

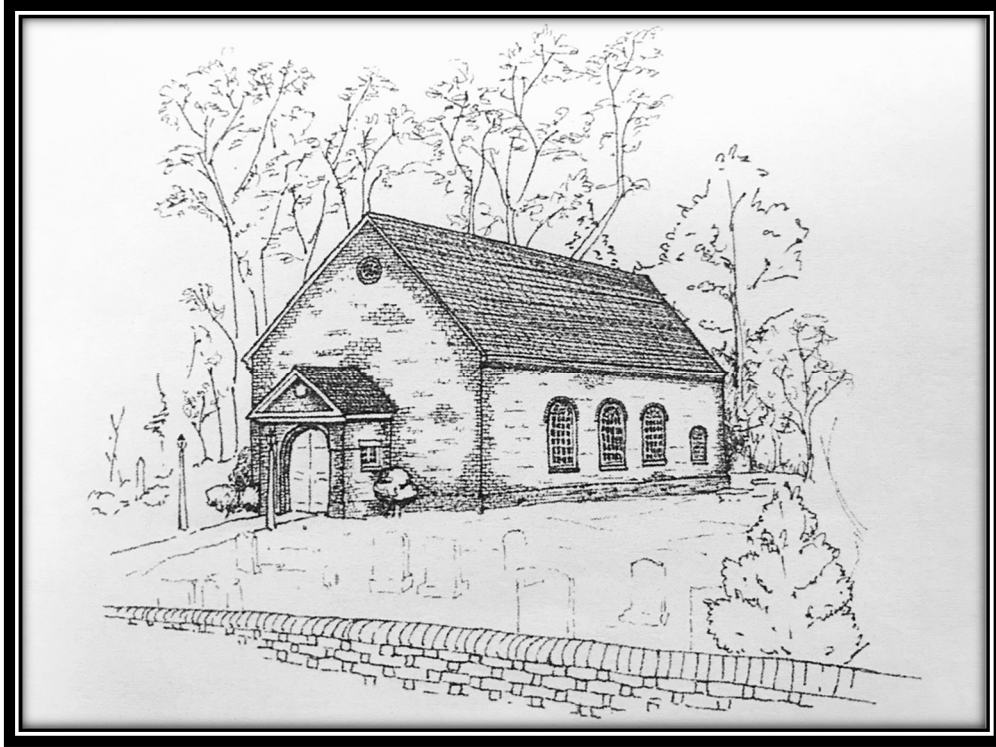
Welcome to Christ Church Parish

(Episcopal)

October 8, 2023

10:30 a.m.

The Nineteenth 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 8, 2023

In the parable of the vineyard, Jesus warns God's people that they will be held accountable for the fruits of the covenant.

Opening Voluntary Trumpet Tune on *Westminster Abbey*
Jerry Westenkuehler

Processional Hymn 405 *All Things Bright and Beautiful*
Opening Sentences BCP Page 355
Gloria in excelsis (S-280)

THE WORD OF GOD

The Collect of the Day (*Proper 22*) BCP Page 234
First Lesson Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20
Psalm 19 BCP Page 606
Second Lesson Philippians 3:4b-14
Sequence Hymn 518 *Christ is Made the Sure Foundation*
Gospel Matthew 21:33-46
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 Blessing of the Animals Insert
The Peace BCP Page 360
Offertory Hymn 651 *This is My Father's World*

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 B BCP Page 367
Sanctus (S-129) BCP Page 367
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	Prelude on <i>Royal Oak</i>	Robert J. Powell
Post Communion Hymn 605	<i>What Does the Lord Require</i>	
The Prayer of Thanksgiving		BCP Page 366
The Blessing		
Recessional Hymn 372	<i>Praise to the Living God</i>	
The Dismissal: Go in the peace of Christ		
People	<i>Thanks be to God.</i>	
Closing Voluntary	<i>Yigdal/Leoni</i>	Michael Burkhardt

The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die." Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."

Psalm 19

Caeli enarrant

1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

2 One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.

- 3 Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- 7 The law of the Lord is perfect
and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the Lord is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the Lord are just
and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the Lord is clear
and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean
and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleans me from my secret faults.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

The Epistle

Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The Gospel

Matthew 21:33-46

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.'" So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:

'The stone that the builders rejected has become the corner-stone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes?'

