

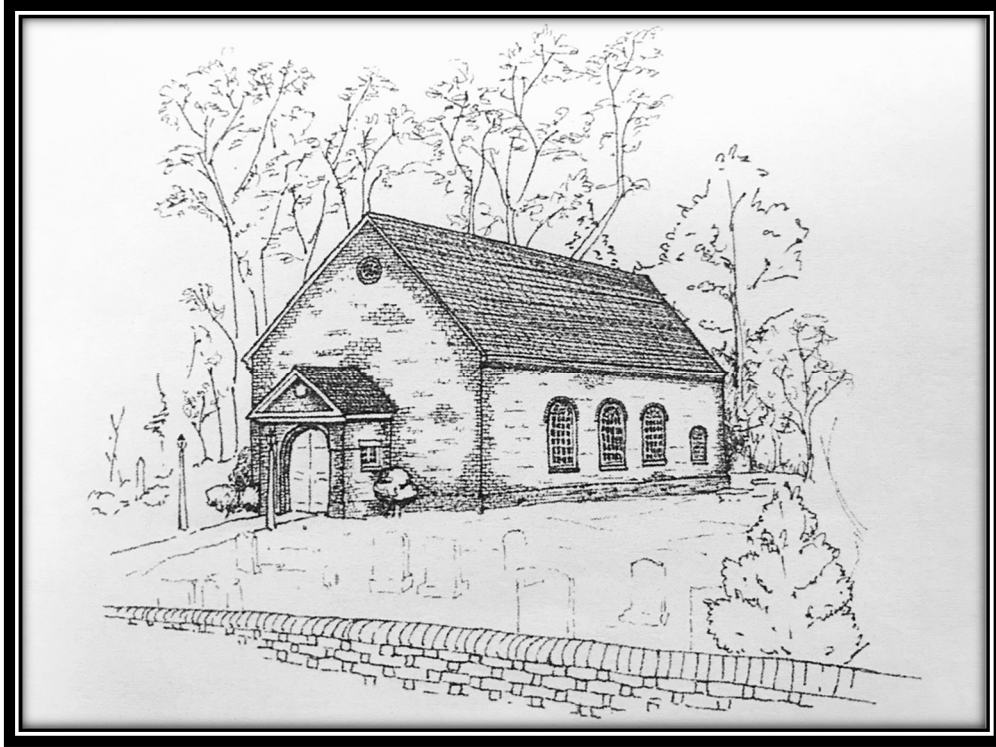
Welcome to Christ Church Parish

(Episcopal)

September 24, 2023

10:30 a.m.

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost



Founded in 1666

Before the service, speak to God in the silence of your heart.

*During the service, let God speak to you through
Word and Sacrament.*

After the service, speak with your neighbor!

Christ Church Parish Mission Statement

*We are a family of faith,
growing in Christ through worship, learning, and
service, who strive to love God
and to love our neighbors as ourselves.*

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Holy Eucharist: Rite II – September 24, 2023

God's gracious compassion for all people extends beyond human understanding.

Opening Voluntary	<i>Liebster Jesu, Wir Sind Hier</i>	Paul Fey
Processional Hymn 440	<i>Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word</i>	
Opening Sentences		BCP Page 355
Gloria in excelsis (S-280)		

THE WORD OF GOD

The Collect of the Day (<i>Proper 20</i>)		BCP Page 234
First Lesson		Exodus 16:2-15
Psalms 105:1-6, 37-45		BCP Page 738
Second Lesson		Philippians 1:21-30
Sequence Hymn WLP 761	<i>All Who Hunger Gather Gladly</i>	
Gospel		Matthew 20:1-16
The Sermon	The Rev. Stuart Clary Wood	
The Nicene Creed		BCP Page 358
The Prayers of the People: Form I		BCP Page 383
The Confession and Absolution		BCP Page 360
Prayers for Healing	Music: <i>Detroit</i>	David Lasky
The Peace		BCP Page 360
Offertory Anthem	<i>What Feast of Love</i>	Brian Wentzel

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Officiant Blessed be God
by whose grace creation is renewed,
by whose love heaven is opened,
by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise.
Blessed be God for ever.

