



Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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 Prophet Jeremiah (8:18-9:1)

My joy is gone, grief is upon me,
my heart is sick.

Hark, the cry of my poor people
from far and wide in the land:

"Is the LORD not in Zion?
Is her King not in her?"

("Why have they provoked me to anger with their images,
with their foreign idols?")

"The harvest is past, the summer is ended,
and we are not saved."

For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt,
I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me.

Is there no balm in Gilead?
Is there no physician there?

Why then has the health of my poor people
not been restored?

O that my head were a spring of water,
and my eyes a fountain of tears,
so that I might weep day and night
for the slain of my poor people!

Reader The Word of the Lord

People *Thanks be to God*

Psalm 79:1-9 *Deus, venerunt*

- 1 O God, the heathen have come into your inheritance;
 they have profaned your /holy /temple; *
 they have made Je/rusalem a heap of /rubble.
- 2 They have given the bodies of your servants as food
 for the birds /of the /air, *
 and the flesh of your faithful ones /to the beasts of the/ field.
- 3 They have shed their blood like water on every side of Je/rusa/lem, *
 and there was no /one to bury /them.
- 4 We have become a reproach /to our /neighbors, *
 an object of scorn and de/rision to those a/round us.
- 5 How long will you be angry, /O /Lord? *
 will your fury /blaze like fire for /ever?
- 6 Pour out your wrath upon the heathen who /have not/ known you *
 and upon the kingdoms that have not /called upon your/ Name.
- 7 For they /have devoured /Jacob *
 and /made his dwelling a /ruin.



- 8 Remember not our past sins;
let your compassion be /swift to /meet us; *
for we /have been brought very/ low.
- 9 Help us, O God our Savior, for the glory /of your/ Name; *
deliver us and forgive us our sins,/ for your Name's /sake.

Reader A reading from First Timothy (2:1-7)

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For

there is one God;
there is also one mediator between God and humankind,
Christ Jesus, himself human,
who gave himself a ransom for all

-- this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

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

Sequence Hymn

"Be thou my vision"

Hymn 488

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke (16:1-13)

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

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

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

Reader In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. (*Pause*) For all people in their daily life
and work;

People *For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*

Reader For this community, the nation, and the world;
People For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Reader For the just and proper use of your creation;
People For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Reader For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
People For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Reader For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
People For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Reader For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Mark our Bishop; and for all bishops
and other ministers;
People For all who serve God in his Church.

Reader For the special needs and concerns of this congregation; especially Mary Ruth, Cindy, Mark, Lauren, Sue, Noah, Bill, Julia, Sanddii, Avenell and Linda. *(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 *O Holy City, Seen of John – Brother James’ Air* arr. Roger Price

The Doxology: “Hymn 380 v. 3” Old 100th

All: 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.

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.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. *Here a Proper Preface is said.* 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:

Celebrant and People

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

Hymnal S 125

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant

Standing or kneeling

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

Hymnal S 132

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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,

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.

Breaking of Bread

Fraction Anthem

Christ Our Passover

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. If you wish to receive the wine, you may either sip from the common cup or take a cup from one of the side tables as you come forward, into which a chalice-bearer will pour a small portion of wine; if you wish to intinct (dip the wafer into the wine), please take a small cup and do not intinct in the common cup. Gluten-free wafers are available by request. If you do not wish to receive, you may come to the rail and place your arms across your chest to receive a blessing. Those who cannot or prefer not to come forward may inform an usher, and the celebrant will come to you.

Communion Chant

O that my ways were steadfast

Psalm 19

Communion Music

O God, unseen yet ever near

Hymn 332

Once all have received, the celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and people, standing or kneeling

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

"God himself is with us"

Hymn 475

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People Thanks be to God.

The Closing Voluntary *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* Johann Gottfried Wather

*The beauty of the Altar Flowers are Given to the Glory of God
and in Loving Memory of
W. L. "Henry" Potter and Frances Potter Mason
By Larry and Becky P. Farrar*

Pray today for the students and staff of Virginia Episcopal School, their Headmaster, Garth Ainslie and their chaplain, The Rev. Adam White. The People of the Diocese of Haiti as they search for their new Bishop. The Diocese of Leeds and their Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Nick Baines.

