



CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 14, 2025
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 “O Love How Deep, How Broad, How High” The Agincourt Hymn
arr. David N. Johnson

Processional Hymn “O love, how deep, how broad, how high” Hymn 448

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.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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 Exodus (32:7-14)

The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation." But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

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

Psalm 51:1-11 *Miserere mei, Deus*

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your /loving-
 /kindness; *
 in your great compassion /blot out my of/fenses.
- 2 Wash me through and through/ from my /wickedness *
 and /cleanse me from my /sin.
- 3 For I know my trans/gressions, *
 and my sin is /ever before /me.
- 4 Against you only/ have I /sinned *
 and done what is /evil in your /sight.
- 5 And so you are justified /when you /speak *
 and /upright in your/ judgment.
- 6 Indeed, I have been wicked/ from my/ birth, *
 a sinner/ from my mother's /womb.
- 7 For behold, you look for truth /deep with/in me, *
 and will make me understand /wisdom secret/ly.
- 8 Purge me from my sin, and I /shall be /pure; *
 wash me, and I /shall be clean in/deed.
- 9 Make me hear of /joy and /gladness, *
 that the body you have /broken may re/joice.
- 10 Hide your face/ from my /sins *
 and blot out /all my iniqui/ties.
- 11 Create in me a clean /heart, O /God, *
 and renew a right /spirit within /me.



Reader A reading from Paul's First Letter to Timothy (1:12-17)

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners-- of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

Sequence Hymn "My Shepherd will supply my need" Hymn 664

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke (15:1-10)

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance." Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

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, Virginia, Mallory, Harold, Doug, Jim, Will, and
Kim, (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 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. During the announcements, the Celebrant will invite those who are celebrating a birthday or wedding anniversary this week (or whose recent birthday or anniversary has not yet been prayed for in church) to come forward so we may pray for them.

Offertory Anthem

Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

arr. Ronald Turner

The Doxology:

v. 3, Hymn 380

All: Praise God, from whom all blessing 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.

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

I have found that which I had lost

Luke 15, Psalm 32

Communion Music

"Lord, thou hast searched me"

Hymn 702

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

"The King of love my shepherd is"

Hymn 646

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

People: Thanks be to God.

The Closing Voluntary

Prelude in G Minor

J. S. Bach

**We Give Thanks for the Altar Flowers
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 people of St. Mark's, Clifford and their rector, the Rev. Allison Caudill. 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 (Rives Coleman, Susan Critz, Butch Hamlet, Michael Hodges, LaRue Powers, Pat Russell, Will Zimmer, and Page Beeler) 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.**

Sunday Bible Study

Our Sunday morning study meets in the Parish House before worship (from 9:30 to 10:10ish); we are currently reading through Paul's First Letter to the Church in Corinth. On September 14, we will continue in chapter 1 (10-31) as Paul lays out some introductory concerns. All are welcome and encouraged to join at any time; no reading ahead of time is necessary.

Monday Bible Study

Our Monday evening study meets in the Parish House from 7:00 to 8:00. On September 15, we will consider chapter 2 of Ruth, in which a day of gleaning introduces Ruth to Boaz. All are welcome and encouraged to join at any time; no reading ahead of time is necessary.

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. Barring the unexpected, we will meet every Wednesday in September.

Choir

St. Christopher's Choir of Christ Church has rehearsals each week on Thursday evening at **7:00 pm** (in the choir room, accessed via the glass doors into the Undercroft). On Sunday mornings, our choir graciously offers their voices to make a joyful noise unto the Lord not only with anthems during the Offertory but leading us in the hymns, Psalm, and service music throughout the service. All are invited and encouraged to join; no prior experience with choirs is required, only that you delight in worshiping the Lord in song. Talk to our organist/choirmaster Lynn Gardner if you might be interested.

Loaves & Fishes

Loaves & Fishes (our monthly free dinner, open to all) is on **September 24**, with dinner being served from **5:00 to 6:00**. Even if you are not helping with cooking, serving, cleaning, or donating fruit or dessert, church members are encouraged to come and sit down for a meal with our neighbors in the community. Sign up on the Church's website under volunteers to volunteer, be a table host, or to bring something.

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 **September: Potato Products (mashed, scalloped)**. **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

Chalists: Bob Bushnell, Tom Webster

Organist/Choirmaster: Lynn Gardner

Chorister/Cantor: Raul West

Christ Church Choir: St. Christopher's Choir

Ushers: John Swezey, Ben Lewis

Camera Operator: Andy Williams

Counters: Butch Hamlet, Natalie Coleman

Nursery: Caroline Davis

Altar Guild Team #1 - Beth Sibbick, Stuart Webster, LaRue Powers, Jane Thomasson,
Beth Cahill, Dan Cahill, Bill Sibbick

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