

Reader A reading from the Book of Genesis (2:18-24)

The Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said,

"This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
this one shall be called Woman,
for out of Man this one was taken."

Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

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

Psalm 8 *Domine, Dominus noster*

- 1 O /Lord our /Governor, *
how exalted is your /Name in all the /world!
- 2 Out of the mouths of /infants and /children *
your majesty is /praised above the /heavens.
- 3 You have set up a stronghold against /your adver/saries, *
to quell the /enemy and the a/venger.
- 4 When I consider your heavens, the work/ of your /fingers, *
the moon and the stars /you have set in their/ courses,
- 5 What is man that you should be /mindful of /him? *
the son of man that/ you should seek him /out?
- 6 You have made him but little lower /than the/ angels; *
you adorn /him with glory and /honor;
- 7 You give him mastery over the works/ of your /hands; *
you put /all things under his /feet:
- 8 All /sheep and /oxen, *
even the /wild beasts of the /field,
- 9 The birds of the air, the/ fish of the /sea, *
and whatsoever /walks in the paths of the/ sea.
- 10 O /Lord our /Governor, *
how exalted is your /Name in all the /world!



Reader A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews (1:1-4; 2:5-12)

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere,

"What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them?

You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, subjecting all things under their feet."

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying,

"I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

Reader The Word of the Lord

People *Thanks be to God*

Sequence Hymn

"Love divine, all loves excelling"

Hymn 657

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Mark (10:2-16)

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her."

But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

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 ***We praise you and thank you, O Lord.***

Reader God the Son, you came that we might have life, and might have it more
abundantly;
People ***We praise you and thank you, O Lord.***

Reader God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence;
People ***We praise you and thank you, O Lord.***

Reader Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being;
People ***We praise you and thank you, O Lord.***

Reader Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or disabled,
especially *Sue, Julia, Betty, Nathan, Linda, Betsy, Mary Ruth, Nancy,
Mark, Morgan, Jennifer, Frank, and Pat D* that they may be made
whole;
People ***Hear us, O Lord of life.***

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 ***Hear us, O Lord of life.***

Reader Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit;
People **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Reader Bless physicians, nurses, and all others who minister to the suffering, granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience;
People **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

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 **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

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

The Spacious Firmament

Franz Joseph Haydn

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.*

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

Bow down thine ear to me

Psalm 31

Communion Music

Draw nigh and take the Body of the Lord

Hymn 328

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

"Joyful, joyful, we adore thee"

Hymn 376

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

The Closing Voluntary

Variation on Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Gordon Young

*The beauty of the Altar Flowers are Given to the Glory of God
and in Loving Memory of
Sam and Martha Edmiston
By the Family*

*The beauty of the Narthex Flowers are Given to the Glory of God
and in Loving Memory of
Frank I. and Frances H. Richardson
By the Family*

Pray today for the Bishop's Visitation to Christ, Buena Vista. Pray for the people of Christ, Buena Vista. 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”.

Monday Bible Study

The Monday night Bible study meets from 7:00 to 8:00 in the Parish House. On **October 7**, we will begin the Tenth chapter of Luke, in which Jesus commissions a larger group of disciples. All are welcome and encouraged to attend as you can; no preparation ahead of time is necessary.

History of the Early Church

On **Wednesday, October 9 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 Father Knows Best, considering orthodoxy and heresy in the Second Century, with particular attention to Gnosticism. There is no assigned ‘homework,’ but if you are interested in reflecting ahead of time, contact Fr. John for a handout with excerpts from Ignatius, Irenaeus, and a couple of Gnostic gospels.

Public Theology

Public Theology meets on **Wednesday, October 9**, at Mountain Valley Brewing (4220 Mountain Valley Rd, Axton). This month, Dr. Heidi Orr of King’s Mountain Animal Clinic will discuss how animals perceive our feelings and emotions and lead a conversation about how we know God’s love through our animals. Pastor Ryan will also offer blessings to any animals that wish to receive them. We begin with socializing and food around 6:00, with the discussion going from 7:00 to 8:00.

Nursery – October 13

Our Nursery Attendant, Emily Williams, will be off on **Sunday, October 13**. Emily Hylton has volunteered to be in the nursery with James and any others. **We need another volunteer, please.**

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

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

Raffle Tickets

Tickets for the 50/50 raffle are on sale from your Vestry members (Rives Coleman, Jay Dickens, Beverly Lyle, LaRue Powers, Pat Russell, 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 October - December: Jiffy Cornbread Mix. For October: 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.

Hi, Church Families!

Greetings from Grace Network as we approach cooler temperatures and enjoying all that fall brings, like warm pumpkin spice drinks and soups and stews of the season. Unfortunately, there are many families in our community that have lots of worries in their lives especially feeding their families. But your participation in our mission to help is priceless, and we thank you so much for your dedication.

Thank you for helping to make the fall season better for so many that are hurting. Your generous donations are essential in helping our mission and we simply cannot do what we do without your help.

God Bless You All!
In Christ,
Tracy

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVE!

Celebrant: The Rev. John Adams

Reader: Kelly Cain

Chalicers: Rives Coleman, Steve Keyser

Organist/Choirmaster: Lynn Gardner

Cantor: Raul West

Christ Church Choir: St. Christopher's Choir

Acolyte: Pete Scouras

Ushers: Kyle Trent, Jay Dickens

Camera Operator: Andy Williams

Counters: Bob Weatherall, Andy Williams

Altar Guild: Team Five - Lloyd Barber, Debbie Lewis, Jill Dickens, Amy Joyce, Pat

Russell 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