



Pastor Appreciation Day
The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 11, 2026
10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Reader A reading from the Book of Exodus (32:1-14)

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord." They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

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

Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23 *Confitemini Domino, Et fecerunt vitulum*

- 1 Hallelujah!
Give thanks to the Lord, for /he is /good, *
for his /mercy endures for /ever.
- 2 Who can declare the mighty acts /of the/ Lord *
or /show forth all his/ praise?
- 3 Happy are those who /act with /justice *
and al/ways do what is /right!
- 4 Remember me, O Lord, with the favor you have/ /for your/ people, *
and visit me /with your saving /help;
- 5 That I may see the prosperity of your elect
and be glad with the gladness /of your/ people, *
that I may /glory with your in/heritance.
- 6 We have sinned as our /forebears/ did; *
we have done/ wrong and dealt wicked/ly.



- 19 Israel made a bull-/calf at/ Horeb *
and /worshipped a molten /image;
- 20 And so they ex/changed their /Glory *
for the image of an /ox that feeds on /grass.
- 21 They forgot /God their /Savior, *
who had /done great things in /Egypt,
- 22 Wonderful deeds in the /land of/ Ham, *
and fearful /things at the Red /Sea.
- 23 So he would have destroyed them,
had not Moses his chosen stood before him/ in the/ breach, *
to turn away his /wrath from consuming /them.

Reader A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Church in Philippi (4:1-9)

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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

Sequence Hymn *"Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness"* **Hymn 339**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew (22:1-14)

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless.

Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

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

The Sermon

"Rejoice always"

The Rev. John Adams

Ideas to ponder:

- Have you ever tried to rejoice always?
- How does rejoicing in community differ from rejoicing individually?

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 IV

BCP 388

Reader Let us pray for the Church and for the world. (*Pause*) Grant, Almighty God,
that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in
your love, and reveal your glory in the world. (*Pause*) Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

Reader Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and
peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. (*Pause*)
Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

Reader Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its
resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. (*Pause*)
Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

Reader Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. *(Pause)* Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

Reader Comfort and heal *Sue, Julia, Mallory, Ginger C., David C., Ashley F., Michael, Jim A., Valerie B., LaRue, Jean, Tina, Dorothy, Nancy, Jimmy, Honore,* and all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of your salvation. *(Pause)* Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

Reader We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. *(Pause)* Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant offers a concluding collect.

Confession of Sin *Kneeling or standing* BCP 360

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant and People

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against
you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole
heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as
ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly
repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. 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 *I Will Walk in the Presence of God* Marty Haugen

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 A

Standing

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

BCP 361-362

It is right... 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.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant

Kneeling or standing

BCP 362-363

Holy and gracious Father: ... do this in remembrance of me. Therefore we proclaim the
mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Hymnal S 132

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant

Kneeling or standing

BCP 363

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption...Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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 *Thy testimonies are my counselors* Psalm 119

Communion Hymn *Alleluia* Jerry Sinclair

Once all have received, the celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and people *Kneeling or standing* BCP 365

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as
living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.

Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The celebrant blesses the people.

Recessional Hymn *"Jesus shall reign"* Hymn 544

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Closing Voluntary *Deck Thyself, My Soul, With Gladness* Johann Gottfried Walther

We Give Thanks for the Beauty of the Altar Flowers
Given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of
Paul Huckfeldt
By the Family

We Give Thanks for the Beauty of the Narthex Flowers
Given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of
Mimi H. Riggan
By Lucy Hart Davis

We Give Thanks for the Beauty of the Columbarium Flowers
Given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of
Benjamin R. Gardner, Mary Louise Inkell
Jenny Jane Inkell and O. J. Inkell
By Marty and Family

Pray today for the Bishop's Visitation to Trinity, Moneta. Pray today for the people of Trinity, Moneta, their associate pastor the Rev. Janet Chisom, and their head pastor the Rev. Philip Bouknight. For Grace and Peace in the Diocese of Haiti. Our companion diocese, the Diocese of Leeds and their Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Toby Howarth.

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 Church's 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 Linda O'Dell, Rives Coleman, and Michael Hodges.