The Great Thanksgiving: Prayer B	BCP Page 367
Sanctus (S-129)	BCP Page 367
The Lord's Prayer	BCP Page 364
The Breaking of the Bread:	

Officiant We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

People *Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.*

Officiant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

Officiant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Agnus Dei (Hymnal S-163)

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.

Communion Voluntary	<i>Liebster Jesu, Wir Sind Hier</i>	J. S. Bach
Post Communion Hymn 317	<i>This is the Hour of Banquet</i>	
The Prayer of Thanksgiving		BCP Page 366
The Blessing		
Recessional Hymn 527	<i>Singing Songs of Expectation</i>	
The Dismissal: Go in the peace of Christ		
People	<i>Thanks be to God.</i>	
Closing Voluntary	<i>Ebenezer</i>	Gordon Young

The Collect of the Day

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson

Exodus 16:2-15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord."

Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'"

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat."

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.
- 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
and speak of all his marvelous works.
- 3 Glory in his holy Name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
- 4 Search for the Lord and his strength; *
continually seek his face.
- 5 Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,
- 6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
O children of Jacob his chosen.
- 37 He led out his people with silver and gold; *
in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.
- 38 Egypt was glad of their going, *
because they were afraid of them.
- 39 He spread out a cloud for a covering *
and a fire to give light in the night season.
- 40 They asked, and quails appeared, *
and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.
- 41 He opened the rock, and water flowed, *
so the river ran in the dry places.
- 42 For God remembered his holy word *
and Abraham his servant.
- 43 So he led forth his people with gladness, *
his chosen with shouts of joy.
- 44 He gave his people the lands of the nations, *
and they took the fruit of others' toil,
- 45 That they might keep his statutes *
and observe his laws.
Hallelujah!

The Epistle

Philippians 1:21-30

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

The Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Please Remember in Your Prayers This Week:

Those on our Prayer List: Bob Montague, Jack Tarran, Shannon Budd, Gibbie Mangum, Betty Evans, Ann Donoff, Joyce Riesinger, Barbara Cockrell, Zubin, Merri Hanson, Lori Rexinger, Br. Christopher Hamlett, Joanne Bruce, Dick Debnam, Janet Lunden, Lucille Redmon, Jenny Wright, Jennifer Montague, Jean Crown Hodges, Cole Sullivan, Keith Callis, and Trip Poates.

We give thanks with those who are celebrating their birthdays this week: Janet Lundin, Bill Cawthorn, Jeff McClelland, Mary Buxton, Sheila Gammel, and Cathy Spence; and with those celebrating their anniversaries: Jeff & Pam McClelland, and Scott & Nancy Campbell.

We pray for our Diocese and in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Rt. Rev. E. Mark Stevenson, The Rt. Rev. Gayle E. Harris and all Bishops participating in the House of Bishops meeting.

The mid-week Eucharist will be celebrated on Wednesday morning this week at 9:30 a.m. in the chapel

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PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Holy Eucharist: Rite I 8:00 a.m.

Celebrant / Sermon	The Rev. Stuart Clary Wood
Deacon	The Rev. Deacon Peg Moncure
Euch. Min. / Lector	Jeff Shaw
Usher	John Quilter & Scott Holt

Holy Eucharist: Rite II 10:30 a.m.

Celebrant / Sermon	The Rev. Stuart Clary Wood
Deacon	The Rev. Deacon Peg Moncure
Organist	Libby Boyer
Gospel Book / Prayers / Euch. Min.	Ann Padgett
Crucifer / Acolyte	Grace Parker
Lector	Lydia Dudley
Ushers	Betsy Evans & Micki Clay
Altar Guild	Ann Padgett, Karen Gorin, Ginger Hellemes, Marilyn South, Judy Quilter, & Judi Snider
Flower Guild	Mary Anne Harris-White, Karen Gorin, & Cindy Naylor
Tech Team	Greg Grichtmeier, Ann de Peyster, Mike Floyd, Mike Gorin, Jeff Loustaunau, Jeff McClelland & Jack Fackler

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Mike Gorin ‘23	Bill Budd ‘25
Clayton Neal ‘23	Henry Moncure ‘25
Karen Brown ‘24	