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August 18, 2019

The 10th Sunday After Pentecost

being Proper XV of the Church Year

A Festival Service of Holy Eucharist with Rites of Christian Confirmation
Officiated by the Rt. Rev. W.M. Klusmeyer, VII Bishop of West Virginia

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

Fight the good fight, with all thy might

H 552

The people standing, the Bishop says

BCP 413

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Bishop then continues

There is one Body and one Spirit;

People

There is one hope in God's call to us;

Bishop

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People

One God and Father of all.

High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Bishop Let us pray.

The Collect

Our collective prayer for the day.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People Amen.

The First Lesson

Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Psalm 80:1-2, 8-18

Qui regis Israel

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt; you cast out the nations and planted it.
- 9 You prepared the ground for it; it took root and filled the land.
- 10 The mountains were covered by its shadow and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.
- 11 You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea and its branches to the River.
- 12 Why have you broken down its wall, so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?
- 13 The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.
- 14 Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven behold and tend this vine; preserve what your right hand has planted.
- 15 They burn it with fire like rubbish; at the rebuke of your countenance let them perish.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you; give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- 18 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

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

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets-- who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented-- of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn

I want to walk as a child of the Light

H 490



Gospel Lesson

Luke 12:49-56

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rite of Confirmation

The Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

The Bishop says The Candidates will now be presented.

Presenters I present *Jessica Cole* for Confirmation.
I present *Lynn King* for Confirmation.
I present *Will Puckett* for Confirmation.
I present *Trey Snidow* for Confirmation.
I present *William Denney* to be received into this Communion.

The Bishop asks the candidates Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidates I do.

Bishop Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidates I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.



After all have been presented, the Bishop addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People We will.

The Bishop then says these or similar words

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Bishop Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Bishop Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Bishop Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Bishop Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidates

The Bishop then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Then the Bishop says

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you have made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Bishop then lays hands on each of the candidates and prays over them.

The Bishop concludes with this prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Peace is then exchanged

Bishop The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.



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

Offertory

The Lord's My Shepherd

Mueller

Today's offering will be part of this year's Bishop's Offering, supporting a designated ministry in the Diocese. This year the Bishop's Offering will benefit the Highland Educational Project. HEP has been an outreach of the Diocese of West Virginia for over 70 years. Located just outside of Welch, in McDowell County, it serves one of the most impoverished regions in our state. After a time of revisioning, restructuring, and re-imagining, a major goal for the Diocese is for HEP to come back stronger than ever to become an even more important ministry. Please be generous with your offering today. Let us reach out in hands of love and make HEP a ray of hope to our neighbors in McDowell County!

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

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.

Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. 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 Sanctus

H-S 129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

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

Memorial Acclamation

H-S 132

Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

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,

Celebrant and People together:

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.



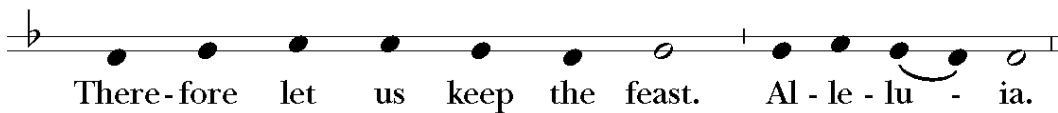
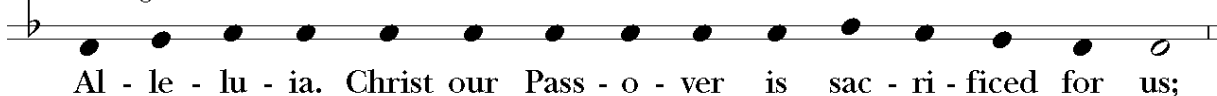
The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

Fraction Anthem

H-S 152

This setting is not used in Lent.



This setting may be sung full by all, or by the choir, or as a versicle and response.

The Distribution of the Holy Sacrament and Prayers for Healing

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.

After all have received the Holy Eucharist, Bishop Klusmeyer will be at the font for private prayer and anointing with oil for healing (the sacrament of *Unction*). If you desire prayers of healing for yourself or another, please form a line at the font.

The Communion Hymns will be sung until everyone has had an opportunity to receive Unction from the Bishop.

Communion Hymns

<i>Strengthen for service, Lord</i>	H 312
<i>Lo! What a cloud of witnesses</i>	H 545
<i>Before thy throne, O God, we kneel</i>	H 574
<i>My faith looks up to thee</i>	H 691
<i>Hail, thou once despised Jesus!</i>	H 495
<i>If thou but trust in God to guide thee</i>	H 635
<i>Awake, my soul, stretch every nerve</i>	H 546

Our Prayer after Communion

BCP 366

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Episcopal Blessing

The Bishop will pronounce a blessing over the people.

Hymn

How firm a foundation

H 637

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!



