



CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost with Healing

October 2, 2022

10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Wearing a mask is strongly recommended for all. Please silence your electronic devices. Music and lyrics of hymns may be found in the blue Hymnal 1982.

➤ *October is Pastor Appreciation Month*

The Opening Voluntary

Kedron

Southern Harmony
settings by David N. Johnson, Alice Parker

Processional Hymn

"New every morning is the love"

Hymn 10

Officiant: 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

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:

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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.**

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Reader A reading from the Book of Lamentations (1:1-6)

How lonely sits the city
that once was full of people!
How like a widow she has become,
she that was great among the nations!
She that was a princess among the provinces
has become a vassal.
She weeps bitterly in the night,
with tears on her cheeks;
among all her lovers
she has no one to comfort her;
all her friends have dealt treacherously with her,
they have become her enemies.
Judah has gone into exile with suffering
and hard servitude;
she lives now among the nations,
and finds no resting place;
her pursuers have all overtaken her
in the midst of her distress.
The roads to Zion mourn,
for no one comes to the festivals;
all her gates are desolate,
her priests groan;
her young girls grieve,
and her lot is bitter.
Her foes have become the masters,
her enemies prosper,
because the LORD has made her suffer
for the multitude of her transgressions;
her children have gone away,
captives before the foe.
From daughter Zion has departed
all her majesty.
Her princes have become like stags
that find no pasture;
they fled without strength
before the pursuer.

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

Lamentations 3:19-26

The thought of my affliction and my homelessness
is worm/wood and /gall!

My soul continually thinks of it
and is /bowed down within /me.

But this I call to mind,
and therefore /I have /hope:

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
his mercies/ never come to an /end;

they are new every morning;
great is your /faithful/ness.

"The Lord is my portion," says my soul,
"therefore /I will hope in /him."

The Lord is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul /that seeks /him.

It is good that one should wait quietly
for the sal/vation of the /Lord.

Reader A reading from Second Timothy (1:1-14)

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life
that is in Christ Jesus,

To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I am grateful to God-- whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did--
when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I
long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a
faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am
sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within
you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice,
but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but
join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us
and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own
purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began,
but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who
abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this
gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I
suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust,
and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold
to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love
that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of
the Holy Spirit living in us.

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



The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke (17:5-10)

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

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.

A Litany of Healing

Standing or kneeling

Reader God the Father, your will for all people is health and salvation;
People *We praise you and thank you, O Lord.*

Reader God the Son, you came that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly;
People *We praise you and thank you, O Lord.*

Reader God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence;
People *We praise you and thank you, O Lord.*

Reader Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being;
People *We praise you and thank you, O Lord.*

Reader Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or disabled, especially Mary Ruth, Cindy, Mark, Lauren, Sue, Noah, Julia, Sanddii, Avenell, Linda, Irene, Dorothy and Kristin that they may be made whole;
People *Hear us, O Lord of life.*

Reader Grant to all who seek your guidance, and to all who are lonely, anxious, or despondent, a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence;
People *Hear us, O Lord of life.*

Reader Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit;
People *Hear us, O Lord of life.*

Reader Bless physicians, nurses, and all others who minister to the suffering, granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience;
People *Hear us, O Lord of life.*

Reader Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved;
People *Hear us, O Lord of life.*

Reader Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives, in our nation, and in the world;
People *Hear us, O Lord of life.*

Reader You are the Lord who does wonders:
People *You have declared your power among the peoples.*

Reader With you, O Lord, is the well of life:
People *And in your light we see light.*

Reader Hear us, O Lord of life:
People *Heal us, and make us whole.*

All may offer their prayers at this time, aloud or in the silence of their hearts, after which the Celebrant offers a concluding collect.

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

Thy servant did meditate in thy statutes

Psalm 119

Communion Music

“Bread of the world”

Hymn 301

“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

“Come, labor on”

Hymn 541

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People *Thanks be to God.*

The Closing Voluntary

From the Depths of My Heart

J. S. Bach

Discretionary Fund – Today is the 1st Sunday of the month and the loose offering is designated for the Rector’s Discretionary Fund. All checks should include the notation, “For RDF”.

*The beauty of the Altar Flowers are
Given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of
Sam and Martha Edmiston
By the Family*

*The beauty of the Narthex Flowers are
Given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of
Frank I. and Frances H. Richardson
By the Family*

Pray today for the Lay Employees and Volunteers of the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia. The People of the Diocese of Haiti as they search for their new Bishop. The Diocese of Leeds and their Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Nick Baines.

