



CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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We are a community of faith striving to love God fully and our neighbors as ourselves.

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 7, 2024

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 *Caprice Sur Les Grands Jeux* Louis-Nicolas Clerambault

Processional Hymn “Ye servants of God” Hymn 535

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.

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; 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 Ezekiel (2:1-5)

The Lord said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord GOD." Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

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

Psalm 123

Ad te levavi oculos meos

- 1 To you I lift /up my /eyes, *
to you en/throned in the /heavens.
- 2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand/ of their/
masters, *
and the eyes of a maid to the /hand of her/ mistress,
- 3 So our eyes look to the /Lord our /God, *
until he /show us his /mercy.
- 4 Have mercy upon us, O /Lord, have /mercy, *
for we have had more than e/nough of con/tempt,
- 5 Too much of the scorn of the /indolent /rich, *
and of the de/rision of the /proud.



Reader A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Church in Corinth (12:2-10)

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

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

Sequence Hymn

"If thou but trust in God to guide thee"

Hymn 635

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Mark (6:1-13)

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. John Adams

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.

A Litany of Healing

Standing or kneeling

Reader	God the Father, your will for all people is health and salvation;
People	<i>We praise you and thank you, O Lord.</i>
Reader	God the Son, you came that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly;
People	<i>We praise you and thank you, O Lord.</i>
Reader	God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence;
People	<i>We praise you and thank you, O Lord.</i>
Reader	Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being;
People	<i>We praise you and thank you, O Lord.</i>
Reader	Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or disabled, especially <i>Sue, Julia, Betty, Nathan, Tom, Linda, Betsy, Mary Ruth, Nancy, Mark, Pat, Patty Ann, Jane, Morgan, and Lee</i> that they may be made whole;
People	<i>Hear us, O Lord of life.</i>
Reader	Grant to all who seek your guidance, and to all who are lonely, anxious, or despondent, a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence;
People	<i>Hear us, O Lord of life.</i>
Reader	Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit;
People	<i>Hear us, O Lord of life.</i>
Reader	Bless physicians, nurses, and all others who minister to the suffering, granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience;
People	<i>Hear us, O Lord of life.</i>
Reader	Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved;
People	<i>Hear us, O Lord of life.</i>
Reader	Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives, in our nation, and in the world;
People	<i>Hear us, O Lord of life.</i>
Reader	You are the Lord who does wonders:
People	<i>You have declared your power among the peoples.</i>
Reader	With you, O Lord, is the well of life:
People	<i>And in your light we see light.</i>
Reader	Hear us, O Lord of life:
People	<i>Heal us, and make us whole.</i>

All may offer their prayers at this time, aloud or in the silence of their hearts, after which the Celebrant offers a concluding collect.

Celebrant Let us confess our need for God's healing grace.

Celebrant and people

Compassionate God, we confess our weaknesses in body, mind, and spirit, and our need for your strengthening touch. We confess that some of what ails us stems from our own fault, while some is beyond our control. We turn to you, source of life, and ask in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ for the gifts of true healing and life in you. Amen.

Celebrant May the God of love visit you in your times of trial and weakness, and raise you to newness of life, through Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Those desiring laying on of hands and anointing with oil for healing of themselves or others may come to the altar rail at this time, or those who cannot or prefer not to come forward may inform an usher, who will tell the Celebrant to come to you. Please whisper to the Celebrant your name or the name of the person for whom you are praying so he may pray for the appropriate people.

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.

Offertory Anthem

Allemande in D Minor

G. F. Handel

The Doxology:

v. 3, Hymn 380

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.

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.
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Breaking of Bread

Fraction Anthem	<i>Christ Our Passover</i>	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 the humble hear and be glad</i>	Psalm 34
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Communion Hymn	<i>A Ground in C Minor</i>	Henry Purcell
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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

"Love divine, all loves excelling"

Hymn 657

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Closing Voluntary

From The Depths of My Heart

Johann Christoph Bach

*The beauty of the Altar Flowers are Given to the Glory of God
and in Loving Memory and in Celebration for the Life of David Cole
By Kyle and Dawn*

Pray for the ministry of Grace House on the Mountain and their director, Anita Boyd. For Grace and Peace in the Diocese of Haiti. Our companion diocese, the Diocese of Leeds, and their Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Nick Baines.

Discretionary Fund – Today is the 1st Sunday of the month and the loose offering is designated for the Rector's Discretionary Fund. All checks should include the notation, "For RDF".

Sunday Bible Study

Our Sunday morning Bible study meets at 9:30 in the Parish House on July 7; this week we will begin reading about David's service among the Philistines (1 Samuel 27). All are welcome and encouraged to attend as your presence allows; no preparation ahead of time is necessary.

