



CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
October 27, 2024
10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Please silence your electronic devices. The blue Hymnal 1982 contains the music and lyrics of hymns, and the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP) contains the full text of prayers.

The Opening Voluntary *Variations on Amazing Grace* Joel Raney/Margaret Mueller

Processional Hymn *"Amazing Grace!"* Hymn 671

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.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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 Prophet Jeremiah (31:7-9)**

Thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Reader **The Word of the Lord**

People ***Thanks be to God***

Psalm 126 *In convertendo*

- 1 When the Lord restored the /fortunes of /Zion, *
 then were /we like those who /dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth/ filled with/ laughter, *
 and our /tongue with shouts of /joy.
- 3 Then they said a/mong the /nations, *
 "The Lord has /done great things for /them."
- 4 The Lord has done great /things for /us, *
 and /we are glad in/deed.
- 5 Restore our fortunes, /O /Lord, *
 like the water/courses of the /Negev.
- 6 Those who /sowed with /tears *
 will /reap with songs of /joy.
- 7 Those who go out weeping,/ carrying the /seed, *
 will come again with joy, /shouldering their /sheaves.



Reader **A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews (7:23-28)**

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but Jesus holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

Reader **The Word of the Lord**

People ***Thanks be to God***

Sequence Hymn *"From thee all skill and science flow"*

Hymn 566

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Mark (10:46-52)

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

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)*
People Lord, in your mercy
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)*
People Lord, in your mercy
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, Pat D, and Lucia*, 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, *especially Anne Thompson*, 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 *God's Endless Love* Robert J. Powell

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 *Whereas I was blind, now I see* John 9, Psalm 27

Communion Hymn *Father, we thank thee* Hymn 302

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 *"Alleluia! sing to Jesus!"* Hymn 460

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

The Closing Voluntary *Prelude in F* J. S. Bach

*The beauty of the Altar Flowers are Given to the Glory of God
and in Loving Memory of
George P. Scouras, MD
By the Family*

*The beauty of the Narthex Flowers are Given to the Glory of God
and in Loving Memory of
George M. Dickens, Sr. and Dr. John W. Campbell, II
By Jay and Jill Dickens*

Pray today for the students and staff of Virginia Episcopal School, their Headmaster, Garth Ainslie, and their chaplain, the Rev. Adam White. 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 October 28, we will conclude the Eleventh chapter of Luke, with Jesus pronouncing woes on the Pharisees. All are welcome and encouraged to attend as you can; no preparation ahead of time is necessary.

The Dan Prince and Gene Medley Oyster Roast 2024, Friday, November 1

Lanterns Are Needed

We need big lanterns that take size D batteries or smaller lanterns that you would use for camping trips or if you lose power to illuminate a room. The lanterns are needed to light up dark areas at the Oyster Roast like high-top tables, steps, etc. If you have any we can borrow, contact Pat Russell at 864-430-4527 or email at patbrussell@yahoo.com OR the Church office at 276-632-2896 and office@christchurchmvl.org.

**Please bring the lanterns to the Church office or take them to Pat Russell.
Make sure your name is on each lantern so we can return them to you.**

New Presiding Bishop

The Investiture of Sean Rowe, the new Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, will be livestreamed Saturday morning, November 2; it can be viewed at <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/investiture/> or <https://www.facebook.com/episcopal.ian>. The festivities will begin with a roll call of Dioceses and prelude at 9:30 am, while the service itself starts at 11:00 am.

A Prayer for the Election

Almighty God, to whom we must account for all our powers and privileges: Guide the people of the United States in the election of officials and representatives; that, by faithful administration and wise laws, the rights of all may be protected and our nation be enabled to fulfill your purposes; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.* (from the *Book of Common Prayer*, page 822)

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of Christ Church will take place after the 10:30 service on **November 10**. Lunch will be provided. In addition to discussing themes and ideas from the discernment process, the state of our buildings, and our current finances, we will elect four members to three-year terms on the Vestry. If you are interested in serving on Vestry, please talk to one of our outgoing members (Ben Beeler, Jay Dickens, Beverly Lyle, and Andy Williams).

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: Susan Critz

Chalicers: Beverly Lyle, Tom Webster

Organist/Choirmaster: Lynn Gardner

Cantor: Raul West

Christ Church Choir: St. Christopher's Choir

Ushers: Michael Hodges, Ben Beeler

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