October Events

- **Sunday Bible Study**

Our Sunday Bible Study will read and discuss highlights of the Book of the Prophet Isaiah. Consisting of 66 chapters composed over a few centuries, Isaiah is one of the most wide-ranging and beloved books of Hebrew Scripture. It includes both stinging condemnations of human failures to follow God's will and glorious promises of God's continuing love. Bible Study meets in the Parish House at 9:30 am, and all are invited to join the conversation.

- **Sunday services at 10:30 am** - Rite II, w/HE Rev. John Adams presiding

- **The Daily Office** is being offered by an ecumenical group of dedicated individuals at 9 a.m. for morning prayer, noon for noontime prayer and at 5 p.m. for evening prayer. Join the group on Facebook Live, their page is Daily Office Prayer and the link is <https://www.facebook.com/dailyOfficePrayer/>.

- **Monday Study Group**

The Monday Study Group is currently going *Beyond the Dirty Pages*, taking a guided tour through the *Book of Common Prayer* to discuss those services and resources that we rarely if ever use on Sundays. We meet in the Parish House (entering by the front door) and begin with a light supper (soup and bread) at 6:30pm, with the study running from 7:00 until 8:00 or shortly thereafter. All are welcome to join; if you are coming, please give the office a heads-up (276-632-2896 or christchurchmvl@gmail.com) so we can set a place for you.

- **Wednesday Eucharists**

Our Wednesday services now include cookies! At Noon on Wednesdays, Eucharist is offered in the Chapel (accessed by the glass doors at the back of the church building). The service is entirely spoken and includes a homily on the saint of the day, with fresh-baked cookies available after; please let the Gallops or the Buddes know if you'd like to be involved in the baking. This is a good opportunity to worship for those who have conflicts or difficulties on Sunday mornings, those who would prefer to enter the building when there are fewer people present, those who want to receive communion and go home in under forty minutes, and those who wish to worship with the community more often than every Sunday.

- **Loaves & Fishes**

Loaves and Fishes is returning to the church undercroft. Meals will be served in the undercroft on the last Wednesday of each month beginning at 5:00pm - 5:45pm. For folks who would prefer to take their meals home with them, carry out boxes are

available. There are limited parking spaces behind the church for people with mobility issues.

Masks are required for unvaccinated adults. Hand sanitizer is available for use.

Blessing of the Animals – October 2

In honor of the Feast of St. Francis, you are invited to bring your dogs, cats, and any other animals for a **Blessing of the Animals on October 2 at 3:00 pm**. In this short service, we thank God for the whole of creation and ask God's blessing on these animals we particularly love as part of our families. We will meet in the Gathering Place (the benches between the Parish House parking and Letcher Ct); in the event of rain, blessings will be offered in the Undercroft.

King's Grant Eucharist – October 6

Covid permitting, Fr. John will celebrate Holy Eucharist in the Chapel at King's Grant at 1:30 pm on Thursday, October 6.

Pastor Appreciation Day – October 9

Pastor Appreciation Month, October, and day, October 9, is a special time that congregations set aside each year to honor their pastors for the hard work, sacrificial dedication and multiple blessings provided by these special people. It is a time that CEC can shower Father John with extra blessings and words of encouragement.

Public Theology – October 12

Public Theology meets on Wednesday, October 12, at Mountain Valley Brewing (4220 Mountain Valley Rd, Axton). In honor of the Feast of St. Francis (on October 4), Pastor Daniel and Fr. John will be considering the question "Do all dogs go to heaven?", leading a discussion of how we understand heaven and how non-human creation, and our pets specifically, might fit therein. Dogs (and other pets) are welcome to join, and at the conclusion of the conversation we will be offering pet blessings for any who desire them. We begin with socializing and a light dinner around 6:00, with the discussion going from 7:00 to 8:00.

Rev. Roy Pollina, Book Signing – October 12

Rev. Roy Pollina, former rector of CEC, is having a book signing for his book "*Justified By Her Children: Deeds of Courage Confronting a Tradition of Racism*". In his new book Fr. Pollina recounts the sad historical record of white religious denominations that too often looked upon the struggle for integration and racial equality as a "sociological problem" that should never have become an "unfortunate controversy" for the church. The book signing will be held on Wednesday, October 12th at 6:00pm at The Church of the Epiphany, 115 Jefferson Avenue, Danville, VA.

