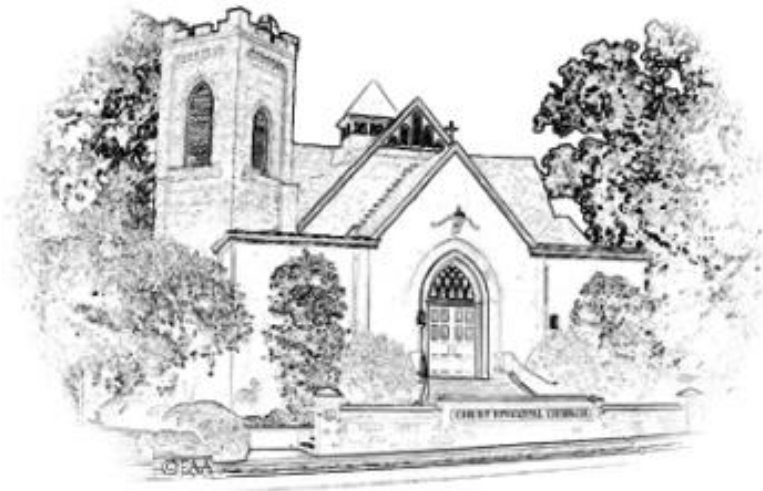


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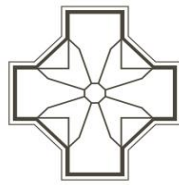
The Reverend John D. Adams  
*Rector of*  
Christ Episcopal Church  
*Martinsville, Virginia*  
*The Diocese of Southwestern Virginia*



*Wednesday, the 21<sup>st</sup> of September*

*Two Thousand Twenty-two*

*7:00 PM*



# CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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## The Renewal of Ministry with the Welcoming of a New Rector The Feast of St. Matthew - September 21, 2022, 7:00 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite II

*Please silence your electronic devices.  
Music and lyrics of hymns may be found in the blue Hymnal 1982.*

The Opening Voluntary

Aria

John S. Dixon

*All stand*

Processional Hymn

*“Christ is made the sure foundation”*

Hymn 518

*Bishop* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

*People* ***Glory to God for ever and ever.***

*Bishop* There is one Body and one Spirit;

*People* ***There is one hope in God’s call to us;***

*Bishop* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

*People* ***One God, Creator of all.***

*Bishop* The Lord be with you.

*People* ***And also with you.***

*Bishop* Let us pray.

We thank you, heavenly Father, for the witness of your apostle and evangelist Matthew to the Gospel of your Son our Savior; and we pray that, after his example, we may with ready wills and hearts obey the calling of our Lord to follow him; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The people sit and the Wardens stand near the Bishop, who states the purpose of this gathering, concluding*

People of Christ Church, Martinsville, you have reflected on your ministry and discerned your choice for a new Rector.

*Wardens* We have chosen and called John Adams to be our Rector, and he has accepted.

*Bishop* I commend your choice and affirm this call.

*The Letter of Institution (BCP, p. 557) is read. The Bishop continues*

Are you, the people of Christ Church, ready to continue in your ministry, with John as your Rector?

*People* ***We are.***

*The Wardens escort the Rector from the nave to the front of the assembly.*

*A Lector presents the lectern Bible and says*

John, with this Bible we proclaim and hear God's living Word. Join us in the ministry of telling the Good News to the World.

*Rector* Amen. Let us hear again the Good News of salvation.

*Reader* A reading from the Book of Proverbs (3:1-6).

My child, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments; for length of days and years of life and abundant welfare they will give you. Do not let loyalty and faithfulness forsake you; bind them round your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. So you will find favor and good repute in the sight of God and of people. Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

*People* ***Thanks be to God.***

**Psalm 119:33-40** *All stand*

33 Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, \*  
and I shall keep it to the end.

34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; \*  
I shall keep it with all my heart.

35 Make me go in the path of your commandments, \*  
for that is my desire.

36 Incline my heart to your decrees \*  
and not to unjust gain.

37 Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; \*  
give me life in your ways.

