the people stand and sing the familiar tune of the "Old 100<sup>th</sup>"*

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

*O for a thousand tongues to sing*

**H 493**

**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 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, Mary Lou, Don Harris, John and Becky Beckett, Jim Paine, Becky Steorts, Julie Blevins, John and Sandy Moir, David and Debbie Faber, Mary Catherine and Don Williams, Lee Rose, Sherry, Scot, Max, Brad, Sandi, Joan, Mike Boosier, Pam Spracher, Barry Dinger, Joel Hammond, Jim, Joan Gray, Doug Truter, Beth Kane, Debbie H., Kimberly Norriss, Mark, Donna Thompson-Whitehead, Liz, Joan, Dave, Mopsy Shott Forbes, Everly

Nowlin, Sandra, Felicia, Leo Maial, Parker Anderson, Riley Whitney, Harold Brewster, and Kathy Nelson.

Following our service will be Coffee Hour, hosted today by Peter and Patty Richardson. 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:**

### **Attendance Last Sunday:**

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The Altar Flowers are given by  
Peter and Patricia Taylor for the greater Glory of God.

### **Participants in Today's Liturgy**

Officiant

Bill Denney

Organist & Choirmaster

Terry E. Whittington, Jr.

Acolyte

Teresa Paine

Lector

Ted Lewis

Altar Guild

Linda Gillespie, Betty Nash, Teresa Paine

### **Calendar of Events**

Monday – October 28

Peggy Walk's graveside service 1:00pm

Stewardship Committee Meeting 4:30pm



Sunday, November 3

Time Change, "Fall" back 1 hour


Wednesday, November 6

Children's Sunday School 10:05 – 10:40am

Sunday, November 10

Evening Prayer – Rite I 5:30-6:00pm

Christ Church 101 11:30am – 12:30pm

Wednesday, November 13	Union Mission 4:00pm
Friday, November 15	Diocesan Convention
Sunday, November 17	Children's Sunday School 10:05-10:40am
Tuesday, November 19	DOK meeting 10:30am
Wednesday, November 20	Men's Dinner 6:00pm
	Vestry meeting 7:00pm
Thursday, November 21	Food Pantry 9:00 – 11:00am
Sunday, November 24	Christ Church 101 11:30am – 12:30pm
Wednesday, November 27	Union Mission 3:30pm
Thursday, November 28	 <i>Happy Thanksgiving!</i>

**Announcements:**

UTO Ingathering: The ECW encourages all to take part in this worthy cause as one hundred percent of the collection helps support missions and ministries throughout the Episcopal Church and Provinces of the Anglican Communion. Collection for this Thank Offering will be gathered throughout October by either placing your loose cash in a blue United Thank Offering box or by writing a check with UTO on the memo line and placing it in the offering plate.

Coffee Hour: A Coffee Hour host will be needed for **November 3, 7, and 24.** Please sign up on the whiteboard located outside the library. Contact Mary Catherine Williams at: (276-326-2411) or [mkw@dlwco.com](mailto:mkw@dlwco.com) if you have any questions. Thank you for helping Christ Church in this important ministry.

Canterbury Club: If you would like to host a Canterbury Club Sunday, please select a month on the signup sheet located in Narthex.

**Clergy, Staff, and Wardens of this Parish**

The Rev. Paul Barker	Rector
Mr. Terry E. Whittington, Jr.	Organist & Choirmaster
Ms. Emma Bennett	Parish Administrator
Ms. Gina Vescio	Sexton
Mrs. Becky Beckett	Senior Warden
Mr. Peter Richardson	Junior Warden