



CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 30, 2026
10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Please silence your electronic devices. Music and lyrics of hymns may be found in the blue Hymnal 1982. Full text of prayers may be found in the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP).

The Opening Voluntary *Wondrous Love* from The Sacred Harp
arr. David N. Johnson

Processional Hymn *"All hail the power of Jesus' Name!"* Hymn 450

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

The Celebrant says

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.*

Gloria in excelsis *Glory to God* Hymnal S 280

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the
Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God
the Father. *Amen.*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Reader A reading from the Book of Exodus (3:1-15)

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I am who I am." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I am has sent me to you.'"
God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.

Reader The Word of the Lord
People *Thanks be to God*

Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c *Confitemini Domino*

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord and call u/pon his /Name; *
 make known his/ deeds among the /peoples.
- 2 Sing to him, sing /praises to /him, *
 and speak of /all his marvelous/ works.
- 3 Glory in his /holy /Name; *
 let the hearts of those who/ seek the Lord re/joice.
- 4 Search for the Lord /and his /strength; *
 continually /seek his /face.
- 5 Remember the marvels/ he has /done, *
 his wonders and the /judgments of his/ mouth,
- 6 O offspring of Abra/ham his/ servant, *
 O children of /'Jacob his cho/sen.



- 23 Israel came/ into /Egypt, *
and Jacob became a sojourner/ in the land of /Ham.
- 24 The Lord made his people ex/ceedingly /fruitful; *
he made them stronger/ than their ene/mies;
- 25 Whose heart he turned, so that they /hated his /people, *
and dealt un/justly with his /servants.
- 26 He sent Moses /his ser/vant, *
and Aaron whom he had chosen./ [45] Halle/lu/jah!

Reader A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Church in Rome (12:9-21)

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Reader The Word of the Lord
People *Thanks be to God*

Sequence Hymn "What wondrous love is this" **Hymn 439**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew (16:21-28)

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord
People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Ideas to ponder:

- What does the name of God mean to you?
- What do you imagine you're doing when you speak the name of God?

The Nicene Creed *standing*

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 VI

Standing or kneeling

BCP 392

<i>Reader</i>	In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. (<i>Pause</i>) For all people in their daily life and work;
<i>People</i>	For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.
<i>Reader</i>	For this community, the nation, and the world;
<i>People</i>	For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.
<i>Reader</i>	For the just and proper use of your creation;
<i>People</i>	For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.
<i>Reader</i>	For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
<i>People</i>	For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.
<i>Reader</i>	For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
<i>People</i>	For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.
<i>Reader</i>	For Sean our Presiding Bishop, Karin our Bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers;
<i>People</i>	For all who serve God in his Church.

Reader For the special needs and concerns of this congregation; especially
Sue, Julia, Mallory, Ginger C., Jay J., David C., Ashley F., Michael, Jim A, Tracy,
Ruby, Valerie B. LaRue, and Jean, (Pause for intercessions) Hear us, Lord;
People For your mercy is great.

Reader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. *(Pause for thanksgivings)*
We will exalt you, O God our King;

People And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Reader We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal
kingdom. *(Pause for intercessions)* Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon
them;

People Who put their trust in you.

Reader We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Reader and People, kneeling or standing

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that
we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Celebrant 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 *Standing*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

*The Peace may be exchanged through handshakes, hugs, fist bumps, waves, nods, or
other such expressions; please be attentive to how much or little physical contact your
neighbors would prefer. Once the Peace has been sufficiently exchanged, the people may
sit for announcements. During the announcements, the Celebrant will invite those who are
celebrating a birthday or wedding anniversary this week (or whose recent birthday or
anniversary has not yet been prayed for in church) to come forward so we may pray for
them.*

Offertory Anthem

Panis Angelicus

Ceasar Franck

The Doxology:

v. 3, Hymn 380

All: 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 Holy Communion, Eucharistic Prayer B

Standing

BCP 367

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up our 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... to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

Hymnal S 125

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant

Standing or kneeling

We give thanks to you... do this for the remembrance of me."
Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

Hymnal S 138

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

Celebrant

And we offer our sacrifice... all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

The Lord's Prayer (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.

