The First Lesson Hosea 11:1-11

When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. The more I called them, the more they went from me; they kept sacrificing to the Baals, and offering incense to idols. Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk, I took them up in my arms; but they did not know that I healed them. I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love. I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks. I bent down to them and fed them. They shall return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria shall be their king, because they have refused to return to me. The sword rages in their cities, it consumes their oracle-priests, and devours because of their schemes. My people are bent on turning away from me. To the Most High they call, but he does not raise them up at all. How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim? My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender. I will not execute my fierce anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim; for I am God and no mortal,



the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath. They shall go after the Lord, who roars like a lion; when he roars, his children shall come trembling from the west. They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt, and like doves from the land of Assyria; and I will return them to their homes, says the Lord.

<u>The Psalm</u> Psalm 107:1-9, 43 Confitemini Domino

- 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.
- Some wandered in desert wastes; they found no way to a city where they might dwell.
- 5 They were hungry and thirsty; their spirits languished within them.
- Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.
- 7 He put their feet on a straight path to go to a city where they might dwell.
- 8 Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy and the wonders he does for his children.

- 9 For he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.
- Whoever is wise will ponder these things, and consider well the mercies of the Lord.

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 Colossians 3:1-11

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things-- anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

Hymn Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove H 510



Gospel Lesson

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed	BCP 358
Written about 325 AD, this is the ancient statement of our faith	

Prayers of the People (Form IV) BCP 388

Confession & Absolution BCP 360

We confess our sins and are reassured of our pardon

themselves but are not rich toward God."

The Peace

We share the joy of the Good News!

Luke 12:13-21



The Liturgy of the Eucharist, sometimes called the Mass

Offertory

Presentation of Gifts and Tithes

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

From Hymn 380 vs. 3

Eucharistic Prayer "A'	, 	BCP 361
Sanctus	Words in BCP, Musical Setting	H-S 129
Memorial Acclamation		H-S 132
The Lord's Prayer		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

Stren	gthen for service, Lord	H 312
Fath	er, we thank thee who hast planted	H 302
Com	e down, O Love divine	H 516
Our Prayer	after Communion	BCP 366
Hvmn	In Christ there is no East or West	H 529

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!*

The Altar Flowers are given today by David Hardin in memory of loved ones.

Following our service will be Coffee Hour, hosted today 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!

Participants in Today's Liturgy

<u>Acolyte</u>				Macon Cl	lement
Lectors	Bernadette	e Dragotto		Alyson Bo	owling
Chalicists				Alyson B	owling
Altar Guild	Elizabeth	Clement,	Elizabeth	Sudduth,	Delia,
Kersey, Bett	y Nash				

Birthdays This Week: Bryce Wimmer, Kyle Kersey, Mike Hunter, Stan Kiser, and Theodore Lewis

Last Sunday Attendance

Please Keep the Following in Your Prayers

Dorene Dimes, Wanda Myers, Bonnie Taylor, Joe Sanders, Lee Puckett, Sr., Kerrigan Farmer, Mabeline & Elton Robinson, Bea Paine, Charlotte Woolwine, Lynn Burney, Marilyn Denney, Michelle Parks, Shirley Weaver, Will Calfee, Doug Bloomfield, Paul Anderson, Deane Family, Donna Fortune, Edie Perkins, Deanna Edwards, Elizabeth Kane, Jerry and Debbie, Nina and family, Vera van der Sleesen, Marion Lowe Eppard, Marlene, Bluefield College Choir, Becky Steorts.

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Calendar of Events

Church Picnic at Lotito Park 10:30 am
Vestry Meeting 7:00pm
Food Pantry 9:00-11:00am
Canterbury Club at
nome of Jim and Chris Justice 6:00pm
Bishop's Visitation at CEC
DOK meeting 10:30am
"Graced" Women's Conference
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Announcements:

Welcome: Rev. Donald Vinson and Gracie!

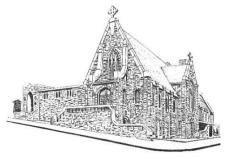
Church Picnic: Our annual Church Picnic will take place on Sunday, August 11, at 10:30 am at Lotito Park Shelter No. 1 (the largest shelter near the playground). We will celebrate Holy Eucharist, share fellowship and food, and finish off the fun with a ride on the Ridge Runner. Please bring a side dish to share! This is always one of our most well attended and most anticipated Sundays of the year. Take the opportunity to invite a friend to church!

Nursery Ministry: Our Christian Education Committee is beginning a new ministry here at Christ Church! If you would be interested in volunteering periodically for the Nursery please see Elizabeth Clement to learn more.

Women's Conference: A weekend women's retreat will be held at Peterkin Camp & Conference Center on Friday thru Sunday, September 20-22nd. Brochures in the narthex.

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
Mrs. Becky Beckett	Senior Warden
Mr. Tom Coughlan	Junior Warden



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and being Proper XIII 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

<u>Hymn</u> At the Name of Jesus

H 435

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.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.