September Events

- **Sunday Bible Study**

Sunday Bible Study will read and discuss highlights of the Book of the Prophet Isaiah. Consisting of 66 chapters composed over a few centuries, Isaiah is one of the most wide-ranging and beloved books of Hebrew Scripture. It includes both stinging condemnations of human failures to follow God's will and glorious promises of God's continuing love. Bible Study meets in the Parish House at 9:30 am, and all are invited to join the conversation.

- Sunday services at 10:30 am - Rite II, w/HE Rev. John Adams presiding

- **The Daily Office** is being offered by an ecumenical group of dedicated individuals at 9 a.m. for morning prayer, noon for noontime prayer and at 5 p.m. for evening prayer. Join the group on Facebook Live, their page is Daily Office Prayer and the link is <https://www.facebook.com/dailyOfficePrayer/>.

- **Monday Study Group**

The Monday Study Group is currently going *Beyond the Dirty Pages*, taking a guided tour through the *Book of Common Prayer* to discuss those services and resources that we rarely if ever use on Sundays. We meet in the Parish House (entering by the front door) and begin with a light supper (soup and bread) at 6:30pm, with the study running from 7:00 until 8:00 or shortly thereafter. All are welcome to join; if you are coming, please give the office a heads-up (276-632-2896 or christchurchmvl@gmail.com) so we can set a place for you.

- **Wednesday Eucharists**

Our Wednesday services now include cookies! At Noon on Wednesdays, Eucharist is offered in the Chapel (accessed by the glass doors at the back of the church building). The service is entirely spoken and includes a homily on the saint of the day, with fresh-baked cookies available after; please let the Gallops or the Buddes know if you'd like to be involved in the baking. This is a good opportunity to worship for those who have conflicts or difficulties on Sunday mornings, those who would prefer to enter the building when there are fewer people present, those who want to receive communion and go home in under forty minutes, and those who wish to worship with the community more often than every Sunday.

A CELEBRATION OF A NEW MINISTRY!

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, September 21 at 7:00 p.m. for the installation service for our new Rector, Father John Adams. Bishop Bourlakas, Fr. John's family and friends will join our congregation in this exciting welcome to Christ Church.

A light dessert in the Parish House will follow.
Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

- **Loaves & Fishes** Starting Wednesday, September 28th, Loaves and Fishes is returning to the church undercroft. Meals will be served in the undercroft on the last Wednesday of each month beginning at 5:00pm - 5:45pm. For folks who would prefer to take their meals home with them, carry out boxes are available. There are limited parking spaces behind the church for people with mobility issues.

Masks are required for unvaccinated adults. Hand sanitizer is available for use.

- **Trivia Night**

Fr. John is hosting a Trivia Night in the Undercroft on September 30 at 7:00 pm. Trivia is similar to *Jeopardy* (answering questions on a wide variety of subjects, with a prize for the winner) but played in teams of up to six and with everyone writing down their answers (so no need for a fast buzzer finger). Fr. John's questions will incorporate multiple media (with picture- and music-identification categories) and many different topics (academic, pop culture, and church-specific); generational diversity will likely prove beneficial to teams. Players are invited to bring their own beverages and snacks, if desired.

Parish House Project

Over the summer, the Vestry reviewed and approved bids totaling \$120,000 to replace the broken lift outside the Office, replace gutters and rotted wood, and repaint the exterior of the Parish House (the last of which must be done every 10-15 years). More than 75% of that cost is paid for by funds already at hand (including monies remaining from prior special projects and funds from the Federal Government for retaining our employees during the Covid shutdown) and \$14,200 has already been received or pledged. Gifts toward the remaining \$11,800 would be greatly appreciated so that we don't have to worry about paying for it later.

Blessing of the Animals

In honor of the Feast of St. Francis, you are invited to bring your dogs, cats, and any other animals for a **Blessing of the Animals on October 2 at 3:00 pm**. In this short service, we thank God for the whole of creation and ask God's blessing on these animals we particularly love as part of our families. We will meet in the Gathering Place (the benches between the Parish House parking and Letcher Ct); in the event of rain, blessings will be offered in the Undercroft.

Bishop's Visit

The Rt. Rev. Mark Bourlakas, Bishop of the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia, will be visiting Christ Church on Sunday, October 23 for confirmation and reception at the 10:30 service. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for this celebration.