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

The Collect for Francis of Assisi

Most high, omnipotent good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may for love of you delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Prayers of the People - A Litany for St. Francis Day

With all our heart and with all our mind, we pray to you, O God:

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

For our President and for all who are in authority, and for the people and leaders of every nation, that we may truly respect each other and learn to live together peacefully, we pray to you, O God:

Where there is hatred, let us sow love.

For this community gathered, for our families and friends, our neighbors and co-workers, especially for those whom we have hurt, we pray to you, O God:

Where there is injury, let us sow pardon.

For all those who seek you, God, and for those who shut you out, that they may be touched by your presence, power and grace, we pray to you, O God:

Where there is doubt, let us sow faith.

For the poor, for prisoners, for refugees, for those who are oppressed and persecuted, that they may be delivered from danger and fear, we pray to you, O God:

Where there is despair, let us sow hope.

For the people of God throughout the world, that the good news of God's redeeming love may be known in all places, we pray to you, O God:

Where this is darkness, let us sow light.

For those who are sick, unhappy, lonely or bereft, that they may be healed and comforted, we remember those on our prayer list, we pray to you, O God:

Where there is sadness, let us sow joy.

For those who have died, especially those we now name, we pray to you, O God. (*People may add their own petitions*)

For what is in our hearts today, we ask you to hear us, O God.

We pray for Michael our Presiding Bishop, for Mark our Bishop, and Gayle our Suffragan Bishop, and in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the clergy and congregations of Emmanuel – Harrisonburg, St. John’s – Richmond, and St. Stephen’s - Culpeper.

(*People may add their own petitions*)

We give thanks for those celebrating their birthdays this week: Dixon Cole; and for those celebrating their anniversaries: Barry & Cathy Spence.

For all the gifts of your creation, and for the trust and joy you have given us in these our pets, we thank you and praise you, O God.

(*People may add their own thanksgivings*)

***Grant that we may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love,
for it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.***

A Blessing of Pets

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

O Lord, how manifold are your works!

***You stretch out the heavens like a tent.
You set the earth on its foundations.
You make springs gush forth in the valleys
And give drink to every animal.***

You plant trees where birds may build their nests.

***You cause the grass to grow for the cattle
and plants for people to use.
You open your hand and give all creatures
their food in good season. (Psalm 104)***

We have come together to acknowledge with gratitude the goodness of God in all creatures, great and small, and to seek God’s blessing on the pets that are our companions in life. Let us pray:

On this day, O God, we offer thanks for these, our pets, who are your daily instruments of joy and comfort in our lives. Even as you demonstrate care for us, so also move us to demonstrate care for

these and all your creatures, knowing that, in so doing, we are privileged to share in your love of creation. We pray in the name of Jesus, in whose power we are made a new creation.

Amen. May it be so!

[As Fr. Stuart approaches each pet, please speak the pet's name aloud so that all those gathered may hear and he will then speak the words of blessing.]

May God bless you and keep you through all the days of your life that you and your human family may experience joy and companionship and be a blessing to each other.

Thanks be to God!

In Remembrance of those who have died

We also remember today our animal companions who are no longer with us physically. We give thanks for the gifts they gave us and the variety of ways they enriched and blessed our lives. Comfort those who have experienced this loss and bless the memory of these pets in their lives and may they be forever in Your care. *Amen.*

May God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, use us as instruments of blessing for all creatures, great and small.

Amen! Thanks be to God!

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
Euch. Min. / Lector	Jeannette Adkins
Usher	John Quilter

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

Celebrant / Sermon	The Rev. Stuart Clary Wood
Organist	Libby Boyer
Gospel Book / Prayers / Euch. Min.	Grace Parker
Crucifer / Acolyte	Jack Hellems
Lector	Page Wittkamp
Ushers	Miles Libbey and Sharon Colston
Altar Guild	Bev Hart, Evie Wilton, Kathy Clarke, Susan Hilliard, Helen Tarran, & Pam McClelland
Flower Guild	Alyson Holt, & Harriette Floyd
Tech Team	Greg Grichtmeier, Ann de Peyster, Mike Floyd, Mike Gorin, Jeff Loustaunau, Jeff McClelland & Jack Fackler
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