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The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 26, 2021

10:30 A.M. Rite II W/NO HE

The Opening Voluntary "Fantasia" Johann Pachelbel

Introit *I have found my sheep which was lost* Luke 15, Psalm 32

Processional Hymn "St. Petersburg" Hymn 574

1 Before thy throne, O God, we kneel:  
give us a conscience quick to feel,  
a ready mind to understand  
the meaning of thy chastening hand;  
whate'er the pain and shame may be,  
bring us, O Father, nearer thee.

2 Search out our hearts and make us true;  
help us to give to all their due.  
From love of pleasure, lust of gold,  
from sins which make the heart grow  
cold,  
wean us and train us with thy rod;  
teach us to know our faults, O God.

3 For sins of heedless word and deed,  
for pride ambitious to succeed,  
for crafty trade and subtle snare  
to catch the simple unaware,  
for lives bereft of purpose high,  
forgive, forgive, O Lord, we cry.

4 Let the fierce fires which burn and try,  
our inmost spirits purify:  
consume the ill; purge out the shame;  
O God, be with us in the flame;  
a newborn people may we rise,  
more pure, more true, more nobly wise.

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

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, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

The king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, "What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled." Then Queen Esther answered, "If I have won your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me-- that is my petition-- and the lives of my people-- that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king." Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, "Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?" Esther said, "A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!" Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen.

Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, "Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high." And the king said, "Hang him on that." So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated.

Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

Celebrant: The Word of the Lord

**People** *Thanks be to God*

## Psalm 124 *Nisi quia Dominus*

- 1 If the LORD had not been /on our /side, \*  
let/ Israel now /say;
- 2 If the LORD had not been /on our /side, \*  
when enemies /rose up against /us;
- 3 Then would they have swallowed us /up a/live \*  
in their fierce /anger toward /us;
- 4 Then would the waters have/ over/whelmed us \*  
and the torrent gone over/ us;
- 5 Then would the /raging /waters \*  
have /gone right over /us.
- 6 Blessed/ be the /LORD! \*  
he has not given us over to be a /prey for their /teeth.
- 7 We have escaped like a bird from the /snare of the /fowler; \*  
the snare is broken,/ and we have e/scaped.
- 8 Our help is in the Name /of the /LORD, \*  
the maker of /heaven and/ earth.



## James 5:13-20

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Celebrant: The Word of the Lord

People: *Thanks be to God*

## Sequence Hymn

*"Nun danket all und bringet Ehr"*

Hymn 509

1 Spirit divine, attend our prayers,  
and make this house thy home;  
descend with all thy gracious powers,  
O come, great Spirit, come!

2 Come as the light; to us reveal  
our emptiness and woe,  
and lead us in those paths of life

whereon the righteous go.

3 Come as the fire, and purge our hearts  
like sacrificial flame;  
let our whole soul an offering be  
to our Redeemer's Name.

4 Come as the dove, and spread thy wings,  
the wings of peaceful love;  
and let thy Church on earth become blest as the Church above.

5 Spirit divine, attend our prayers;  
make a lost world thy home;  
descend with all thy gracious powers;  
O come, great Spirit come!

## Mark 9:38-50

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

"For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

## The Homily

Bob Bushnell

## The Nicene Creed

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

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
***That we all may be one.***

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
***That your Name may be glorified by all people.***

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
***That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.***

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
***That there may be justice and peace on the earth.***

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
***That our works may find favor in your sight.***

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
***That they may be delivered from their distress.***

Give to the departed eternal rest; especially Jinks Morris  
***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
***May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.***

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others especially Crystal, the Search  
Committee, Kelly, the Vestry, Geneva, Jessie, William and Wanda.

*Silence.*

*Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.*

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.

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins  
through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all  
goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in  
eternal life. *Amen*

### The Peace, Announcements

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People: And also with you.*

Offertory Anthem

*Morning Has Broken*

Bunessan

The Doxology:

*"Hymn 380 v. 3"*

Old 100<sup>th</sup>

All: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

### 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.

### Recessional Hymn

*"Olivet"*

Hymn 691

1 My faith looks up to thee,  
thou Lamb of Calvary,  
Savior divine!  
Now hear me while I pray,  
take all my guilt away;  
O let me from this day  
be wholly thine!

2 May thy rich grace impart  
strength to my fainting heart,  
my zeal inspire;  
as thou hast died for me,

O may my love to thee  
pure, warm, and changeless be,  
a living fire.

3 While life's dark maze I tread,  
and griefs around me spread,  
be thou my guide;  
bid darkness turn to day;  
wipe sorrow's tears away,  
nor let me ever stray  
from thee aside.

