



# CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

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The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
August 25, 2024  
10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

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*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                      *Prelude and Fugue in F*                      J. S. Bach

Processional Hymn                      *"I come with joy to meet my Lord"*                      Hymn 304

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.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; 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 Joshua (24:1-2a,14-18)

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: "Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

Reader The Word of the Lord  
People Thanks be to God

Psalm 34:15-22 *Benedicam Dominum*

- 15 The eyes of the Lord are u/pon the /righteous, \*  
and his ears are /open to their /cry.
- 16 The face of the Lord is against those /who do /evil, \*  
to root out the remembrance /of them from the /earth.
- 17 The righteous cry, and the/ Lord hears /them \*  
and delivers /them from all their /troubles.
- 18 The Lord is near to the /broken/hearted \*  
and will save /those whose spirits are /crushed.
- 19 Many are the troubles /of the /righteous, \*  
but the Lord will deliver /him out of them /all.
- 20 He will keep safe /all his /bones; \*  
not one /of them shall be /broken.
- 21 Evil shall /slay the /wicked, \*  
and those who hate the/ righteous will be /punished.
- 22 The Lord ransoms the life /of his /servants, \*  
and none will be /punished who trust /in him.



Reader A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians (6:10-20)

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming



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 V

*Standing or kneeling*

BCP 389

Reader In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without  
fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Sean, our Presiding Bishop-elect, for Mark our own  
Bishop, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to  
you, O Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that  
all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends  
of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may  
receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among  
nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For those in positions of public trust, especially Joe, our President, that they may serve  
justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.  
***Lord, have mercy.***

For all who live and work in this community, we pray to you, O Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that  
the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord. ***Lord,  
have mercy.***

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all  
who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord. ***Lord,  
have mercy.***

For this congregation, for those who are present, and for those who are absent, that we  
may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we  
pray to you, O Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or  
offended, we pray to you, O Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and  
neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray  
to you, O Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For *Sue, Julia, Betty, Nathan, Tom, Linda, Betsy, Mary Ruth, Nancy, Mark, Jane, Morgan,  
Jennifer, and Frank*, we pray to you, O Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God. *To you, O Lord our God.*

*All may offer their prayers and thanksgivings at this time, aloud or in the silence of their hearts, after which 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.*

Offertory Music      *Sonata in A*      Domenico Scarlatti

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.

*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.

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. 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

*He sendeth springs into the valleys*

Psalm 104

Communion Music

*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

*"Stand up, stand up, for Jesus"*

Hymn 561

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

The Closing Voluntary

*Toccata in A*

Johann Pachelbel

*The beauty of the Altar Flowers are Given to the Glory of God  
and in Honor & Love of  
Beverley Lester Coleman  
James Lester, Anne Parker & Nubby*

Pray today for the residents and staff of Boys Home, their Executive Director Chris Doyle, and their chaplain, The Rev. Anne Grizzle. For Grace and Peace in the Diocese of Haiti. Our companion diocese, the Diocese of Leeds, and their Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Nick Baines.

Sunday Bible Study

Our Sunday morning Bible study meets at 9:30 in the Parish House on August 25. This week we will continue the story of David's rise to the throne after the death of Saul (2 Samuel 4-5). All are welcome and encouraged to attend as your presence allows; no preparation ahead of time is necessary.

Loaves & Fishes - July 31, 2024 - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Community members are invited to this free meal in our Undercroft from 5:00-6:00 p.m. Spread the Word! **We need volunteers to help prepare, serve, clean up, and send desserts, fruit, and items listed below. Please sign up on the following link [Christ Episcopal Church - Martinsville, Virginia \(christchurchmvl.org\)](http://christchurchmvl.org) to help or to bring something.** Donations may be brought to the Office or Undercroft in the days leading up to each meal. We are serving dine-in only, with leftovers distributed as takeout only at the end of the meal. Additional needed items include individually wrapped snacks, hygiene items (toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant), and household items (dish and laundry detergent - small bottles) to be handed out to the L&F attendees. Thank you for being so supportive! Andy & Tara Williams and the L&F Team

**The Dan Prince and Gene Medley Oyster Roast 2024**  
**Take advantage of the NEW, easy online registration system.**  
**You can pay by cash, check, money order, or credit card**

Mark your calendar for the **November 1<sup>st</sup>** Christ Church Oyster Roast. The night begins at 6:00 p.m. with freshly steamed oysters directly from the eastern shore of VA! The fun continues with a delicious buffet dinner serving BBQ, Brunswick Stew, and all the fixings! The entire night is complemented by an open bar and fabulous live music! Remember the Silent Auction, Bake Sale, and 50/50 Raffle. This is one you do not want to miss! **Make a reservation on our Oyster Roast Sign-Up page or contact the Church office.** Contact Person: Pat Russell at 864-430-4527; [patbrussell@yahoo.com](mailto:patbrussell@yahoo.com).

## Ways to Volunteer – Oyster Roast 2024

There are many ways to assist in making the CEC Oyster Roast a success.

- Prepare Food for Meal
- Work a shift the night of the event
- Send items for Bake Sale
- Sell Raffle Tickets
- Monetary Donations
- Set Up/ Clean Up

**A volunteer Sign-Up sheet for the Bake Sale is posted on the church website.**

## Raffle Tickets ARE HERE!

Tickets for the 50/50 raffle are on sale from your Vestry members (Ben Beeler, Betty Budde, Bob Bushnell, Natalie Coleman, Jay Dickens, Beverly Lyle, LaRue Powers, Pat Russell, Bob Weatherall, Andy Williams, and Will Zimmer) and the church office. The cost is \$10.00 per ticket or \$100.00 per book, with the maximum winnings of \$2,500.

**Grace Network** - Our Grace Network Assignments for **August - September: Mac n Cheese. For August: bath soap, toilet paper, toothpaste, toothbrush (individually wrapped), 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.

### THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVE!

**Celebrant:** The Rev. John Adams

**Reader:** Susan Critz

**Chalicers:** Beverly Lyle, John Swezey

**Organist/Choirmaster:** Lynn Gardner

**Cantor:** Raul West

**Ushers:** Gus Barber, John Swezey, Hank Long

**Acolyte:** Pete Scouras

**Camera Operator:** Andy Williams

**Counters:** Pat Russell, Natalie Coleman

**Altar Guild:** Team Three – Page Beeler, Karen Jones, Nancy Spilman, Ellen Maxwell, Ben Beeler

**Nursery:** Emily Williams

### 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