



CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Father's Day
June 21, 2026
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 *Ciacona in F Minor* Johann Pachelbel

Processional Hymn *"Take up your cross"* Hymn 675

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 Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; 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 (21:8-21)

The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac." The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring." So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba. When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him." Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink. God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

Reader The Word of the Lord
People Thanks be to God

Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17 Inclina, Domine

- 1 Bow down your ear, O Lord, and /answer /me, *
for I am /poor and in mise/ry.
- 2 Keep watch over my life, for /I am /faithful; *
save your servant who /puts his trust in /you.
- 3 Be merciful to me, O Lord, for you /are my /God; *
I call upon you /all the day /long.
- 4 Gladden the soul/ of your /servant, *
for to you, O Lord, /I lift up my /soul.
- 5 For you, O Lord, are /good and for/giving, *
and great is your love toward /all who call u/pon you.
- 6 Give ear, O Lord, /to my /prayer, *
and attend to the /voice of my suppli/cations.
- 7 In the time of my trouble I will /call u/pon you, *
for /you will answer/ me.
- 8 Among the gods there is none like /you, O /Lord, *
nor /anything like your /works.



- 9 All nations you have made will come and worship /you, O /Lord, *
and /glorify your /Name.
- 10 For you are great;
you do /wondrous /things; *
and /you alone are /God.
- 16 Turn to me and have /mercy u/pon me; *
give your strength to your servant;
and save /the child of your hand/maid.
- 17 Show me a sign of your favor,
so that those who hate me may see it and /be a/shamed; *
because you, O Lord, have /helped me and comforted /me.

Reader A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Church in Rome (6:1b-11)

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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

Sequence Hymn *"I love thy kingdom, Lord"* **Hymn 524**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew (10:24-39)
People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said to the twelve disciples, "A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

"So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

"Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord
People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon "World's best dad?" The Rev. John Adams
Ideas to ponder:

- How is (or was) your relationship with your parents similar and different to your relationship with God?
- How might the sword Jesus brings to families be a good thing?

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 V *Standing or kneeling* BCP 389

Reader In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, Karin our Bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

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. 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

The Lone Wild Bird
"Prospect" from Southern Harmony

arr. Jessica Nelson

The Doxology:

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.

v. 3, Hymn 380

The Holy Communion, Eucharistic Prayer A

Standing

BCP 361

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Celebrant

It is right... proclaim the glory of your Name:

BCP 361-362

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.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

"Christ for the world we sing!"

Hymn 537

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Closing Voluntary

Prelude in G

J. S. Bach

*The beauty of the Altar Flowers are Given to the Glory of God
and in Loving Memory of
Margaret Lester and Mr. and Mrs. James D. Coleman, Sr.
By the Family*

*The beauty of the Narthex Flowers are Given to the Glory of God
and in Thanksgiving for the marriage of
Anne Parker Coleman and Harrison Clifton
By the Family*

Anne Parker and Harrison "May the Lord bless you and shower you with happiness.
Wishing you a joyful and faithful married life."

Pray today for the Bishop's Visitation to Emmanuel, Covington. Pray for the people of Emmanuel, Covington and their rector, The Very Rev. Katherine Doyle. For Grace and Peace in the Diocese of Haiti. Our companion diocese, the Diocese of Leeds and their Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Toby Howarth

Summer Sunday Lemonade

Continuing a summer tradition, we will have fellowship time with lemonade (or tea) and cookies on the patio (or in the undercroft if it's raining) **after the 10:30 service, June 7 through August 30**; if you are willing to help bring beverages and treats or set up and clean up, please sign up on our website under 'volunteers', for your Sunday. There is some lemonade and tea in the Undercroft refrigerator. Cups and napkins will be provided.

Loaves & Fishes

This month's Loaves & Fishes (our monthly free dinner, open to all) is on **June 24**. Dinner will be 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 to volunteer or to bring something. We need people to volunteer and donate in almost all areas.**

Grace Network

Our Grace Network Assignments for June: Applesauce (24-32 oz) OR six packs of individuals. For June: dish detergent, deodorant, laundry detergent, and hygiene items. As a Church family, we have committed to helping Grace Network by 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: Natalie Coleman, Steve Keyser

Organist/Choirmaster: Lynn Gardner

Chorister/Cantor: Raul West

Christ Church Choir: St. Christopher's Choir

Ushers: Pete Scouras, Bob Weatherall

Camera Operator: Hank Long

Counters: Susan Critz, Ron Probst

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

Nursery Attendant: Caroline Davis

2026 Christ Church Vestry

Year 3: Bob Bushnell, Rives Coleman; Senior Warden, LaRue Powers,
Bob Weatherall, Junior Warden

Year 2: Susan Critz, Butch Hamlet; Treasurer, Michael Hodges; Secretary, Steve Keyser

Year 1: Kelly Cain, Jay Dickens, Linda O'Dell, Ron Probst

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!