



Reader A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah (50:4-9a)

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens-- wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Reader The Word of the Lord  
People Thanks be to God

Psalm 116:1-8 *Dilexi, quoniam standing*

- 1 I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of /my  
suppli/cation, \*  
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever /I called  
upon/ him.
- 2 The cords of death entangled me;  
the grip of the grave took/ hold of /me; \*  
I /came to grief and /sorrow.
- 3 Then I called upon the Name /of the /Lord: \*  
"O Lord, I /pray you, save my /life."
- 4 Gracious is the /Lord and /righteous; \*  
our God /is full of com/passion.
- 5 The Lord watches /over the /innocent; \*  
I was brought very low,/ and he helped /me.
- 6 Turn again to your rest, /O my /soul, \*  
for the Lord /has treated you /well.
- 7 For you have rescued my /life from /death, \*  
my eyes from tears, and /my feet from stum/bling.
- 8 I will walk in the presence /of the /Lord \*  
in the /land of the li/ving.



Reader A reading from the Letter of James (3:1-12)

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no

one can tame the tongue-- a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

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

Sequence Hymn

*"Day by day, dear Lord"*

Hymn 654

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Mark (8:27-38)

People:      *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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.

#### 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 *Sue, Julia, Betty, Nathan, Linda, Betsy, Mary Ruth, Nancy,  
Mark, Morgan, Jennifer, Frank, and Pat D*, 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.*

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 Anthem**

*Be Thou My Vision*

arr. Richard Shephard

**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*  
 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 them follow me*

Matthew 16, Psalm 34

Communion Hymn

*Humbly I adore thee*

Hymn 314

*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

*"Glorious things of thee are spoken"*

Hymn 522

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

*People* Thanks be to God.

The Closing Voluntary

*Prelude in B Flat*

J. S. Bach

*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 retired Bishops of the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia, The Rt. Rev. Heath Light and The Rt. Rev. Neff Powell. For Grace and Peace in the Diocese of Haiti. Our companion diocese, the Diocese of Leeds, and their Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Nick Baines.

### Monday Bible Study

The Monday night Bible study meets from 7:00 to 8:00 in the Parish House. On September 16, we will begin the pivotal Ninth chapter of Luke, in which Jesus feeds five thousand. Peter names him the Messiah, and a few disciples see Jesus transfigured, and he sets his face toward Jerusalem. All are welcome and encouraged to attend as you can; no preparation ahead of time is necessary.

### 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 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

## 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:** Pete Scouras

**Chalicers:** Bob Bushnell, John Swezey

**Organist/Choirmaster:** Lynn Gardner

**Cantor:** Raul West

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

**Ushers:** Rebin Titus, Pete Scouras, Dan Cahill

**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