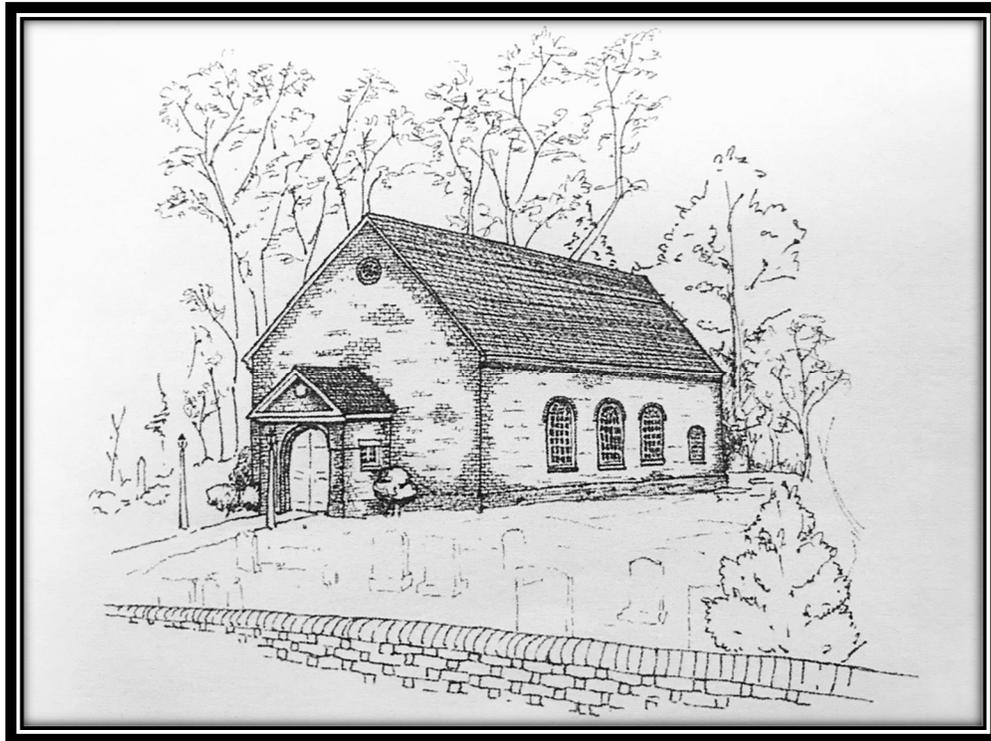


*Welcome to Christ Church Parish  
(Episcopal)  
September 3, 2023  
10:30 a.m.  
The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost*



*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 3, 2023

*The cost of discipleship.*

Opening Voluntary	<i>Take Up Your Cross</i>	Wilbur Held
Processional Hymn 435	<i>At the Name of Jesus</i>	
Opening Sentences		BCP Page 355
Gloria in excelsis (S-280)		

THE WORD OF GOD

The Collect of the Day ( <i>Proper 17</i> )		BCP Page 233
First Lesson		Exodus 3:1-15
Psalms 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c		BCP Page 738
Second Lesson		Romans 12:9-21
Sequence Hymn 675	<i>Take Up Your Cross</i>	
Gospel		Matthew 16:21-28
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	<i>Take Up Your Cross</i> Anthony Giamanco	

THE HOLY COMMUNION

*Officiant* Wise and gracious God, you spread a table before us;  
nourish your people with the word of life and the  
bread of heaven. *Amen.*

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 Voluntary      *Jesu, Meine Freude*      F. W. Zachau

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

The Prayer of Thanksgiving:

*Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.*

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn 610      *Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service*

The Dismissal: Go in the peace of Christ

*People      Thanks be to God.*

Closing Voluntary

*Blaenhafren*

Scott Roberts

## **The Collect of the Day**

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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 3:1-15**

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt."

But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I am who I am." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I am has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you':

This is my name forever,  
and this my title for all generations.

- 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.**
- 23 Israel came into Egypt, \*  
**and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.**
- 24 The Lord made his people exceedingly fruitful; \*  
**he made them stronger than their enemies;**
- 25 Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people, \*  
**and dealt unjustly with his servants.**
- 26 He sent Moses his servant, \*  
**and Aaron whom he had chosen.**
- 45 **Hallelujah!**

**The Epistle**

**Romans 12:9-21**

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

**The Gospel**

**Matthew 16:21-28**

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and

those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

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

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 Lundin, Lucille Redmon, Jenny Wright, Jennifer Montague, Jean Crown Hodges, and Cole Sullivan.

We give thanks with those who are celebrating their birthdays this week: Marian Goodloe, Barbara Shaw, Ann de Peyster, Liz Perkins, and Micki Clay; and with those celebrating their anniversaries: Tom & Kathy Clarke, and Bill Budd & Mary Lynn Landgraf.

We pray for our Diocese and in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for all Altar and Flower Guilds, and Choirs.

### **Prayers of the People**

God is the great “I AM” in whose Name we pray, responding, “Lord, hear our prayer.”

The we may open our ears to the cries of those who suffer, freeing them from enslavement to poverty, abuse, and lack of opportunity, taking our share in the saving acts of God; let us pray.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

That the leaders of the nations may lead their people with integrity, honoring all that is past and moving into the challenges that define a new life; let us pray.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For the courage to lift up our crosses to the light of day, carrying them on our journey of faith, uniting ourselves with the Christ of the passion, so as to share in the glory of his resurrection; let us pray.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

That we be given the strength to leave behind the fruits of temptation, turning our gaze upon that which is nourishing and sound, living a life of love, honor, and respect for others, full of rejoicing and thanksgiving; let us pray.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For all laborers, that they may receive a fare wage, a safe working environment, the companionship of fellow workers, and the respect of those who exercise authority over them; let us pray.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For those who have died surrounded by family and friends, and for those who were unloved and un-mourned, that all may have a place in God’s kingdom; let us pray.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

May the Name of God be grafted on our hearts as we continue our prayers.

For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, we pray for strength and healing for, for those on our prayer list, and for those you name either silently or aloud; (*Pause*) let us pray.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

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***Lord, hear our prayer.***

And in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for all Altar and Flower Guilds, and Choirs; let us pray.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

**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	Jeannette Adkins
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.	Grace Parker
Crucifer / Acolyte	John Hilliard
Lector	Lydia Dudley
Ushers	Betsy Evans & Micki Clay
Altar Guild	Cean Cawthorn, Barbara Shaw, Lydia Dudley, Grace Parker, & Linda Irwin
Flower Guild	Cean Cawthorn, & Libby Boyer
Tech Team	Greg Grichtmeier, Ann de Peyster, Mike Floyd, Mike Gorin, Jeff Loustaunau, Jeff McClelland & Jack Fackler

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Betsy Evans '23

Ann de Peyster '24

Mike Gorin '23

Bill Budd '25

Clayton Neal '23

Henry Moncure '25

Karen Brown '24