Summer Sundays

Continuing a summer tradition, we will have fellowship time after the service, with lemonade and cookies on the patio (or in the undercroft if it's raining) from **June 2 through August 25**; if you are willing to help bring beverages and treats or set up and clean up, please sign up on our website under volunteers at <https://christchurchmvl.org/volunteering.cfm?ID=318>.

History of the Early Church

On **Wednesday, July 10 at 10:30 am in the Undercroft** (attendees are welcome and encouraged to stick around for Eucharist in the Chapel at Noon), we will be considering *The Way Not Taken*, reflecting on why and how the first-century followers of Jesus became a separate religion rather than a school or sect within Judaism. There's no assigned 'homework,' but if you're interested in reflecting ahead of time, you might reacquaint yourself with the early chapters of Acts and, in looking at Peter's sermons in 2, 3, 4, and 10, as well as Stephen's sermon in 7 and Gamaliel's argument in 5, consider how those speakers understand Jesus' followers as something distinct from and yet still within Judaism.

Wednesday Eucharist

On Wednesdays, we celebrate Holy Eucharist at Noon in the Chapel (enter via the glass Undercroft door at the back of the church building). These brief (thirty minutes) spoken services commemorate the saint of the day from the Episcopal calendar of Lesser Feasts and Fasts and are perfect for those who want to attend a service but are unable to come on Sunday mornings or who want an additional gathering for corporate prayer to help them through the week. Barring any unexpected developments, we will worship every **Wednesday in July (3, 10, 17, 24, and 31)**.

Public Theology

Public Theology meets on **Wednesday, July 10**, at Mountain Valley Brewing (4220 Mountain Valley Rd, Axton); this month, Faith and John will lead a conversation about faith and freedom. We begin with socializing and food around **6:00** (note that the vendor takes only cash or Cash App), with the discussion going from 7:00 to 8:00.

Pastoral Care Teams - Volunteers

We need more volunteers for the Pastoral Care Committee. These groups set up, clean up, and organize receptions for funerals, baptisms, confirmations, and when Bishop Mark comes. **We have one opening in June/December.** Everybody serves two months. We also need substitutes if the people scheduled for those months are unavailable. Contact Deborah to volunteer and for which month group at 276-632-2896 or office@christchurchmvl.org. Thank you in advance for volunteering!

Grace Network - Our Grace Network Assignments for July - September: Mac n Cheese. For July: toilet paper, feminine products, deodorant, and hygiene items. 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.

Grace's reliance on your contributions is critical in helping those struggling in our community. Especially now with the state of the economy, people are hurting more than ever. We are consistently seeing about a 20% increase in food needs for our pantry.

We are so blessed by each of your congregations and we are grateful for this chosen mission. God bless you all!

Blessings, Tracy

SAVE THE DATE

The Dan Prince and Gene Medley Memorial Oyster Roast

is scheduled for Friday, November 1, 2024, at 6:00 pm.

Details to follow.

General Convention

Meeting in Louisville June 23-28, the General Convention of the Episcopal Church elected the Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe, previously of the Dioceses of Northwest Pennsylvania and Western New York, as Presiding Bishop. Among other business, the Convention approved constitutional changes allowing the Convention to authorize liturgical changes without a full Prayer Book revision, approved the merging of dioceses in Wisconsin, Michigan, and the Pacific, and endorsed continuing work toward full communion with the United Methodist Church (which they endorsed earlier this year). A fuller summary is available at <https://episcopalnewsservice.org/2024/06/28/81st-general-convention-wraps-up-in-louisville/>.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVE!

Celebrant: The Rev. John Adams

Reader: Pete Scouras

Chalicers: Bob Bushnell, Rives Coleman

Organist/Choirmaster: Lynn Gardner

Cantor: Raul West

Christ Church Choir: St. Christopher's Choir

Ushers: Andy Quirk, Rebin Titus, Pete Scouras

Acolyte: Tyler Johnson

Camera Operator: Andy Williams

Counters: Betty Budde, Natalie Coleman

Altar Guild: Team Two – Page Beeler, Frankie Smith, Janice Cain, Ruth Foley,

Rita Hodges, Michael Hodges, Valerie Payne

Nursery Attendants: Emily Williams

Lemonade: Beverly Lyle, LaRue Powers

2024 Christ Church Vestry

Year 3: Ben Beeler; Jay Dickens, Senior Warden; Beverly Lyle, Treasurer;

Andy Williams, Junior Warden

Year 2: Betty Budde; Natalie Coleman, Secretary; Pat Russell; Will Zimmer

Year 1: Bob Bushnell, Rives Coleman, LaRue Powers, Bob Weatherall