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The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost  
October 25, 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).*

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| The Opening Voluntary | <i>"Toccata on St. Anne"</i><br>(O God Our Help in Ages Past) | Gordon Young |
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Introit                      *The joy of the Lord is your strength*                      Nehemiah 8, Psalm 81

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| Processional Hymn | <i>“O splendor of God’s glory bright”</i><br>(to the tune of Puer nobis (124)) | Hymn 5 |
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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.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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 Deuteronomy (34:1-12)

Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The Lord said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants’; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.” Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord’s command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended. Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses. Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

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

Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17        *Domine, refugium*

- 1        Lord, you have /been our /refuge \*  
          from one gene/ration to a/nother.
- 2        Before the mountains were brought forth,  
          or the land and the /earth were /born, \*  
          from age to /age you are /God.
- 3        You turn us back to the/ dust and /say, \*  
          "Go back, /O child of /earth."
- 4        For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when /it is/ past \*  
          and like /a watch in the /night.
- 5        You sweep us away /like a /dream; \*  
          we fade away /suddenly like the /grass.
- 6        In the morning it is /green and /flourishes; \*  
          in the evening it /is dried up and /withered.
- 13       Return, O Lord; how long /will you/ tarry? \*  
          be /gracious to your /servants.
- 14       Satisfy us by your loving-kindness /in the/ morning; \*  
          so shall we rejoice and be glad/ all the days of our/ life.
- 15       Make us glad by the measure of the days that /you af/flicted us \*  
          and the years in which /we suffered ad/versity.
- 16       Show your /servants your /works \*  
          and your /splendor to their /children.



17 May the graciousness of the Lord our God /be u/pon us; \*  
prosper the work of our hands;/  
/prosper our handi/work.

**Reader** A reading from the First Book of Thessalonians (2:1-8)

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

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

**Sequence Hymn** *"Where charity and love prevail"* **Hymn 581**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew (22:34-46)

**People:** *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"'? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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

**The Sermon** *"Fumbling the mike drop?"* **The Rev. John Adams**

**Ideas to ponder:**

- Have you seen someone lose an argument by continuing to talk after they'd won?
- How do you understand Jesus' argument about Psalm 110:1?

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

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| <i>Reader</i> | Let us pray for the Church and for the world. ( <i>Pause</i> ) 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. ( <i>Pause</i> ) Lord, in your mercy                                                                                |
| <i>People</i> | Hear our prayer.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <i>Reader</i> | 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. ( <i>Pause</i> ) Lord, in your mercy                                                                                                                                              |
| <i>People</i> | Hear our prayer.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <i>Reader</i> | 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. ( <i>Pause</i> ) Lord, in your mercy                                                                                                                                        |
| <i>People</i> | Hear our prayer.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <i>Reader</i> | 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. ( <i>Pause</i> ) Lord, in your mercy                                                                                                                                                           |
| <i>People</i> | Hear our prayer.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <i>Reader</i> | 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. ( <i>Pause</i> ) Lord, in your mercy |
| <i>People</i> | 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      *O Holy City, Seen of John*      arr. Roger Price

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.*

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| Communion Chant | <i>I will praise thee with my whole heart</i>  | Psalm 9  |
| Communion Hymn  | <i>Draw nigh and take the Body of the Lord</i> | Hymn 328 |

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

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| <i>Celebrant and people</i> | <i>Kneeling or standing</i> | BCP 365 |
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| Eternal God, heavenly Father,<br>you have graciously accepted us as<br>living members<br>of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,<br>and you have fed us with spiritual food<br>in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. | Send us now into the world in peace,<br>and grant us strength and courage<br>to love and serve you<br>with gladness and singleness of heart;<br>through Christ our Lord. Amen. |
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*The celebrant blesses the people.*

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| Recessional Hymn | <i>"O God, our help in ages past"</i> | Hymn 680 |
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*Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.*  
*People: Thanks be to God.*

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| The Closing Voluntary | <i>Recessional on St. Anne</i> | Gordon Young |
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We Give Thanks for the Beauty of the Altar Flowers  
Given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of  
George P. Scouras, MD  
By the Family

We Give Thanks for the Beauty of the Narthex Flowers  
Given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of  
George M. Dickens, Sr. and Dr. John W. Campbell, II  
By Jay and Jill Dickens

Pray today for the Bishop's Visitation to St. Mark's, Fincastle. Pray today for the people of St. Mark's, Fincastle and their rector, the Rev. Willis Logan. For Grace and Peace in the Diocese of Haiti. Our companion diocese, the Diocese of Leeds and their Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Toby Howarth.