Bishop's Visit – October 23

The Rt. Rev. Mark A. Bourlakas, Bishop of the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia, will be visiting Christ Church on Sunday, October 23. He will be confirming or receiving seven new members of Christ Church at the 10:30 service, and we will also be joined by Canon Jenni Faires and the Diocesan Youth Ministry Team. A reception will follow in the Parish House. Please sign up under 'Volunteers' to bring something. Mark your calendars and plan to join us for this celebration.

Parish House Work Update

As you may have noticed, work has begun replacing the wood rot and gutters on the exterior of the Parish House, with painting to follow. In the wake of a significant interior leak on Labor Day and the subsequent discovery that the roof shingles were overdue for replacement, our intrepid Junior Warden, Andy Williams, is collecting bids for the roof work and the Vestry has voted to delay the previously announced replacement of the lift to next year after the roof is repaired. \$19,200 has already been received or pledged toward the Parish House work, and additional gifts would be greatly appreciated.

SAVE THE DATE

Save the date for The Dan Prince and Gene Medley Memorial Oyster Roast scheduled for Friday, November 4, 2022, at 6:00 pm.

Tickets for the 50/50 raffle are available **NOW** from Vestry members (listed below) and the Church office. The cost is \$10 per ticket or \$100 per book, with maximum winnings of \$2,500.

Bake Sale & Silent Auction

We need volunteers to help bake brownies, bars, cakes, and pies. Also volunteers to make soups, casseroles, and sauces. Please sign up under volunteers on our website and let us know what you will be bringing and the quantity. *****Please list the quantity you are donating on the email line of the sign up.***** Brownies and bars will need to be individually packaged in servings of six (6). Generous portions are appreciated (2x2). Cakes, pies, soups, casseroles, and sauces will need to be in/on serving pieces which will not need to be returned to the creator. We will set up drop off for Thursday and Friday, November 3-4. Details to follow!

For the Silent Auction, we will have furniture and a beach house get away along with a few other ideas and items in the works!

Thank you for your support and efforts to make this annual tradition such a great success!

Christ Episcopal Church Invites You To

The Dan Prince & Gene Medley Memorial Oyster Roast

Friday, November 4
6:00 p.m.

Christ Episcopal Church Parish House
311 East Church Street
Martinsville, VA 24112

Oyster Roast | Buffet Dinner | Open Bar | Music
50/50 Raffle with \$2,500 maximum winning
Bake Sale | Large-Item Silent Auction

\$50 per person

Call Church Office (276-632-2896) to Purchase Tickets
All Reservations and Payment Due by October 21 (cash or check only)
ADVANCED PAYMENT REQUIRED – NO TICKETS SOLD AT DOOR

Raffle tickets may be purchased from Vestry members or through the church office.

Outside Rain or Shine – Casual Dress



Pop-up Tents and Heaters Needed

We are in need of pop-up tents and standing outside propane heaters for our Oyster Roast on Friday, November 4. Please contact Page Beeler at 276-732-4000 or pagebeeler@comcast.net if you have any that we can borrow.

Grace Network - Our Grace Network Assignments for October - December: **Pork & Beans 15 oz.** For the month of October: **toilet paper, feminine products, and deodorant.** 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.

Chalicers Wanted

Offering the Blood of Christ to your fellow parishioners can be a highly meaningful way to participate more deeply in Sunday worship. We are presently in need of more folks to bear the chalice and cruet when we celebrate communion; please talk to Fr. John or Hank Long if you are interested in joining this ministry.

Fr. John's Office Hours

As part of his weekly calendar, Fr. John blocks out a couple of times where he does not schedule other visits or meetings so that those who wish to chat without a specific appointment can reliably find him. These 'office hours' are presently Tuesday mornings, 9:00 - 10:30 at the Ground Floor, and Wednesday afternoons, 2:30 - 4:00 at his office in the Parish House. He is also happy to schedule specific meetings simply to get to know the people of Christ Church better, and encourages you to email, text, or call him (johndavidadams85@gmail.com and 571-232-1294) if you are sick, having surgery, otherwise in need of prayer, or just want to visit.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVE:

Officiant: Rev. John Adams
Lector/prayers: Anne Gardner
Chalists: Bob Bushnell, Tom Webster
Acolyte: Claire Gallop
Organist: Lynn Gardner
Chorister/Cantor: Raul West
Choir: St. Christopher's Adult Choir
Ushers: Trippi Penn, Rives Coleman, Dan Cahill, Ben Lewis
Altar Guild: Team One - Beth Sibbick, Stuart Webster, Alexandra O'Hare, LaRue Powers, Jane Thomasson, May Hawfield, Lyndsay Titus, Beth Cahill (Susan Critz - flower substitute)
Counters: Hank Long, Beverly Lyle

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