



The First Lesson

Deuteronomy 5:12-15

Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the Lord your God commanded you. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the Lord your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.

The Psalm

Psalm 81:1-10

Exultate Deo

- 1 Sing with joy to God our strength and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.
- 2 Raise a song and sound the timbrel, the merry harp, and the lyre.
- 3 Blow the ram's-horn at the new moon, and at the full moon, the day of our feast.
- 4 For this is a statute for Israel, a law of the God of Jacob.
- 5 He laid it as a solemn charge upon Joseph, when he came out of the land of Egypt.
- 6 I heard an unfamiliar voice saying "I eased his shoulder from the burden; his hands were set free from bearing the load."
- 7 You called on me in trouble, and I saved you; I answered you from the secret place of thunder and tested you at the waters of Meribah.
- 8 Hear, O my people, and I will admonish you: O Israel, if you would but listen to me!
- 9 There shall be no strange god among you; you shall not worship a foreign god.
- 10 I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt and said, "Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it."

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 Corinthians 4:5-12

We do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

Hymn

The head that once was crowned with thorns

H 7

Gospel Lesson

Mark 2:23-3:6



One Sabbath Jesus and his disciples were going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?" And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions." Then he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the Sabbath; so the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath."

Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse

him. And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward." Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the Sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

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

Prayers of the People VI

BCP 392

We pray together as the people of God

Confession & 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

*Holy and blessed Three, glorious Trinity wisdom, love, might;
boundless as ocean's tide, rolling in fullest pride
through the world far and wide, let there be light!* from H 364, v.4

Eucharistic Prayer "A"

BCP 361

- Sanctus* Words in BCP, Musical Setting H-S129
- Memorial Acclamation* Words in BCP, Musical Setting H-S132
- The Lord's Prayer* Traditional version, found on BCP 364
- Fraction Anthem* 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

- Strengthen for service, Lord* H 312
- Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old* H 567
- And now, O Father* H 337

Our Prayer after Communion

BCP 366

Hymn *Blessed Jesus, at thy word*

H 440

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!*

Following our service will be Coffee Hour, hosted by Jim and Chris Justice. 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.

The Altar Flowers are given today by
Tom Coughlan, in memory of loved ones.

Birthdays This Week: Patricia Meachum, Charlie Merritt, Stella Stultz, Anne Wilkinson, Ashby Taylor

Participants in Today's Liturgy

<u>Acolyte</u>	Becky Beckett	Elizabeth Burton	
<u>Lector</u>	Bernadette Dragotto	Becky Kersey	
<u>Chalicians</u>	Becky Beckett	Becky Kersey	Will Puckett
<u>Altar Guild</u>	Patty Richardson	Becky Beckett	Carol Georgis

Attendance Last Sunday 69

Please Keep the Following in Your Prayers

Dorene Dimes—Wanda Myers—Bonnie Taylor—Joe Sanders—Marlene—Lee Puckett, Sr.—Phyllis & Nelson Walker—Linda—Valerie Mahood—Sierra—Alex B.—Toni R.—Linda Sydeski—Ragen—Jared Cregger—Kerrigan Farmer—Lindsey Parsley—Mike—Daisy Bowman—Ellie Spencer—Sue Godwin—Mabeline Robinson—Ann Richardson—John Richardson

Calendar of Events

Wednesday - June 13	Vestry Meeting 7:00 pm
	St. Catherine's School Class arrives
Sunday - June 17	PA Work Group arrives
Tuesday - June 19	DOK meeting 10:30 am
Thursday - June 21	Food Pantry 9:00 am – 11:00 am
Friday - June 22	Cookout with PA work group
Sunday - June 24	OK Work Group arrives
	Altar Guild meeting after church
Wednesday - June 27	Dinner at Union Mission 4:30 pm
	ECW Picnic @ home of Patty Richardson 5:30 pm
Tuesday - July 3	Fr. Chad leaves for General Convention

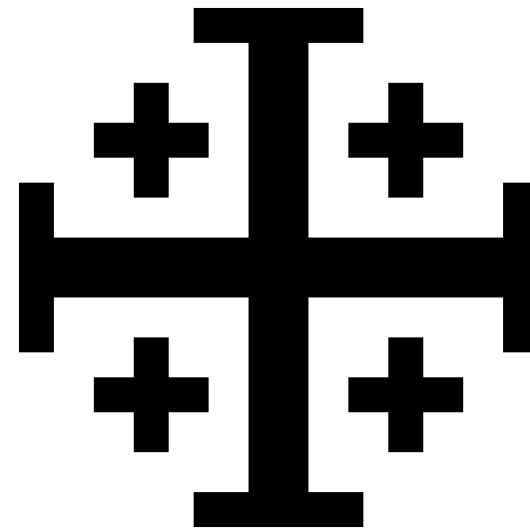
Announcements:

Work Groups: Christ Church will be hosting a series of Episcopal youth groups from out of state. These groups will be staying at First Presbyterian and working on projects at the Bluefield Union Mission and the Five Loaves and Two Fishes Food Pantry in Kimball. One of the ways you can help assist these young people in their mission to sign up to help make dinner for them. A simple dinner (pizza, spaghetti, etc) is more than acceptable. A sign up sheet is in the Narthex that notes the days and anticipated number of guests. When you sign up, please know that you are welcomed and encouraged to share the meal with the groups!

ECW Picnic: All women of the parish are invited to attend the ECW picnic at the home of Patty Richardson, 117 West Cumberland Road, on Wednesday, June 27 at 5:30 pm. Please bring a dish to share!

Church Office Closed This Week: Our parish administrator, Emma, will be on vacation this week. Messages left on the church phone may not be returned until the following week. If you have an emergency, please call Fr. Chad at 304-543-5296.

Gardening Help Needed: We are looking for volunteers to pull weeds from the beds around the exterior of the church. If you would like to help, please let Fr. Chad or Dee Puckett know. Thank you!



Clergy, Staff, and Wardens of this Parish

the Rev. Chad Slater	Rector
Ms. Emma Bennett	Parish Administrator
Mr. Terry E. Whittington, Jr.	Organist & Choirmaster
Mrs. Vanessa Hall	Sexton
Dr. Rob Merritt	Senior Warden
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The Second Sunday after Pentecost

and being Proper IV 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 day of radiant gladness* **H 48**

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.*

O God, your never-failing providence sets in order all things both in heaven and earth: Put away from us, we entreat you, all hurtful things, and give us those things which are profitable for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*