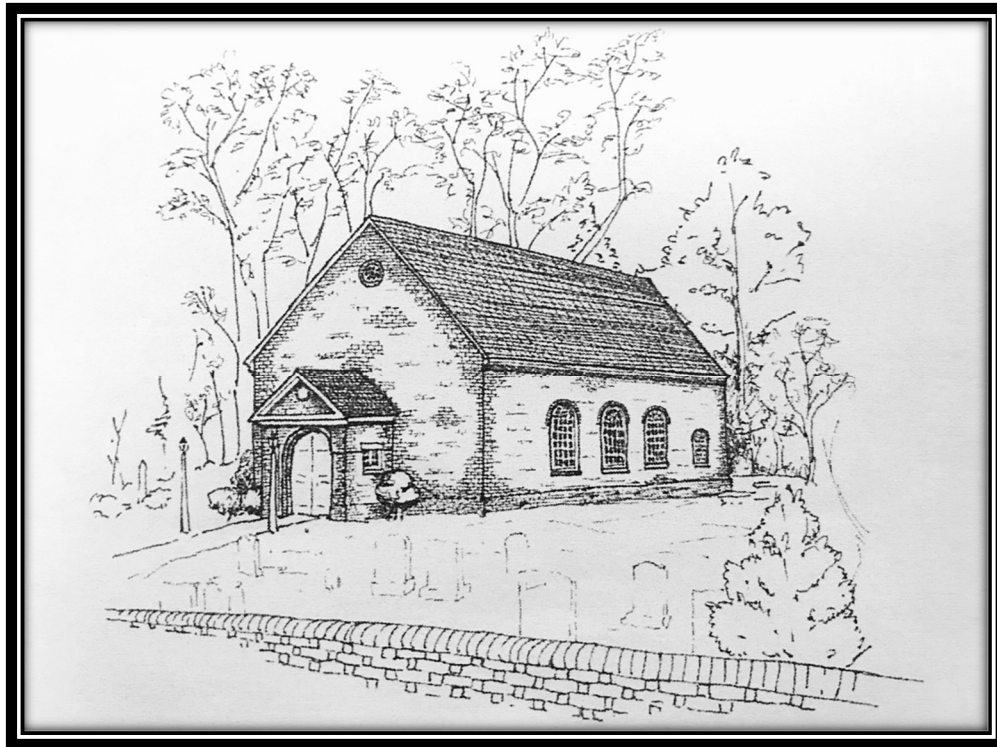


*Welcome to Christ Church Parish  
(Episcopal)  
September 17, 2023  
10:30 a.m.  
The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost*



*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.*

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Holy Eucharist: Rite II – September 17, 2023

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| Opening Voluntary          | Passacaglia on <i>Tubman</i>    | Karl Osterland |
| Processional Hymn 397      | <i>Now Thank We All Our God</i> |                |
| Opening Sentences          |                                 | BCP Page 355   |
| Gloria in excelsis (S-280) |                                 |                |

THE WORD OF GOD

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| The Collect of the Day ( <i>Proper 19</i> ) |  | BCP Page 233     |
| First Lesson                                |  | Exodus 14:19-31  |
| Psalms 114                                  |  | BCP Page 756     |
| Second Lesson                               |  | Romans 14:1-12   |
| Sequence Hymn 674                           | <i>Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive</i>  |                  |
| Gospel                                      |  | Matthew 18:21-35 |
| The Sermon                                  | The Rev. Deacon Peg Moncure            |                  |
| 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 Hymn 648                          | <i>When Israel Was in Egypt's Land</i> |                  |

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.*

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| The Great Thanksgiving: Prayer A | BCP Page 361 |
| Sanctus (S-129)                  | BCP Page 362 |
| 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 Anthem *You Shall Cross the Barren Desert* Bob Dufford

Post Communion Hymn 317 *This is the Hour of Banquet*

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

BCP Page 366

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn 400 *All Creatures of Our God and King*

The Dismissal: Go in the peace of Christ

People *Thanks be to God.*

Closing Voluntary Fanfare on *Lasst Uns Erfrauen* Robert Groves

## The Collect of the Day

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## The First Lesson

**Exodus 14:19-31**

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

## Psalm 114

*In exitu Israel*

1 Hallelujah!

When Israel came out of Egypt, \*

**the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,**

2 Judah became God's sanctuary \*

**and Israel his dominion.**

3 The sea beheld it and fled; \*

**Jordan turned and went back.**

4 The mountains skipped like rams, \*  
**and the little hills like young sheep.**

5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? \*  
**O Jordan, that you turned back?**

6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams? \*  
**you little hills like young sheep?**

7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, \*  
**at the presence of the God of Jacob,**

8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water \*  
**and flint-stone into a flowing spring.**

## **The Epistle**

**Romans 14:1-12**

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,  
and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

## **The Gospel**

**Matthew 18:21-35**

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

**Please Remember in Your Prayers This Week:**

Those on our Prayer List: 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: Theresa Liverman, Bob Montague, and Sallie Wells.

We pray for our Diocese and in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for the clergy and parishioners of St. Matthew's – Sterling, and St. Thomas – Richmond.

**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           | The Rev. Stuart Clary Wood  |
| Deacon / Sermon     | The Rev. Deacon Peg Moncure |
| Euch. Min. / Lector | Judy Quilter & Alyson Holt  |
| Usher               | John Quilter & Scott Holt   |

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

|                                    |  |
|------------------------------------|--|
| Celebrant                          | The Rev. Stuart Clary Wood   |
| Deacon / Sermon                    | The Rev. Deacon Peg Moncure  |
| Organist                           | Libby Boyer  |
| Gospel Book / Prayers / Euch. Min. | Grace Parker   |
| Crucifer / Acolyte                 | Robin Wells  |
| Lector                             | Jack Hellems   |
| Ushers                             | Betsy Evans & Micki Clay   |
| Altar Guild                        | Virginia Miller, Sallie Wells, Jody Anglin,<br>Pat Anderson, and Sharon Colston                              |
| Flower Guild                       | Ginger Smither, Sharon Colston, Cathy Spence   |
| Tech Team                          | Greg Grichtmeier, Ann de Peyster, Mike Floyd,<br>Mike Gorin, Jeff Loustaunau, Jeff McClelland & Jack Fackler |

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|--------------------------------|--------------------|
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| Scott Holt – Junior Warden ‘25 |                    |
| Betsy Evans ‘23                | Ann de Peyster ‘24 |
| Mike Gorin ‘23                 | Bill Budd ‘25      |
| Clayton Neal ‘23               | Henry Moncure ‘25  |
| Karen Brown ‘24                |                    |