



# CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLUEFIELD, WEST VIRGINIA

## Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

**Holy Eucharist**

November 17, 2024



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## Prelude

*The people stand*

### The Processional Hymn

*O day of radiant gladness*

**H 48**

## Welcome!

*At this time, all children are invited to follow the cross and teachers to their classrooms.*

*Celebrant*            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

*Celebrant*

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

*O bless the Lord, my soul*

**H 411**

*Celebrant*    The Lord be with you.

*People*        And also with you.

*Celebrant*    Let us pray.

*The people remain standing.*

### Collect for the Day

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*The people sit.*

## The First Lesson

*Daniel 12:1-3*

The Lord spoke to Daniel in a vision and said, “At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”

*Lector*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        Thanks be to God!

## The Psalm

Psalm 16

*Conserva me, Domine*

*The Psalm will be read responsively by whole verse*

1. Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."
2. All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people.
3. But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.
4. Their libations of blood I will not offer, nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.
5. O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.
6. My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
7. I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me, night after night.
8. I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.
9. My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.

10. For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the Pit.

11. You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

## Second Lesson

*Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25*

Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, “he sat down at the right hand of God,” and since then has been waiting “until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.” For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

*Lector*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      Thanks be to God!

*The people standing.*

## Hymn

*“Thy kingdom come!” on bended knee*

**H 615**

## The Gospel Lesson

*Mark 13:1-8*

*Celebrant*    The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

*People*      Glory to you, Lord Christ

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” Then Jesus asked him,

“Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, “Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birthpangs.”

*Celebrant*    The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*        Praise to you, Lord Christ.

### The Sermon

The Rev. Paul Barker

### 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 27<sup>th</sup> Presiding Bishop, Sean, our newly invested  
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 St. Martin-in-the-Fields,  
Summersville.

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*

*The Celebrant concludes the prayers*

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude  
of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for  
help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father,  
Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## **The Confession**

BCP 360

*The Celebrant 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 Priest, stands and says*

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

## **The Peace**

*Celebrant*     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**

## **The Holy Communion**

Offertory Hymn

*Savior, again to thy dear Name we raise*

**H 345**

*After the Offertory piece has been played the People stand as the gifts are brought forward 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 people remain standing*

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*The Hymnal 1982, Service Music, #130*

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is primarily in the Treble clef, with the Bass clef providing a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,". The word "might," is followed by a long horizontal line indicating a sustained note or a long rest. The music consists of several measures of music, with some measures containing rests. The overall style is simple and hymnal.

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full, of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior  
Christ has taught us,  
we are bold to say,  
*People and Celebrant*  
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.

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant then breaks the Consecrated Bread and says*

Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia.

*The Celebrant then presents the Sacrament to the People*

The Gifts of God, for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

### **The Distribution of the Holy Sacrament**

All baptized Christians, regardless of age or denomination, are invited and encouraged to receive the sacrament. Communion is distributed at the altar rail. 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 by asking the priest. If you do not wish to receive the

sacrament but would like to receive a blessing, please join us at the rail and cross your arms over your chest. Depart through the doors at either side of the rail, returning to your pew through the door by the reader's lectern.

Communion Hymn

*Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless*

**H 343**

Our Prayer after Communion

BCP 365

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn

*Come, thy fount of every blessing*

**H 686**

The Dismissal

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

Postlude

The Altar Flowers are given today by Stan and Grey Kiser.  
in memory of loved ones and for the greater Glory of God.

**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, Mary Catherine and Don Williams, the Wilkinson Family, 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 Williams, Donna Thompson-Whitehead, Liz, Joan, Dave, Mopsy Shott Forbes, Everly Nowlin, Sandra, Felicia, Leo Maial, Parker Anderson, Riley Whitney, Harold Brewster, Kathy Nelson, and Ellie Spencer.

Following our service, we will have Coffee Hour hosted by The Lewis Family. 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!

**Attendance Last Sunday:**

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**Participants in Today's Liturgy**

Celebrant

The Rev. Paul Barker

Organist & Choirmaster

Terry E. Whittington, Jr.

Acolyte

Mike Lilly

Lector

Ted Lewis

Altar Guild

Linda Ammar, Patty Richardson

**Birthdays this week:** Debbie Faber, Linda Ammar, Bill Denney.

**Calendar of Events**

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

Thursday, November 21  
Sunday, November 24

Vestry meeting 7:00pm  
Food Pantry 9:00 – 11:00am  
Christ Church 101 11:30am – 12:30pm

Thursday, November 28



**Happy Thanksgiving !**  
Office will be closed

**Announcements:**

**Coffee Hour:** A Coffee Hour host will be needed for **December 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29**. 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.

**Food Pantry:** The Food Pantry will be collecting the following seasonal items during the next few colder months:

**November:** Toboggans/Gloves

**December:** Blankets

**January:** Socks for Men/Women

Thanks so much for your continued support of this outreach!

**Ushers Needed:** We are in need of volunteers to usher. David Kersey has had hip surgery and will need some help with this ministry. There will be a signup sheet for all interested. We can provide training. See Mary Catherine Williams if you are interested.







## Thank You

A Special thanks goes to the Episcopal Church Women for collecting **\$441.11** during their yearly United Thank Offering Ingathering during October! The offering will be presented to the Diocese during Convention this weekend.

### **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

Rector

Organist & Choirmaster

Parish Administrator

Sexton

Senior Warden

Junior Warden