Fraction Anthem *(sung in unison)*

Hymnal S 154

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Celebrant 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.

All baptized Christians are invited to receive at the altar rail, kneeling or standing. Gluten-free wafers are available by request. If you do not wish to receive communion, you may come forward and place your arms across your chest to receive a blessing. After receiving the bread, you may choose to consume the bread and take a sip of wine from the chalice or hold onto the bread and intinct (dip) it into the wine, in which case please hold the wafer in front of you so the chalice will know to bring you the intinction cup. You may also decline to receive the wine (as the bread in itself is full communion), in which case if you remain at the altar rail please place your arms across your chest to signal the chalice. Those who cannot or prefer not to come forward may inform an usher, and the Celebrant will come to you.

Communion Chant	<i>Let them follow me</i>	Matthew 16, Psalm 34
Communion Hymn	<i>Love One Another</i>	Luacine Clark Fox

Once all have received, the celebrant says
 Let us pray.

<i>Celebrant and people</i>	<i>Kneeling or standing</i>	BCP 366
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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 celebrant blesses the people.

Recessional Hymn	<i>"Glorious things of thee are spoken"</i>	Hymn 522
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Priest: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People: Thanks be to God.

The Closing Voluntary	<i>To Thee Alone, Lord Jesus Christ</i>	Johann Pachelbel
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*The beauty of the Altar Flowers are
 Given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of
 Frank I. and Frances H. Richardson
 By the Family*

Pray today for the Bishop's Visitation to Grace, Radford. Pray today for the people of Grace, Radford and their priest-in-charge, the Very Rev. William Yagel. For Grace and Peace in the Diocese of Haiti. Our companion diocese, the Diocese of Leeds and their Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Toby Howarth.

Summer Sunday Lemonade – Last Day

Continuing a summer tradition, we will have fellowship time with lemonade and cookies on the patio (or in the undercroft if it's raining) after the 10:30 service, August 30.

Church History Class

On **September 2 at 10:30 in the Undercroft**, we will continue our study of the Crusades, discussing the Third and Fourth Crusades. All are welcome to join (and encouraged to stick around for the Noon Eucharist in the Chapel).

Kings Grant Eucharist

Fr. John celebrates Eucharist in the chapel at Kings Grant monthly. The next service will be **September 3 at 2:00 pm**. After that, the service will switch to the second Tuesday of the month at 1:30 pm on October 13, November 10, and December 8.

The Church office will be closed on Monday, September 7 in observance of Labor Day.

Oyster Roast

The Dan Prince and Gene Medley Memorial Oyster Roast, our annual fundraiser featuring great food, live music, a silent auction, and more, is **Friday, November 6, beginning at 6:00 pm**. Tickets (\$60 check or cash, \$62.58 credit via PayPal) are available at the website (<https://christchurchmvl.org/event-signup.cfm?eID=3>). Contact Rives Coleman (rcoleman@rivessbrown.com or 276-732-2859) or Ron Probst (rlpsystems@gmail.com or 276-224-5433) for more information or to volunteer to help. Tickets for the 50/50 Raffle (\$10/ticket, maximum winnings of \$2,500) can be purchased now from Vestry members.

Women's Group Meeting – September 8

It's time for our Women's Group to meet again. Please plan to join me on **Tuesday, September 8th at 5:30 in the Parish House**. Water, wine, and soft drinks will be provided. If you can provide a snack item, wonderful; if not, bring yourself. **If you plan to attend, please sign up on the Church's website under 'volunteers' or call the church office.** The discussion will be the upcoming events and how the group can help to make the gatherings successful.