A reception will be held immediately following the service in our fellowship hall, Rowley Hall, located on the lower level of the building.

The ushers will assist you with the chair lift should you need it.

Please join us as we have fellowship with one another, welcome our Bishop, and congratulate our Confirmands!

The Altar Flowers are given today by
Chad and Jennifer Slater in memory of loved ones.



The Chancel Rail Flowers are given today by
the Vestry in honor of our Confirmands.

Participants in Today's Liturgy

<u>Celebrant:</u>	the Rt. Rev. William M. "Mike" Klusmeyer		
<u>Assisting Minister:</u>	the Rev. Chad Slater		
<u>Acolytes:</u>	John Allen	Benjamin Slater	
<u>Chaplain:</u>	Becky Kersey		
<u>Lectors:</u>	Bill Denney	Alyson Bowling	
<u>Chalicians:</u>	Becky Beckett	Becky Kersey	
<u>Ushers:</u>	John Beckett	David Kersey	
<u>Altar Guild:</u>	Elizabeth Clement	Elizabeth Sudduth	
	Delia Kersey	Betty Nash	Louisa Bennitt
<u>Nursery Help:</u>	Elizabeth Clement		

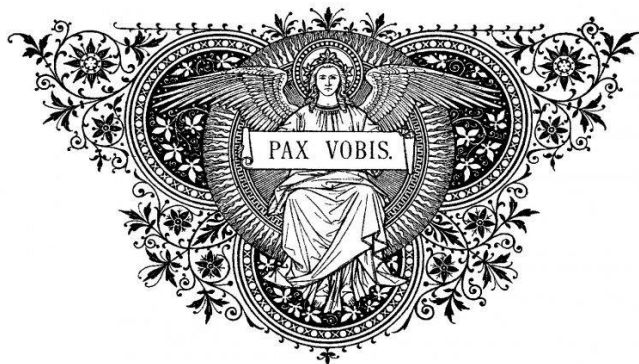
Birthdays This Week: Bea Paine, Scott Meachum, Susanne Pulse

Last Sunday's Attendance

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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, Marion Lowe Eppard, Marlene, Becky Steorts.



Calendar of Events

Tuesday – August 20

DOK meeting 10:30am

Wednesday – August 21

Vestry Meeting 7:00pm

Saturday – August 31

Lemonade Festival in Blfd, WV

Monday – September 9-11

LARCUM Conference

Wednesday – September 11

Serve Dinner at Union Mission 3-5:30pm

Wednesday – September 18

ECM Dinner 6:00pm

Vestry 7:00pm

Thursday – September 19

Food Pantry 9-11:00am

Friday – September 20-22

“Graced” Women’s Conference

Wednesday – September 25

Serve Dinner at Union Mission 4:30pm



Announcements:

Thank you!: Our picnic last Sunday was a great success! We had record attendance, great food, wonderful music, and good fellowship. Since we met Fr. Chad’s challenge for attendance at the picnic, he will take a pie to the face after today’s service!

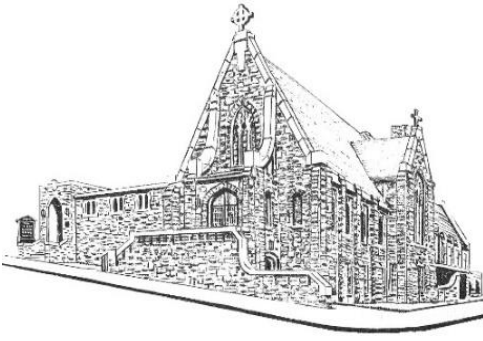
Women’s Conference: A weekend women’s retreat will be held at Peterkin Camp & Conference Center on Friday thru Sunday, September 20-22nd. Brochures are in the narthex.

LARCUM: An interdenominational forum on “Christianity and Civil Government: history, theology and implications” will be held in Charleston September 9th thru 11th. For more information see Fr. Chad.

Drive for the Deployed Fundraiser: Laser Girl Car Wash (located in the Food City Shopping Plaza) will donate \$1 for every car washed this week (August 19-24) to the DFTD. This is a ministry of Immanuel Lutheran Church sending care packages, letters of encouragement, and bible study materials to our men and women serving overseas. Get your car washed and help out a great cause!

UTO: Have you been saving up in your Blue Box? September is United Thank Offering Month and we will be collecting our Blue Boxes and other donations for this important ministry of the Episcopal Church Women. Stay tuned for more!

ECM: A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex to volunteer for supplying dinner for the Episcopal Church Men’s Meeting. All men of the parish are welcome to attend for fellowship each month.



Clergy, Staff, and Wardens of this Parish

the Rev. Chad Slater

Ms. Emma Bennett

Mr. Terry E. Whittington, Jr.

Mrs. Vanessa Hall

Mrs. Becky Beckett

Mr. Tom Coughlan

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