Monday Bible Study

Our study of the Revelation to John of Patmos continues on **October 12 from 7:00 to 8:00 pm in the Parish House**. This week we will consider the multitude of saints described in chapter 7. No reading in advance is required, and all are welcome at any time.

Kings Grant Eucharist

Fr. John celebrates Eucharist in the chapel at **Kings Grant at 1:30 pm on the second Tuesday of the month**. The next services will be **October 13, November 10, and December 8**.

Women's Group Meeting – October 13

Come on, let's meet at the Parish House. Join us at the Women's Group meeting on **Tuesday, October 13th at 5:30 in the Parish House**. We'll provide water, wine, and soft drinks. If you can bring a snack, wonderful; if not, bring yourself. **Please sign up under volunteers on the Church's website or call the church office if you plan to attend**. Looking forward to seeing everyone.

Church History Class

On **October 14 at 10:30 am in the Undercroft**, we will conclude our study of the Crusades with the 13th-century close of the crusading era in the Holy Land. All are welcome to join (and encouraged to stick around for the Noon Eucharist in the Chapel).

Public Theology

Public Theology meets on **October 14 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.

Third Sunday Supper and Evening Prayer

Join us on **Sunday, October 18 at 5:30 pm** at a new opportunity for fellowship and worship! We will begin with Evening Prayer before adjourning for supper, which will be a **potluck**. **You are invited to contribute a main dish, side, salad, or dessert to share, but are also welcome to bring just yourself**. We hope that, in addition to giving us another occasion to socialize, this service will allow members who can rarely attend on Sunday mornings or Wednesdays at Noon to join us for worship and give us a chance to invite our friends and neighbors to a low-pressure service and meal.

Grace Network

Our Grace Network Assignments for **October - December: Saltine Crackers (box)**. For **October: toilet paper, feminine products, deodorant, and hygiene items**. You can bring your items to the Church office OR put them in the little red wagon in the Narthex.

Baked Goods Needed for Sale at the Oyster Roast

Sign up on the Church's website under 'volunteers' to donate baked goods, casseroles, soups, sauces, breads, etc. for SALE at the oyster roast.

Brownies, bars, and cookies need to be individually packaged in servings of six (6). Generous portions are appreciated (2x2). If your item(s) have nuts, please specify that on the packaging.

Drop-off is Thursday and Friday, November 5 and 6, at the Parish House between 9:00 am and 2:00 pm. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Spilman, Susan Smith, Debbie Lewis, or Rita Hodges. *Thank you for participating in making the 2026 Oyster Roast a huge success.*

WE NEED YOUR SUGGESTIONS FOR THE SILENT AUCTION

The 2026 Dan Prince and Gene Medley Memorial Oyster Roast committee need your suggestions for interesting, unique, amazing, and appealing silent auction items. We've had furniture, parties, house rentals, jewelry, gift certificates, and more. **We want *out-of-the-box* suggestions. If you make the suggestion, please let us know if you can contact someone to make it a reality.**

Your help with making this year's silent auction a huge success will be greatly appreciated. Please let the Auction Chairs, Nancy Spilman, Susan Smith, Debbie Lewis, or Rita Hodges know your suggestions.

Lanterns, Pop-Up Tents, and Outdoor Heaters are Needed for the Oyster Roast

The Oyster Roast is fast approaching. The event will be held on Friday, November 6th. Every year, we are in need of numerous outdoor battery lanterns (for camping or decoration), pop-up tents, and outdoor heaters. If you have any of these items that we can borrow, please let me know as soon as possible. You can drop off your lanterns at the church office. Make sure to mark your name on the lanterns so we can return them to you.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVE!

Celebrant: The Rev. John Adams

Reader: Kelly Cain

Chalists: Bob Bushnell, Nancy Spilman

Organist/Choirmaster: Lynn Gardner

Chorister/Cantor: Raul West

Christ Church Choir: St. Christopher's Choir

Ushers: Jay Dickens, Rives Coleman

Camera Operator: Hank Long

Counters: Kelly Cain, Butch Hamlet

Nursery: Caroline Davis

Altar Guild Team #4 – Becky Farrar, Susan Smith, Natalie Coleman,
Ashley Ullstein, Dawn Stone, Kyle Trent

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