



CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 8, 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 *Prelude on "Morning Has Broken"* David Lasky

Processional Hymn *"Morning has broken"* Hymn 8

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 us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

Reader A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah (35:4-7a)

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water;

Reader The Word of the Lord
People Thanks be to God

Psalm 146 *Lauda, anima mea* standing

- 1 Hallelujah!
Praise the Lord, O /my /soul! *
I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God /while I have my /being.
- 2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any /child of /earth, *
for there/ is no help in /them.
- 3 When they breathe their last, they re/turn to /earth, *
and in /that day their thoughts /perish.
- 4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob/ for their/ help! *
whose hope is/ in the Lord their /God;
- 5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all/ that is /in them; *
who keeps /his promise for /ever;
- 6 Who gives justice to those who /are op/pressed, *
and /food to those who /hunger.
- 7 The Lord sets the prisoners free;
the Lord opens the eyes/ of the /blind; *
the Lord lifts up/ those who are bowed /down;
- 8 The Lord loves the righteous;
the Lord cares/ for the /stranger; *
he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frus/trates the way of the /wicked.
- 9 The Lord shall /reign for /ever, *
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations./
Hallelu/jah!



Reader A reading from the Letter of James (2:1-17)

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they

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

Reader Let us pray for the Church and for the world. (*Pause*) 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. (*Pause*) Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

Reader 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. (*Pause*) Lord, in your
mercy

People Hear our prayer.

Reader 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. (*Pause*) Lord, in
your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

Reader 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. (*Pause*) Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

Reader Comfort and heal 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. (*Pause*) Lord,
in your mercy

People 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.

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

We Bless the Father

Mark Bender

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 B

Standing

BCP 367

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.**

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

Let all around him bring gifts

Psalm 76

Communion Hymns

*Bread of the World
Father, we thank thee*

Hymn 301
Hymn 302

Once all have received, the celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and people, standing or kneeling

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the
spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy
mysteries
that we are living members of the Body
of your Son,

and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever.
Amen.

The celebrant blesses the people.

Recessional Hymn

"Immortal, invisible God only wise"

Hymn 423

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

The Closing Voluntary

Hornpipe

G. F. Handel

*The beauty of the Altar Flowers are
Given to the Glory of God and in Honor of
Sue W. Rosser on her 81st birthday
Much love from her children and grandchildren*

Please pray for *Sue, Julia, Betty, Nathan, Tom, Linda, Betsy, Mary Ruth, Nancy, Mark, Jane, Morgan, Jennifer, and Frank.*

Pray today for the Bishop's Visitation to St. Thomas, Bedford Co. Pray for the people of St. Thomas, Bedford Co. For Grace and Peace in the Diocese of Haiti. Our companion diocese, the Diocese of Leeds, and their Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Nick Baines.

History Tour

For those interested in local church history, Becky Farrar has arranged for us to receive a tour of the Old Chapel Church in Penhook on **Monday, September 9**. Built in 1769, this is one of four surviving frame Anglican churches in Virginia and the oldest surviving frame structure in the Southwest of the state; the cemetery dates to 1753. All are invited to come; we will leave from the Parish House parking lot at 9:30 am.

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.

Blessing of the Animals – September 29

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 September 29 at 3:00 pm**. In this short service, led by Fr. John and Vicar Andy Taminger of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 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 behind the church); in the event of rain, blessings will be offered in the Undercroft.

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 1st** 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.

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

Baked Goods Sale at the Oyster Roast

Sign up on the following link under volunteers [Christ Episcopal Church - Martinsville, Virginia \(christchurchmvl.org\)](http://christchurchmvl.org) to donate baked goods items for sale at the oyster roast 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: Will Zimmer

Chalicers: Natalie Coleman, Steve Keyser

Organist/Choirmaster: Lynn Gardner

Cantor: Raul West

Christ Church Choir: St. Christopher's Choir

Ushers: Bob Weatherall, Hank Long, Andy Quirk

Acolyte: Baylie Coleman

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: 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