### **All Saints, Baptism, and Time Change**

**November 1** is the Feast of All Saints, and this year we will celebrate by welcoming a new member of the communion of saints! Khycir, Beverly and George Lyle's son, will be baptized during the 10:30 service, with a reception in the Parish House to follow; you are encouraged to join us for this festive occasion. Please sign up on the Church's website under volunteers to help, bring food, or drinks. **Note that Daylight Saving Time also ends that day, so remember to set your clocks to fall back Saturday night.**

### **Winter Clothes Needed for Henry County Public School Students**

Henry County Public Schools is collecting any new or gently used clothing items such as coats, hoodies, long sleeve shirts, etc.) that can benefit their students (high school, middle school, and elementary school. **If you would love to donate coats or clothing items or make a donation to purchase clothing items for this cause, please contact Mr. Garrett Dillard at [gdillard@henry.k12.va.us](mailto:gdillard@henry.k12.va.us) or 336-253-0663.**

## 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](mailto:rcoleman@rivessbrown.com) or 276-732-2859) or Ron Probst ([rlpsystems@gmail.com](mailto:rlpsystems@gmail.com) or 276-224-5433) for more information or to volunteer to help.

## Monday Bible Study

Our study of the Revelation to John of Patmos continues on **October 26 from 7:00 to 8:00 pm in the Parish House**. This week we will consider the prophetic vocation amidst divine judgment, as explored in chapters 9 and 10. No reading in advance is required, and all are welcome at any time.

## Loaves & Fishes – October 28

**Come out and support the L&F team. This is the last one this year.** We are always looking for volunteers to help prepare/serve/clean up, as well as folks to bring desserts and fruit to distribute. As is often the case, we plan to skip Loaves & Fishes in November (Thanksgiving Eve) and December (the week between Christmas and New Years). **October 28<sup>th</sup> Loaves & Fishes is being hosted by Kelly Cain with help from Ron Probst.** Sign up on the Church's website under volunteers to donate items or help with preparing and serving.

## 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 Silent Auction Items

The 2026 Dan Prince and Gene Medley Memorial Oyster Roast committee **needs items for the silent auction**. Interesting, unique, amazing, and appealing out-of-the-box items. We love new furniture, parties, house rentals, jewelry, gift certificates, and more. **More of those items would be great.**

Your help with making this year's silent auction a huge success will be greatly appreciated. Please contact the Auction Chairs, Nancy Spilman, Susan Smith, Debbie Lewis, or Rita Hodges if you have any questions or suggestions. **ALL silent auction items need to be received at the Parish House by Tuesday, November 3.**

## 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.

### **Altar Guild Open Date**

The First Sunday of Advent, Sunday, November 29 is open for altar flowers if anyone wants to do a memorial in loving memory of... in honor of... or in thanksgiving for... someone. You can do this one time or continue it from year-to-year. It is a first come first served basis. It will be red flowers and greenery with Hypericum red berries for Advent.

### **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.

### **THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVE!**

**Celebrant:** The Rev. John Adams

**Reader:** Will Zimmer

**Chalists:** Hank Long, Tom Webster

**Organist/Choirmaster:** Lynn Gardner

**Chorister/Cantor:** Raul West

**Christ Church Choir:** St. Christopher's Choir

**Ushers:** Ben Lewis, Michael Hodges

**Camera Operator:** Linda O'Dell

**Counters:** Kelly Cain, Butch Hamlet

**Nursery:** Caroline Davis

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

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

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