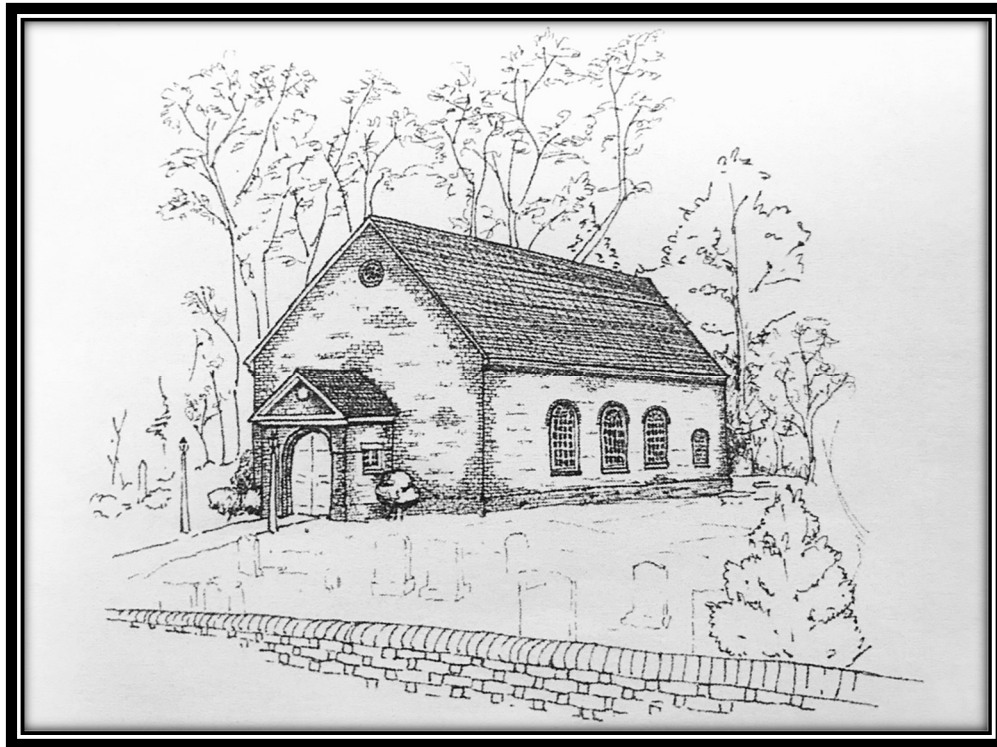


*Welcome to Christ Church Parish  
(Episcopal)  
August 20, 2023  
10:30 a.m.  
The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost*



*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 – August 20, 2023

*Faith brings salvation to Jews and Gentiles alike.*

Opening Voluntary      *God Be With You*      J. Bert Carlson  
Processional Hymn **LEVAS 141** (insert)      *Shall We Gather at the River*  
Opening Sentences      BCP Page 355  
Gloria in excelsis (**S-280**)

THE WORD OF GOD

The Collect of the Day (*Proper 15*)      BCP Page 232  
First Lesson      Genesis 45:1-15  
Psalm 133      BCP Page 787  
Second Lesson      Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32  
Sequence Hymn **LEVAS 189** (insert)      *Great is Thy Faithfulness*  
Gospel      Matthew 15:(10-20) 21-28  
The Sermon      The Rev. Dr. Robert Prichard  
The Nicene Creed      BCP Page 358  
The Prayers of the People      Insert  
The Confession and Absolution      BCP Page 360  
The Peace      BCP Page 360  
Offertory Anthem      *Precious Lord, Take my Hand*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

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      BCP Page 364  
Agnus Dei (Hymnal **S-163**)

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

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have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
grant us peace.*

Communion Voluntary (Choir sings)      *One Bread, One Body*  
Post Communion Hymn **51**      *We the Lord's People*  
The Prayer of Thanksgiving      BCP Page 365  
The Blessing  
Recessional Hymn **470**      *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*  
The Dismissal: Go in the peace of Christ  
People      *Thanks be to God.*  
Closing Voluntary      *Great is Thy Faithfulness*      Gert Van Hoef

## The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## The First Lesson

**Genesis 45:1-15**

Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

## Psalm 133

*Ecce, quam bonum!*

- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, \*  
**when brethren live together in unity!**
- 2 It is like fine oil upon the head \*  
**that runs down upon the beard,**
- 3 Upon the beard of Aaron, \*  
**and runs down upon the collar of his robe.**
- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon \*  
**that falls upon the hills of Zion.**
- 5 For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: \*  
**life for evermore.**

## The Epistle

**Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32**

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been

disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

## **The Gospel**

**Matthew 15:(10-20), 21-28**

[Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."]

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

## **Prayers of the People**

The gift of forgiveness surpasses our understanding; it heals relationships, and mends our wounds. In thanksgiving for God's unfailing love, we offer our prayer, responding, "Lord, hear our prayer".

That the leaders of the nations may maintain justice that leads to peace, and harmony that leads to abundant life for all people; let us pray. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For the humility to receive God's blessings and the willingness to be a blessing to others, especially those who are lost and afraid, ill and without hope for recovery, mentally fragile and without friends; let us pray. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For teachers preparing for the school year that is ahead, that they may be inspired to patiently nurture the minds of those in their charge; let us pray. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

That we may be a people of gratitude, giving thanks to God with our whole heart, and soul, and mind; let us pray. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

That we may not succumb to the harmful temptations of our culture, the desire to possess things beyond our need, our misuse of intimacy, our reliance on drugs and alcohol to improve our lives, and all things that keep us from trusting the power of the Spirit; let us pray. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

That we may set our sight on the new life that awaits all who live in hope; let us pray. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

That the dead who have died in the faith of Christ may inherit the kingdom prepared for them, and that those whose faith was known to God alone may receive divine mercy; let us pray. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

In the company of all the saints, let us continue our prayers.

*(Special intentions of the congregation and the diocese may be added here.)*

We pray for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Mark our Diocesan Bishop, and Gayle our Assistant Bishop; and in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Continuing Care Communities within the Diocese and their residents.

We pray for strength and healing for those on our prayer list and for those you name either silently or aloud. And we give thanks with those who are celebrating their birthdays this week: John Hilliard, Rosanne Moncure, Clayton Neal, Jack Hellems, and Jane Bunnell; and with those celebrating their anniversaries: Andrew & Ellie Wilton.

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

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

.Please remember in your prayers those on our Prayer List: John Quilter, Jack Tarran, Shannon Budd, Gibbie Mangum, Pam McClelland, Betty Evans, Ann Donoff, Joyce Riesinger, Barbara Cockrell, Kathy Page, Zubin, Merri Hanson, Lori Rexinger, Br. Christopher Hamlett, Joanne Bruce, Dick Debnam, Janet Lunden, Lucille Redmon, and Jenny Wright.

**There will be NO Mid-week Eucharist celebration this Wednesday morning.**

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## PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

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

Celebrant / Sermon	The Rev. Dr. Robert Prichard
Deacon	The Rev. Deacon Peg Moncure
Euch. Min. / Lector	Jeff Shaw
Usher	Don Harris

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

Celebrant / Sermon	The Rev. Dr. Robert Prichard
Deacon	The Rev. Deacon Peg Moncure
Organist	Libby Boyer
Gospel Book / Prayers / Euch. Min.	Grace Parker
Crucifer / Acolyte	Robin Wells
Lector	Nicole Davis
Ushers	
Altar Guild	Virginia Miller, Sallie Wells, Jody Anglin Pat Anderson, & Sharon Colston
Flower Guild	Ginger Smither, Sharon Colston, & Cathy Spence
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	