38 Fulfill your promise to your servant, \*  
which you make to those who fear you.

39 Turn away the reproach which I dread, \*  
because your judgments are good.

40 Behold, I long for your commandments; \*  
in your righteousness preserve my life.

*All sit*

*Reader* A reading from the Second Letter to Timothy (3:14-17).

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

*People* ***Thanks be to God.***

*Priest* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew (9:9-13).  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

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

All sit  
Homily The Rt. Rev. Mark A. Bourlakas, Bishop

Renewal of Baptismal Vows *All stand*

*Bishop* John; people of Christ Church: in Holy Baptism we received full adoption through God's grace and full empowerment for ministry through the Holy Spirit. Will you work together as partners in the mission of the Church, to reconcile all people to God through Christ?

*People* **We will, with God's help.**

*Bishop* The water of baptism signifies our eternal covenant with God. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to Christ, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*The Rector leads the renewal of baptismal vows.*

*Rector* Let us renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we renounce Satan and all his works, and promise to serve God faithfully in God's holy Catholic Church.

*Rector* Do you believe in God the Father?  
*People* **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

*Rector* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?  
*People* **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Rector* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People* *I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.*

*Rector* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*People* *I will, with God's help.*

*Rector* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People* *I will, with God's help.*

*Rector* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People* *I will, with God's help.*

*Rector* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People* *I will, with God's help.*

*Rector* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People* *I will, with God's help.*

*Rector* May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*People* *Amen.*

*A book of prayers is brought forward by an Intercessor from the congregation.*

John, with this book we offer our prayers, intercessions and thanksgivings to God.

*Rector* Amen. In the Spirit of God, who searches the heart and knows our deepest needs, let us pray for the Church, the world, and all who yearn for Christ's healing.

**A Litany for the Mission of the Church** *All stand or kneel*

*Reader* Holy God, in whom all things in heaven and earth have their being,  
*People* *Have mercy on us.*

*Reader* Jesus the Christ, through whom the world is reconciled to the Father,

*People* *Have mercy on us.*

*Reader* Holy Spirit, whose glory fills the world and searches the depths of God,  
*People* *Have mercy on us.*

*Reader* Blessed Trinity, source of both unity and diversity,  
*People* *Have mercy on us.*

*Reader* From blind hearts and petty spirits, that refuse to see the need of all humankind for your love,

*People* *Savior, deliver us.*

*Reader* From pride, self-sufficiency and the unwillingness to admit our own need of your compassion,  
*People* **Savior, deliver us.**

*Reader* From discouragement in the face of pain and disappointment, and from lack of persistence and thoroughness,  
*People* **Savior, deliver us.**

*Reader* From ignorance, apathy, and complacency that prevent us from spreading the Gospel,  
*People* **Savior, deliver us.**

*Reader* O God, we pray for the gifts of ministry. Inspire our minds with a vision of your kingdom in this time and place.  
*People* **Hear us, O Christ.**

*Reader* Touch our eyes, that we may see your glory in all creation.  
*People* **Hear us, O Christ.**

*Reader* Touch our ears, that we may hear from every mouth the hunger for hope and stories of refreshment.  
*People* **Hear us, O Christ.**

*Reader* Touch our lips, that we may tell in every tongue and dialect the wonderful works of God.  
*People* **Hear us, O Christ.**

*Reader* Touch our hearts, that we may discern the mission to which you call us.  
*People* **Hear us, O Christ.**

*Reader* Touch our feet, that we may take your Good News into our neighborhoods, communities, and all parts of the world.  
*People* **Hear us, O Christ.**

*Reader* Touch our hands, that we may each accomplish the work you give us to do.  
*People* **Hear us, O Christ.**

*Reader* Strengthen and encourage all who minister in your name in lonely, dangerous and unresponsive places.  
*People* **Hear us, O Christ.**

*Reader* Open the hearts and hands of many to support your Church in this and every place.  
*People* **Hear us, O Christ.**

*Celebrant* O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*A stole may be presented by Eucharistic Visitors.*

John, with prayer, companionship and laying-on of hands we bring the reconciling presence of Christ to those who seek healing. Join us in this ministry by calling us to repentance, and assuring us of God's forgiveness and love.

*Rector* Amen. Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, loves you eternally, and reconciles you to one another.

