



**Reader** A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy (4:1-2, 6-9)

Moses said: So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you.

You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

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

**Psalm 15** *Domine, quis habitabit?*

- 1 Lord, who may dwell in your /taber/nacle? \*  
who may abide u/pon your holy /hill?
- 2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does/ what is /right, \*  
who /speaks the truth from his /heart.
- 3 There is no guile upon his tongue;  
he does no evil /to his /friend; \*  
he does not heap con/tempt upon his /neighbor.
- 4 In his sight the wicked /is re/jected, \*  
but he honors /those who fear the /Lord.
- 5 He has sworn to /do no /wrong \*  
and does /not take back his /word.
- 6 He does not give his money in /hope of /gain, \*  
nor does he take a /bribe against the /innocent.
- 7 Whoever /does these /things \*  
shall/ never be over/thrown.

**Reader** A reading from the Book of James (1:17-27)

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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

Sequence Hymn

*“Lord Jesus, think on me”*

Hymn 641

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Mark (7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23)

People:      *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honors me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me;  
in vain do they worship me,  
teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.” Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.” For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

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*

<i>Reader</i>	God the Father, your will for all people is health and salvation;
<i>People</i>	<b><i>We praise you and thank you, O Lord.</i></b>
<i>Reader</i>	God the Son, you came that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly;
<i>People</i>	<b><i>We praise you and thank you, O Lord.</i></b>
<i>Reader</i>	God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence;
<i>People</i>	<b><i>We praise you and thank you, O Lord.</i></b>
<i>Reader</i>	Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being;
<i>People</i>	<b><i>We praise you and thank you, O Lord.</i></b>
<i>Reader</i>	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, Jane, Morgan, Jennifer, and Frank</i> that they may be made whole;
<i>People</i>	<b><i>Hear us, O Lord of life.</i></b>
<i>Reader</i>	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;
<i>People</i>	<b><i>Hear us, O Lord of life.</i></b>
<i>Reader</i>	Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit;
<i>People</i>	<b><i>Hear us, O Lord of life.</i></b>
<i>Reader</i>	Bless physicians, nurses, and all others who minister to the suffering, granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience;
<i>People</i>	<b><i>Hear us, O Lord of life.</i></b>
<i>Reader</i>	Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved;
<i>People</i>	<b><i>Hear us, O Lord of life.</i></b>

*Reader* Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives, in our nation, and in the world;  
*People* *Hear us, O Lord of life.*

*Reader* You are the Lord who does wonders:  
*People* *You have declared your power among the peoples.*

*Reader* With you, O Lord, is the well of life:  
*People* *And in your light we see light.*

*Reader* Hear us, O Lord of life:  
*People* *Heal us, and make us whole.*

*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 Music* *Prelude on "My Heart Ever Joyful" Johann Gottfried Walther*

*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.

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* *And also with you.*

*Celebrant* Lift up our 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* It is right... to 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. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

*Celebrant*

*Standing or kneeling*

We give thanks to you... do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

Hymnal S 138

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

*Celebrant*

And we offer our sacrifice... all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

*Celebrant* 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**                      *I will go in the strength of the Lord*                      **Psalm 71**

**Communion Music**                      *Interludes on Communion Hymns*                      **Henry Coleman**

*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**                      *"Lift up your heads"*                      **Hymn 436**

*Celebrant*    Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People*        *Thanks be to God.*

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

*The beauty of the Altar Flowers are Given to the Glory of God  
and in Loving Memory of My Parents, Dr. and Mrs. Roger Wall  
By Linda Isley*

Pray today for the Canons to the Ordinary for the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia, The Rev. Cn. Mark Furlow and The Rev. Cn. Jonathan Harris. 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 September 1; All are welcome and encouraged to attend as your presence allows; no preparation ahead of time is necessary.

### **Choir**

Choir rehearsals resume on Thursdays beginning September 5 at 7:00 pm in the Choir Room (enter via the glass doors to the Undercroft at the rear of the Church). No prior experience is necessary, and any who enjoy 'making a joyful noise unto the Lord' are invited to join.

## History of the Early Church

On **Wednesday, September 4 at 10:30 am in the Undercroft** (attendees are welcome and encouraged to stick around for Eucharist in the Chapel at Noon), our topic will be Freedom of the Presbyter, reflecting on the early Church's understanding of authority and the rise of a structured hierarchy. There is no assigned 'homework,' but if you are interested in reflecting ahead of time, contact Fr. John for a handout with excerpts from Clement, Ignatius, and Pliny the Younger.

## Men's Club

The Men's Club will meet on **Wednesday, September 4 in the Undercroft**: social time starts at 5:30 pm, dinner is served at 6:15, and the program starts at 6:45. This month, John Swezey and Trippi Penn will speak about the evolving history of our church building. Please RSVP on the church website **by September 2** to ensure we have enough food.

Mark your calendars for **October 2**, when all are invited to Trivia Night presented by the Men's Club, with Fr. John offering a game of questions with an American theme.

## Kings Grant Eucharist

Fr. John celebrates the Eucharist in the chapel at **Kings Grant at 1:30 pm** on the first Thursday of each month. The next services will be **September 5 and October 3**.

## Monday Bible Study

Following a summer hiatus, the Monday night Bible study resumes our discussion of the Gospel of Luke on **September 9**, picking up at Luke 8:22 with Jesus stilling a storm and casting out a legion of demons. We meet from 7:00 to 8:00 pm in the Parish House, and all are welcome.

## Public Theology

Public Theology meets on **Wednesday, September 11**, at Mountain Valley Brewing (4220 Mountain Valley Rd, Axton). We begin with socializing and food around 6:00, with the discussion going from 7:00 to 8:00.

## **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 **September: Mac n Cheese. For September: dish detergent, deodorant, laundry detergent, 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:** Jay Dickens

**Chalicers:** Hank Long, Dawn Stone

**Organist/Choirmaster:** Lynn Gardner

**Cantor:** Raul West

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

**Ushers:** Kyle Trent, Bruce Mazurek, Jay Dickens

**Camera Operator:** Andy Williams

**Counters:** LaRue Powers, Will Zimmer

**Altar Guild:** Team Four - Becky Farrar, Susan Smith, Natalie Coleman, Ashley Ullstein, Dawn Stone, Kyle Trent

**Nursery Attendant:** 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