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People *Thanks be to God.  
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.*

The Closing Voluntary “*Deck Thyself, My Soul, With Gladness*” Johann Gottfried Walther

Masks are mandatory for all indoor activities at the church  
and parish house for the foreseeable future.

A Ground’s Workday is scheduled for Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, in conjunction with the Boys and Girls Club. Please mark your calendars. Please bring work gloves, rakes, hoes, shovels, etc. to help with the clean-up around the campus.

Pray today for the Members of the Executive Board and the Standing Committee of the Episcopal 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.

*The beauty of the Altar Flowers are Given to the Glory of God  
and in Loving Memory of  
Margaret W. and Thomas C. Webster, M.D.  
By Tom, Stuart, Win and Jessica Webster*

*The beauty of the Narthex Flowers are Given to the Glory of God  
and in Loving Memory of  
David Joyce  
By Amy, Adrienne and Peyton Joyce*

*And*

*Given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of  
Jim Rosser  
By the Family*

The Parables: Stories with Intent

A SERIES PRESENTED BY

Br. Peter Budde BSG, MDIV, MA

Beginning Monday, September 20<sup>th</sup> to November 14<sup>th</sup>

6:30 to 7:00 PM Fellowship

7:00 to 8:00 Class

at the Parish House

**Please bring your preferred Bible**

**Annual Meeting/Vestry Elections** – The annual meeting of the Church will be on November 14<sup>th</sup> to elect 4 new vestry members, hear reports for the year and conduct any business that comes before the Church. We will meet in the undercroft and will have a Zoom option if requested.  
Please submit nominations for vestry to the office.

**Grace Network** - Our Grace Network Assignments for September: Sugar (4 lb. bag) For the month of September: Dish detergent, deodorant and laundry detergent. They are also in need of grocery bags for their food pantry. Use the Food Lion card for your shopping or give the card to Sue Rosser to shop for Grace Network. "Grace is counting on us to help keep their food pantry balanced. Thank you for supporting this outreach ministry."

### **SAVE THE DATE**

Save the date for The Dan Prince and Gene Medley Memorial Oyster Roast scheduled for Friday, November 5, 2021, at 6:00 pm. Reservations with prompt payment are now being taken. ALL money for a reservation needs to be paid by November 1<sup>st</sup>. No money will be accepted at the door.

We will have BAKED GOODS for SALE that evening. Please volunteer to bring your favorite dishes, treats and sweets!

\*\*\*\*\* Our categories include cakes, pies, cookies, soups and casseroles. Please let Debbie Lewis or Nancy Spilman know the descriptions and quantities that you are planning to provide.

A 50/50 raffle tickets are available NOW from Vestry members and the church office. The cost is \$10 per ticket or \$100 per book, with maximum winnings of \$2,500.



Christ Episcopal Church Invites You to

## **The Dan Prince and Gene Medley Memorial Oyster Roast**

Friday, November 5, 2021  
6:00 PM  
Parish House  
311 East Church Street, Martinsville

Oyster Roast - Buffet Dinner - Open Bar - Music  
50/50 Raffle, \$2500 Maximum Winnings  
Cash and Carry Bake Sale  
All are welcome!

\$40 per Ticket, your prompt payment is your reservation.  
Payment may be mailed to or dropped off at the church office,  
311 East Church Street  
Martinsville, VA 24112

Please Respond by November 1

Event Reservations may be made through the church office.  
Raffle Tickets may be purchased from Vestry members and through the church office.  
276-632-2896 or [office@christchurchmvl.org](mailto:office@christchurchmvl.org)

Casual Dress - Covid Requirements will be Announced Closer to the Event



### Thank you to those who serve:

Officiant: Bob Bushnell  
Lector/prayers: Pete Scouras  
Organist/Choirmaster: Lynn Gardner  
Chorister/Cantor: Raul West  
Camera Director: Ed Gallop  
Ushers:  
Altar Guild: Team Three – Page Beeler, Karen Jones, Liz Wolchko,  
Nancy Spilman, Ellen Maxwell, Kaye Woodz,  
Susan Critz

### Vestry for 2021

Lloyd Barber, Treasurer

**Year 3:** Dan Cahill, Junior Warden; Natalie Coleman;  
Debbie Lewis; Ron Probst

**Year 2:** Carolyn Byrd, Secretary; Chris Canipe;  
Beverley Coleman; Ellen Maxwell

**Year 1:** Hank Long, Senior Warden;  
Ruby Stultz; Rebin Titus; Pat Walmsley