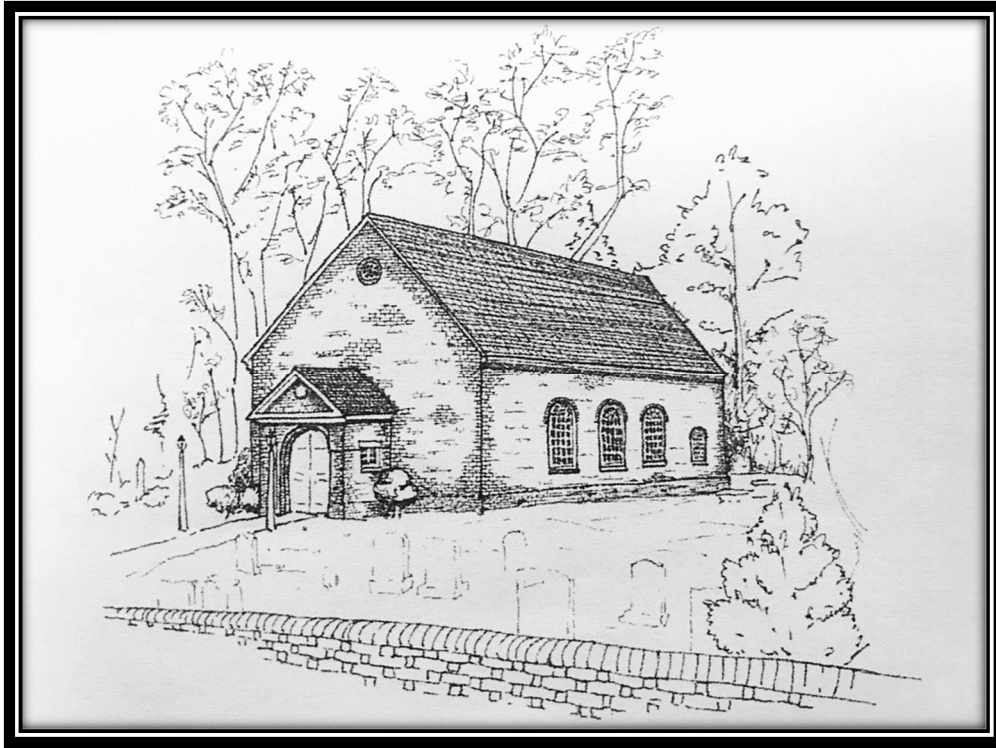


*Welcome to Christ Church Parish
(Episcopal)*

October 15, 2023

10:30 a.m.

The Twentieth 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 – October 15, 2023

God's coming reign will be like a great banquet (often referred to as the "messianic banquet"), but we must be ready to accept the invitation.

Opening Voluntary	<i>Vineyard Haven</i>	Robert J. Powell
Processional Hymn 557 (vs 1-5)	<i>Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart</i>	
Opening Sentences		BCP Page 355
Gloria in excelsis (S-280)		

THE WORD OF GOD

The Collect of the Day (<i>Proper 23</i>)		BCP Page 234
First Lesson		Exodus 32:1-14
Psalms 106:1-6, 19-23		BCP Page 741
Second Lesson		Philippians 4:1-9
Sequence Hymn 487	<i>Come my Way, My Truth, My Life</i>	
Gospel		Matthew 22:1-13
The Sermon	The Rev. Stuart Clary Wood	
The Nicene Creed		BCP Page 358
The Prayers of the People: Form II		BCP Page 385
The Confession and Absolution		BCP Page 360
Prayers for Healing	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i>	David Cherwien
The Peace		BCP Page 360
Offertory Anthem	<i>When Peace Like a River</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.

The Great Thanksgiving: Prayer A	BCP Page 361
Sanctus (S-129)	BCP Page 361
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	Siciliana on <i>The Call</i>	Douglas E. Wagner
Post Communion Hymn 605	<i>What Does the Lord Require</i>	
The Prayer of Thanksgiving		BCP Page 365
The Blessing		
Recessional Hymn 347	<i>Go Forth For God</i>	
The Dismissal: Go in the peace of Christ		
People	<i>Thanks be to God.</i>	
Closing Voluntary	<i>Sortie</i>	Lefebure-Wely

The Collect of the Day

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; 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 32:1-14

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord." They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23

Confitemini Domino, Et fecerunt vitulum

1 Hallelujah!

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, *
for his mercy endures for ever.

2 Who can declare the mighty acts of the Lord *
or show forth all his praise?

3 Happy are those who act with justice *
and always do what is right!

4 Remember me, O Lord, with the favor you have for your people, *
and visit me with your saving help;

5 That I may see the prosperity of your elect
and be glad with the gladness of your people, *
that I may glory with your inheritance.

6 We have sinned as our forebears did; *
we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.

19 Israel made a bull-calf at Horeb *
and worshiped a molten image;

20 And so they exchanged their Glory *
for the image of an ox that feeds on grass.

21 They forgot God their Savior, *
who had done great things in Egypt,

22 Wonderful deeds in the land of Ham, *
and fearful things at the Red Sea.

23 So he would have destroyed them,
had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, *
to turn away his wrath from consuming them.

The Epistle

Philippians 4:1-9

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

The Gospel

Matthew 22:1-14

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they

made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

Please Remember in Your Prayers This Week:

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

We give thanks for those who are celebrating their birthdays this week: Jody Anglin.

We pray for our Diocese and in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for the clergy and parishioners of McIlhane Parish – Albemarle, St. James's – Leesburg, St. Paul's, Owens – King George, and Trinity - Washington.

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

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