SAVE THE DATE

Save the date for The Dan Prince and Gene Medley Memorial Oyster Roast scheduled for Friday, November 4, 2022, at 6:00 pm.

Christ Episcopal Church Invites You To

The Dan Prince & Gene Medley Memorial Oyster Roast

Friday, November 4
6:00 p.m.

Christ Episcopal Church Parish House
311 East Church Street
Martinsville, VA 24112

Oyster Roast | Buffet Dinner | Open Bar | Music
50/50 Raffle with \$2,500 maximum winning
Bake Sale | Large-Item Silent Auction

\$50 per person

Call Church Office (276-632-2896) to Purchase Tickets
All Reservations and Payment Due by October 21 (cash or check only)
ADVANCED PAYMENT REQUIRED – NO TICKETS SOLD AT DOOR

Raffle tickets may be purchased from Vestry members or through the church office.

Outside Rain or Shine – Casual Dress

Tickets for the 50/50 raffle are available **NOW** from Vestry members (listed below) and the Church office. The cost is \$10 per ticket or \$100 per book, with maximum winnings of \$2,500.

Bake Sale & Silent Auction

We need volunteers to help bake brownies, bars, cakes, and pies. Please sign up under volunteers on our website and let us know what you will be bringing and the quantity.

*****Please list the quantity you are donating on the email line of the sign up.*****

Brownies and bars will need to be individually packaged in servings of six (6). Generous portions are appreciated (2x2). Cakes and pies will need to be in/on serving pieces which will not need to be returned to the creator. We will set up drop off for Thursday and Friday, November 3-4. Details to follow!

For the Silent Auction, we will have furniture and a beach house get away along with a few other ideas and items in the works!

Thank you for your support and efforts to make this annual tradition such a great success!

Grace Network - Our Grace Network Assignments for **September: Saltine Cracker Box**. For the month of September: **dish detergent, deodorant, laundry detergent**. As a Church family, we have committed to helping Grace Network with stocking their food pantry for those in need. Please remember to pick up our assigned item the next time you visit the grocery store. 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:

Officiant: Rev. John Adams
Lector/prayers: Kelly Cain
Chalists: Tom Webster, George Gautsch
Acolyte: Claire Warner Coleman
Organist: Lynn Gardner
Chorister/Cantor: Raul West
Choir: St. Christopher's Adult Choir
Ushers: Gus Barber, John Swezey, Jay Dickens, Hank Long
Altar Guild: Team Five – Lloyd Barber, Debbie Lewis, Cece Johnson,
Jill Dickens, Amy Joyce, Pat Russell
Counters: Pat Walmsley, Andy Williams

Vestry for 2022

Year 3: Carolyn Byrd; Beverley Coleman, Secretary;
Cece Johnson; Ellen Maxwell

Year 2: Hank Long, Senior Warden;
Ruby Stultz; Rebin Titus; Pat Walmsley

Year 1: Ben Beeler; Jay Dickens,
Beverly Lyle, Treasurer;
Andy Williams, Junior Warden



How You Can Make a Positive Difference

- Build an awareness of mental illness and suicide through education.
- Know the risk factors and warning signs of mental illness and suicide.
- Put the following numbers in your important phone contacts:
 - National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 988
 - Crisis Text Line: 741-741 (text “Home”)
- Advocate for improving mental health resources in our community.
- Speak out against stigma. This is so very important! The myths surrounding mental illness and suicide cause immense harm. Mental illness is a brain disease, NOT a character flaw.
- Get trained in Adult Mental Health First Aid, Youth Mental Health First Aid and/or QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer).
- Attend a mental health workshop or presentation through NAMI, the Mental Health Association, Communities of Hope, and others.
- Consider forming a mental health ministry in your church.
- Bring a meal or offer other support to a friend or family impacted by mental illness or suicide.
- Be present and listen, showing empathy and compassion. Hear their story and their feelings without offering advice or judgment.
- Pray for all those who are living with mental health issues, their caregivers, their families, and their treatment professionals.

You can learn more on the websites of the National Institute of Mental Health, NAMI, SAMHSA, the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, Mental Health America, SAVE.org, and the Trevor Project.

Compliments of Communities of Hope, Inc.