Funeral Liturgy Planning Workshop

On **September 9 at 10:30 am in the Undercroft**, Fr. John will offer a workshop on planning an Episcopal funeral liturgy. Like writing your will or arranging your burial plot, planning your funeral service well in advance of your death is a way you can both express your wishes to your spouse, children, or other heirs and reduce their stress when you do die by making less work for them (and for your priest). This workshop could also be useful if you want to think about future funerals for parents that you might have to plan. All are welcome, and encouraged to stick around for the Noon Eucharist in the Chapel.

Public Theology

Public Theology meets on **September 9 at the Ground Floor (1 E Church St)**; food and drinks (alcoholic and non-alcoholic) will be available from the usual menu. We begin gathering at **6:00 pm**, with the program going from 7:00 to 8:00.

Choir

St. Christopher's Choir of Christ Church resumes with **Thursday evening rehearsals** (in the choir room, accessed via the glass doors into the Undercroft) **beginning September 10 at 7:00 pm**. On Sunday mornings, our choir graciously lends their voices to make a joyful noise unto the Lord not only with anthems during the Offertory but leading us in the hymns, Psalm, and service music throughout the service. All are invited and encouraged to join; no prior experience with choirs is required, only that you delight in worshipping the Lord in song. Talk to our organist/choirmaster Lynn Gardner if you might be interested.

Sunday Breakfast - September 13

We are celebrating the end of summer with a breakfast on **September 13**. Food will be available from **9:00 until 9:45** (or it runs out); please join us for some or all of this fellowship time before the 10:30 service. If you are planning to attend, please sign up, but if you find yourself able to attend and have not signed up, come anyway! **We would also appreciate your help in preparing the food; items may be dropped off in the Undercroft kitchen on Saturday (September 12) between 2:00 and 4:00 pm or on Sunday after 8:00 am.** A sign-up is available, but please feel free to bring any of your breakfast favorites.

Bible Studies

After our summer hiatus, the regular Bible studies resume in September. Beginning **September 14, Monday nights are from 7:00 to 8:00** will consider the Revelation to John, a book that mixes beauty and horror while notoriously frustrating our efforts to interpret and apply it to our present lives. **Sunday mornings from 9:30 to 10:10, starting September 20**, will read through the Gospel of Mark, the oldest and shortest of the four Gospels. Both studies meet in the library of the Parish House; no reading in advance is required, and all are welcome whether you attend consistently, sporadically, or only once.

Orchestral Concert

On **Saturday, September 19 at 4:00 pm**, First United Methodist Church of Martinsville (146 E. Main St.) will host the Kyiv Symphony Orchestra and Chorus from Ukraine as part of the Greater Love Tour 2026. The concert is free (a free-will offering will be received, with all proceeds going to the ensemble) and the seating is open.

Grace Network

Our Grace Network Assignments for **August – September: Boxed Dinners (Hamburger Helper)**. For **August: bath soap, toilet paper, toothpaste, toothbrush (individually wrapped), and hygiene items**. You can bring your items to the Church office OR put them in the little red wagon in the Narthex.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVE!

Celebrant: The Rev. John Adams

Reader: Ann Gardner

Chalists: Hank Long, Dawn Stone

Organist/Choirmaster: Lynn Gardner

Chorister/Cantor: Raul West

Christ Church Choir: St. Christopher's Choir

Ushers: Pete Scouras, Bob Weatherall

Camera Operator: Natalie Coleman

Counters: Bob Weatherall, Rives Coleman

Nursery: Caroline Davis

Altar Guild Team #2 – Valerie Payne, Frankie Smith, Janice Cain, Rita Hodges, Michael Hodges, Linda O'Dell, Page Beeler, Michelle Probst

2026 Christ Church Vestry

Year 3: Bob Bushnell, Rives Coleman; Senior Warden, LaRue Powers,
Bob Weatherall, Junior Warden

Year 2: Susan Critz, Butch Hamlet; Treasurer, Michael Hodges; Secretary, Steve Keyser

Year 1: Kelly Cain, Jay Dickens, Linda O'Dell, Ron Probst