



# CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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*We are a community of faith striving to love God fully and our neighbors as ourselves.*

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Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

(Father's Day)

June 16, 2024

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

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*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

*Eucharistia*

G. Winston Cassler

Processional Hymn

*"The Church's one foundation"*

Hymn 525

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.

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**Reader** A reading from the Prophet Ezekiel (17:22-24)

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. All the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the LORD have spoken; I will accomplish it.

**Reader** The Word of the Lord

**People** Thanks be to God

**Psalm 92:1-4,11-14** *Bonum est confiteri*

- 1 It is a good thing to give thanks /to the /LORD, \*  
and to sing praises to your /Name, O Most/ High;
- 2 To tell of your loving-kindness early /in the /morning \*  
and of your faithfulness /in the night /season;
- 3 On the psaltery, and /on the /lyre, \*  
and to the /melody of the /harp.
- 4 For you have made me glad by your /acts, O /LORD; \*  
and I shout for joy because of the /works of your /hands.
- 11 The righteous shall flourish /like a /palm tree, \*  
and shall spread abroad /like a cedar of /Lebanon.
- 12 Those who are planted in the house/ of the /LORD \*  
shall flourish in the /courts of our /God;
- 13 They shall still bear fruit /in old /age; \*  
they shall be /green and succu/lent;
- 14 That they may show how upright /the LORD /is, \*  
my Rock, in /whom there is no /fault.



**Reader** A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Church in Corinth (5:6-17)

We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord-- for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that

those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

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

Sequence Hymn

*"Thy kingdom come!"*

Hymn 615

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Mark (4:26-34)

People:      *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

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 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 Michael our Presiding Bishop, for Mark our own Bishop, 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.***

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For those in positions of public trust, especially Joe, our President, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For all who live and work in this community, we pray to you, O Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For this congregation, for those who are present, and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For *Sue, Julia, Betty, Nathan, Tom, Linda, Betsy, Mary Ruth, Nancy, Trippi, Mark, Pat, Patty Ann, Jane, and James*, we pray to you, O Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God. ***To you, O Lord our God.***



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*

*Kneeling or standing*

*BCP 362-363*

Holy and gracious Father: ... do this in 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.

*Celebrant*

*Kneeling or standing*

*BCP 363*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption...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. 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**

**All of you are one in Christ**

**Galatians 3, Psalm 29**

Communion Hymn

*"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

*"God is working his purpose"*

Hymn 534

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

The Closing Voluntary

*Come Holy Ghost, Lord God*

Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau

*The beauty of the Altar Flowers are Given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory  
of John P. Yeaman, Sr., Christine P. Yeaman, John W. Yeaman,  
David Yeaman, Joyce Wallace, and Nuel Wallace  
By Loretta, Johnny, and Lori Yeaman*

*We Give Thanks for the Beauty of the Narthex Flowers  
Given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of  
Gerald L. Jordan By the Family*

Pray today for the Corporations of the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia, Trustees of the Funds, SVEF, and SEH. For Grace and Peace in the Diocese of Haiti. Our companion diocese, the Diocese of Leeds, and their Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Nick Baines.

Sunday Bible Study

Our Sunday morning Bible study meets at 9:30 in the Parish House on June 16; this week we will read the curious episode with Abigail and Nabal while David is an outlaw (1 Samuel 25). All are welcome and encouraged to attend as your presence allows; no preparation ahead of time is necessary.

Summer Sundays

Continuing a summer tradition, we will have fellowship time after the service, with lemonade and cookies on the patio (or in the undercroft if it's raining) from **June 2 through August 25**; if you are willing to help bring beverages and treats or set up and clean up, please sign up on our website under volunteers at <https://christchurchmvl.org/volunteering.cfm?ID=318>.

Pastoral Care Teams - Volunteers

We need more volunteers for the Pastoral Care Committee. These groups set up, clean up, and organize receptions for funerals and when Bishop Mark visits. **We have one opening in June/December.** Everybody serves two months. We also need substitutes if the people scheduled for those months are unavailable. Contact Deborah to volunteer and for which month group at 276-632-2896 or [office@christchurchmvl.org](mailto:office@christchurchmvl.org). Thank you in advance for volunteering!

**Grace Network** - Our Grace Network Assignments for June: **canned beans 15 oz. (any kind).** For June: **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:** Hank Long

**Chalicers:** Bob Bushnell, Dawn Stone

**Acolyte:**

**Organist/Choirmaster:** Lynn Gardner

**Cantor:** Raul West

**Christ Church Choir:** St. Christopher's Choir

**Ushers:** Rives Coleman, Gus Barber, John Swezey

**Camera Operator:** Andy Williams

**Counters:** Ben Beeler, Bob Weatherall

**Altar Guild:** Team One - Beth Sibbick, Stuart Webster, LaRue Powers, Jane Thomasson  
Beth Cahill, Bill Sibbick, Susan Critz (flower substitute)

**Nursery Attendant:** Emily Williams

**Lemonade:**

**2024 Christ Church Vestry**

**Year 3:** Ben Beeler; Jay Dickens, Senior Warden; Beverly Lyle, Treasurer;  
Andy Williams, Junior Warden

**Year 2:** Betty Budde; Natalie Coleman, Secretary; Pat Russell; Will Zimmer

**Year 1:** Bob Bushnell, Rives Coleman, LaRue Powers, Bob Weatherall