*All stand*

*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. Tonight's offering is designated for the Rector's Discretionary Fund. All checks should include the notation, "For RDF".*

*Ushers bring the people's offerings of bread and the wine. Addressing the Rector, they say*

John, when we share the bread and the cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. Join us at God's table to offer and bless our gifts of bread and wine.

*Rector* Amen. Together, let us keep the feast.

**Offertory music**

*Teach Me O Lord*

Thomas Atwood

*When the alms are brought forward, gifts for ministry may also be brought to the altar, and may be received with the following*

*Bishop* We offer thanksgiving to God for the ministries represented by these symbols, and ask God's grace to live ever more fully into the commitments we have made in Baptism.

*People* **Amen.**

**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.

*People* It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. *Here a Proper Preface is said.* Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

***Celebrant and People***

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hymnal S 125**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

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

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*Celebrant*

*Standing or kneeling*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

Hymnal S 132

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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. If you wish to receive the wine, you may either sip from the common cup or take a cup from one of the side tables as you come forward, into which a chalice-bearer will pour a small portion of wine; if you wish to intinct (dip the wafer into the wine), please take a small cup and do not intinct in the common cup. Gluten-free wafers are available by request. If you do not wish to receive, you may come to the rail and place your arms across your chest to receive a blessing. Those who cannot or prefer not to come forward may inform an usher, and the celebrant will come to you.*

Communion Chant

*Jesus said to his disciples*

Matthew 16, Psalm 34

Communion Music *How Beautiful Are the Feet of Them That Preach the Gospel of Peace*  
George Friedrich Handel

*Once all have received, the Celebrant says*  
Let us pray.

*Celebrant and people*

Loving God,  
we give you thanks  
for restoring us in your image  
and nourishing us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.  
Now send us forth  
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;  
that we may proclaim your love to the world  
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

*Bishop* We have celebrated this new pastoral relationship in the great prayer of the Church. John, I commend to your love and care the people of Christ Church. My brothers and sisters in Christ, I commend to your love and care your new Rector, colleague and friend, John.

*The Bishop may bless the assembly.*

Recessional Hymn

*Christ for the world we sing!"*

Hymn 537

Closing Hymn

*Toccata in C*

Johann Pachelbel

*Priest* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*We give thanks for the beauty of the Altar Flowers  
Given to the Glory of God and in Thanksgiving for the  
New Ministry of John D. Adams  
By the Altar Guild*

*We give thanks for the beauty of the Narthex Flowers  
Given to the Glory of God and in Thanksgiving for the  
New Ministry of John D. Adams  
By the CEC Congregation*

Thank you to those who serve:

*Celebrant: The Rt. Rev. Mark A. Bourlakas, Bishop  
Bishop's Chaplain: The Rev. Cn. Jonathan F. Harris  
Lector/prayers: Bob Bushnell, Susan Critz  
Chalists: Natalie Coleman  
Acolyte: Baylie Coleman, Claire Gallop  
Organist: Lynn Gardner  
Chorister/Cantor: Raul West  
Choir: St. Christopher's Adult Choir  
Ushers: Ben Beeler, Bob Weatherall, Tom Webster, John Swezey  
Altar Guild: Team Five - Lloyd Barber, Debbie Lewis, Cece Johnson,  
Jill Dickens, Amy Joyce,  
Pat Russell*

*Presenters:*

*Wardens: Hank Long, Andy Williams  
Bible: Bob Bushnell  
Book of Prayers: Susan Critz  
Stole: Ruby Stultz  
Bread and Wine: Ben Beeler, Bob Weatherall, Tom Webster, John Swezey  
Additional Symbols: Br. Mychal Joseph Gallop, Page Beeler, Steve Keyser*

### Vestry for 2022

**Year 3:** Carolyn Byrd; Beverley Coleman, Secretary;  
Cece Johnson; Ellen Maxwell

**Year 2:** Hank Long, Senior Warden;  
Ruby Stultz; Rebin Titus; Pat Walmsley

**Year 1:** Ben Beeler; Jay Dickens,  
Beverly Lyle, Treasurer;  
Andy Williams, Junior Warden