The First Lesson Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

> "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory."

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!"

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I: send me!"

#### The Psalm Psalm 29

Afferte Domino

- Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
- The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
- The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.
- The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 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.
- The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.
- And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, "Glory!"

- The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- 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

Romans 8:12-17

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Hymn Immortal, invisible, God only wise

H 423



#### Gospel Lesson John 3:1-17

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence

of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can

these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

#### The Sermon

# Prayers of the People VI

BCP 490

We pray together as the people of God







# The Rite of Holy Baptism

#### The Presentation & Examination

BCP 301

The candidates for Holy Baptism is presented with their parents and godparents

# The Baptismal Covenant

**BCP 304** 

The faith and expectation of a Christian are affirmed

#### Prayers for the Candidate

**BCP 305** 

Hymn

I want to walk as a child of the Light H 490

# The Thanksgiving Over the Water

BCP 306

# The Baptism

BCP 307

After being baptizing in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the priest will say:

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

People We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

The newly baptized are then presented to the congregation, who welcome the children with applause and joy!

The Peace

We share the joy of the Good News!

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

Offertory Psalm of Praise Ivanov

#### Presentation of Gifts and Tithes

Holy Father, holy Son, Holy Spirit, Three we name thee; While in essence only Once, undivided God we claim thee; Then, adoring, bend the knee and confess the mystery.

From Hymn 366 vs. 4

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Eucharistic Prayer "D'	· ·	<b>BCP 372</b>
Sanctus	Words in BCP, Musical Setting	H-S130
Memorial Acclamation	Words in BCP, Musical Setting	H-S141
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

O saving Victim	H 311
Holy Father, great Creator	H 368
Let thy Blood in mercy poured	H 313
O - D C	DCD 265

Our Prayer after Communion BCP 365

The Blessing

The Priest blesses the people.

<u>Hymn</u> Come, thou almighty Kind

# 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!* 

# Participants in Today's Liturgy

Acolyte: John Allen – Kipp Cortez Chalicist: Kipp Cortez - Don Williams Lector: David Kersey – Don Williams Altar Guild: Delia Kersey – Linda Thomas

The Altar Flowers are given today by Mr. and Mrs. Don Williams in memory of loved ones.

# **Attendance Last Sunday**

Following our service will be Coffee Hour, hosted today by Kathy Burge and Shelly Parks.

#### 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—Gary Slater—Mabeline and Elton Robinson

#### Calendar of Events

Sunday – June 10	St. Catherine's School Class arrives	
Wednesday – June 13	Vestry Meeting 7:00 pm	
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	
Sunday – June 24	OK Work Group arrives	
Wednesday – June 27	Dinner at Union Mission 4:30 pm	
ECW Picnic @ home of Patty Richardson 5:30 pm		

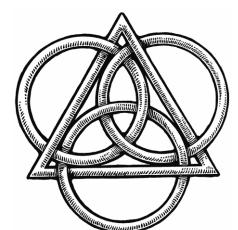
#### **Announcements:**

<u>Congratulations:</u> We welcome to the Christian faith Edgar Stillwell Kersey and Owen Charles Kersey. Edgar and Owen are the children of Kyle and Tara Kersey and the grandchildren of John and Delia Kersey.

Work Groups: Christ Church will be hosting several out of state youth work groups this summer. These groups will be staying at First Presbyterian and working on projects at the Bluefield Union Mission and the Fives Loaves and Two Fishes Food Bank in Kimball. More information about how you can help these young people will be announced in the coming weeks as the final details are worked out!

# 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
Mrs. Dee Puckett	Junior Warden



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# May 27, 2018 The First Sunday after Pentecost Trinity Sunday

#### 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 for the Sacrament of Baptism

Hymn Holy, holy, holy! Lord god Almighty! H 362

The Service Begins
Gloria in Excelsis
BCP 299
H-S 280

The text to this ancient hymn of praise is found in the BCP

The Collect

Our collective prayer for the day.

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.