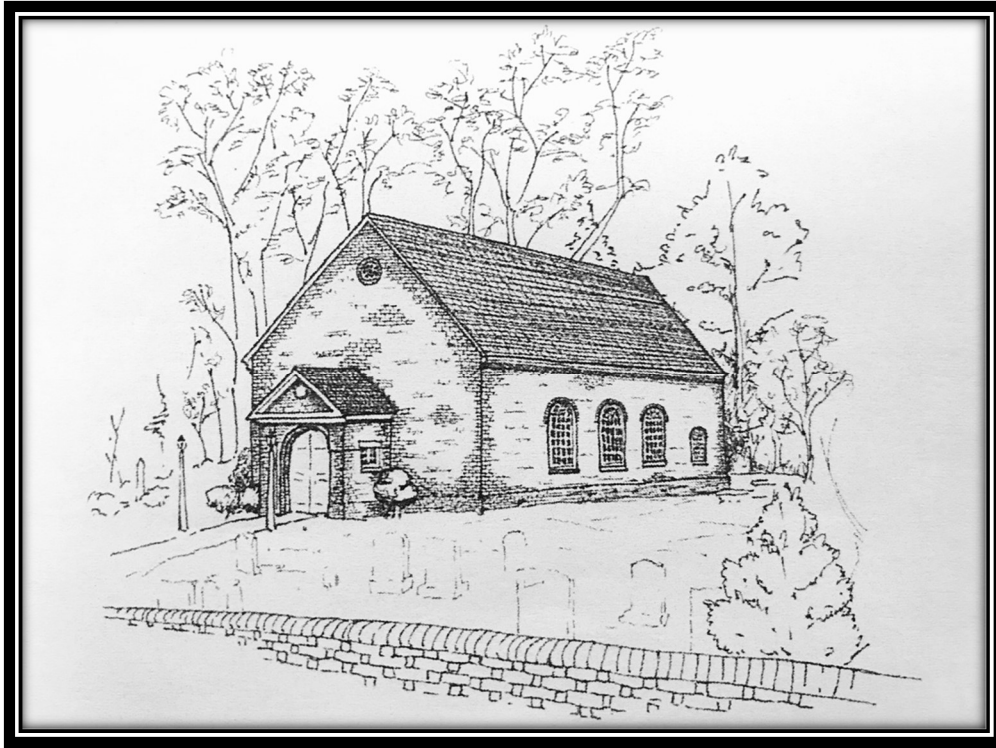


*Welcome to Christ Church Parish
(Episcopal)*

November 12, 2023

10:30 a.m.

The Twenty-Fourth 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 – November 12, 2023

Being ready for judgment means striving for justice and righteousness.

Opening Voluntary Variations on *Land of Rest* Anthony Giamanco
Processional Hymn 620 *Jerusalem, My Happy Home*
Opening Sentences BCP Page 355
Gloria in excelsis (S-280)

THE WORD OF GOD

The Collect of the Day (*Proper 27*) BCP Page 236
First Lesson Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25
Psalm 78:1-7 BCP Page 694
Second Lesson 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Sequence Hymn 68 *Rejoice, Rejoice Believers*
Gospel Matthew 25:1-13
The Sermon The Rev. Stuart Clary Wood
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 *Take My Life That I May Be* arr. Mark Sedio

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Officiant To you we come, Father of lights,
with angels and saints, where heaven and earth unite.
May Jesus meet us in the breaking of the bread. *Amen.*

The Great Thanksgiving: Prayer A BCP Page 361
Sanctus (S-129) BCP Page 362
The Lord's Prayer BCP Page 364
Breaking of the Bread:
Officiant Jesus is the living bread which came down from heaven: if anyone eats
of this bread, they will live forever.
People *Lord, give us this bread always.*

Giving of Communion:
Officiant 'I am the bread of life,' says the Lord;
'whoever comes to me will never hunger;
Whoever believes in me will never thirst.'
'I am the vine: you are the branches.'
People *May we dwell in him as he lives in us.*
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 Vol. *Prelude in C major for harpsichord* J. S. Bach

Post Communion Hymn 326 *From Glory to Glory*

The Prayer of Thanksgiving BCP Page 366

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn 665 *All My Hope on God is Founded*

The Dismissal: Following God's saints in the ways of holiness
and truth, go in the peace of Christ.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Closing Voluntary *Darwall's Fantasia* John S. Dixon

The Collect of the Day

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

"Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the Lord!" Then Joshua said to the

people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

Psalm 78:1-7

Attendite, popule

- 1 Hear my teaching, O my people; *
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
- 2 I will open my mouth in a parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
- 3 That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.
- 4 We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, *
and the wonderful works he has done.
- 5 He gave his decrees to Jacob
and established a law for Israel, *
which he commanded them to teach their children;
- 6 That the generations to come might know,
and the children yet unborn; *
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;
- 7 So that they might put their trust in God, *
**and not forget the deeds of God,
but keep his commandments;**

The Epistle

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The Gospel

Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying,

'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Please Remember in Your Prayers This Week:

Those on our Prayer List: Helen Tarran, Tom Cockrell, 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, Trip Poates, & Colt Johnson.

We pray for our Diocese and in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Clergy and Parishioners of All Saints – Richmond, Grace – Keswick, Our Redeemer – Aldie, and St. Peter's - Purcellville.

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

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