



# CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost  
August 10, 2025  
10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

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*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      *Caprice sur les Grands Jeux*      L-N Clerambault

Processional Hymn      *"How firm a foundation"*      Hymn 636

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 to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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 Book of Genesis (15:1-6)

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

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

Psalm 33:12-22 *Exultate, justi*

- 12 Happy is the nation whose God /is the /Lord! \*  
happy the people he has /chosen to be his /own!
- 13 The Lord looks /down from /heaven, \*  
and beholds all the /people in the /world.
- 14 From where he sits enthroned he /turns his /gaze \*  
on all /who dwell on the /earth.
- 15 He fashions all the /hearts of /them \*  
and under/stands all their /works.
- 16 There is no king that can be saved by a /mighty /army; \*  
a strong man is not delivered /by his great/ strength.
- 17 The horse is a vain hope/ for de/liverance; \*  
for all its /strength it cannot /save.
- 18 Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon/ those who /fear him, \*  
on those who/ wait upon his/ love,
- 19 To pluck their/ lives from /death, \*  
and to feed /them in time of /famine.
- 20 Our soul waits/ for the /Lord; \*  
he is /our help and our /shield.
- 21 Indeed, our heart re/joices in /him, \*  
for in his holy /Name we put our /trust.
- 22 Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, /be u/pon us, \*  
as we have /put our trust in /you



Reader A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews (11:1-3, 8-16)

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as

did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Reader	The Word of the Lord
People	<i>Thanks be to God</i>

Sequence Hymn                      *“How wondrous and great thy works”*                      Hymn 533

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke (12:32-40)  
People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. "But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

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 VI

*Standing or kneeling*

BCP 392

*Reader* In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. (*Pause*) For all people in their daily life  
and work;

*People* *For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*

*Reader* For this community, the nation, and the world;

*People* For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

*Reader* For the just and proper use of your creation;

*People* For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

*Reader* For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

*People* For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

*Reader* For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

*People* For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

*Reader* For Sean our Presiding Bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers;

*People* For all who serve God in his Church.

*Reader* For the special needs and concerns of this congregation; especially

*Sue, Julia, Betsy, Jennifer, Carleigh, Virginia, Donald, Al, Mallory, Harold,  
and Doug, (Pause for intercessions)* Hear us, Lord;

*People* For your mercy is great.

*Reader* We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. (*Pause for thanksgivings*)

We will exalt you, O God our King;

*People* And praise your Name for ever and ever.

*Reader* We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal  
kingdom. (*Pause for intercessions*) Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon  
them;

*People* Who put their trust in you.

*Reader* We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Reader and People, kneeling or standing*

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that  
we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



*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.

**Fraction Anthem** *(sung in unison)*

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**

*My times are in thy hand*

**Psalm 31**

**Communion Music**

*Sarabande*

G. F. Handel

*Once all have received, the celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and people*

*Kneeling or standing*

BCP 366

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

*"Come down, O Love divine"*

Hymn 516

*Priest: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.*

*People: Thanks be to God.*

The Closing Voluntary

*Toccata in D*

Johann Pachelbel

**We Give Thanks for the Altar Flowers**  
Given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of  
**Mary Martin**  
**By Julia Reges**

Pray today for the people of Emmanuel, Bristol and their rector, the Rev. David Bridges. For Grace and Peace in the Diocese of Haiti. Our companion diocese, the Diocese of Leeds and their Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Nick Baines.

### **Raffle Tickets ARE HERE!**

Tickets for the 50/50 raffle are on sale from your Vestry members (which will receive them shortly) (Bob Bushnell, Natalie Coleman, Rives Coleman, Susan Critz, Butch Hamlet, Michael Hodges, Steve Keyser, LaRue Powers, Pat Russell, Bob Weatherall, and Will Zimmer) and the church office (which we have them NOW). The cost is \$10.00 per ticket or \$100.00 per book, with the maximum winnings of \$2,500.

### ***Save the Date***

**The Dan Prince and Gene Medley Memorial Oyster Roast is scheduled for Friday, November 7. Details will follow.**

### **Wednesday Eucharist**

On Wednesdays, we celebrate Holy Eucharist at Noon in the Chapel (enter via the glass Undercroft door at the back of the church building). These brief (thirty minutes) spoken services commemorate the saint of the day from the Episcopal calendar of Lesser Feasts and Fasts, and are perfect for those who want to attend a service but are unable to come Sunday mornings or who want an additional gathering for corporate prayer to help them through the week. We will worship as normal on **August 13, 20, 27.**

### **Public Theology**

A new chapter of Public Theology begins **August 13** in the dining room of Forest Park Country Club (1821 Mulberry Rd). As usual, we will begin gathering around 6:00 pm; food (sandwiches, burgers, pizzas, etc.) is available to purchase from the Clubhouse Grill. Their ABC license has been applied for but not yet granted, so at least for this month, if you

want alcoholic beverages, it's BYOB. From 7:00 to 8:00 pm, we will follow up on last month's conversation on our calling as Christians with a discussion of what it means to be poor in spirit and to offer spiritual care to others.

### **Church History Class**

Our monthly Church History class will continue studying the **Reformation on August 20** at 10:30 in the Undercroft. This month, we will consider King Henry VIII and the start of the Reformation in England.

### **Diocesan Formation Day**

The Diocese of Southwestern Virginia offers an annual workshop on Christian formation for those, clergy and lay, involved in forming disciples of Jesus in our parishes. On Saturday, **August 23**, from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm at Christ Church, Roanoke, Dr. Lisa Kimball of Virginia Theological Seminary will invite us to consider how we are Baptized for Life, with God equipping us to share abundant life in Christ, transform local communities, and change the world. The program, including lunch, is free, and registration is [here](#).

### **Altar Guild Open Date**

We have **November 30 (the First Sunday of Advent)** open date for altar flowers if anyone wants to do a memorial in loving memory of... or in thanksgiving for... someone. It is available on a first come, first served basis. Please note that funerals, weddings, and baptisms take precedence over scheduled memorials. Let the Church office know if you're interested in this date. Let us know if you want to change the previous Narthex to this Altar flower date.

**Grace Network** - Our Grace Network Assignments for **July – September Potato Products (mashed, scalloped)**. **For August:** bath soap, toilet paper, toothpaste, toothbrush (individually wrapped), 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:** Susan Critz

**Chalists:** Bob Bushnell, Jay Dickens

**Organist/Choirmaster:** Lynn Gardner

**Chorister/Cantor:** Raul West

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

**Ushers:** Trippi Penn, Pete Scouras

**Camera Operator:** Andy Williams

**Counters:** Bob Weatherall, Rives Coleman

**Nursery:**

**Altar Guild Team #5** – Lloyd Barber, Debbie Lewis, Jill Dickens, Amy Joyce, Pat Russell, Vicki Crosby

### **2025 Christ Church Vestry**

**Year 3:** Natalie Coleman; Secretary, Pat Russell. Will Zimmer

**Year 2:** Bob Bushnell, Rives Coleman; Senior Warden, LaRue Powers, Bob Weatherall, Junior Warden

**Year 1:** Susan Critz, Butch Hamlet; Treasurer, Michael Hodges, Steve Keyser