



CHRIST CHURCH
AN EPISCOPAL CHURCH
IN THE DIOCESE OF EAST CAROLINA
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Our Vision: To be a church that loves the way God Loves

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sept. 5, 2021 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM

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Book of Common (BCP) and Hymnal pages are listed on the right. **BCP:** Book of Common Prayer (black),
S or H: Hymnal 1982 (blue), **WLP:** Wonder, Love, and Praise (green), **L:** Lift Every Voice (red & black)

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

HEARING AND RESPONDING TO HOLY SCRIPTURE

Processional Hymn

Father, We Praise Thee (8am, 10am)

H 1

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

BCP 355

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Song of Praise (10 am service only)

Glory to You

S 236

1. Glo - ry to you, Lord
God of our fa - thers; you are wor - thy of praise;
glo - ry to you. 2. Glo - ry to you
for the ra - di - ance of your ho - ly Name; we will
praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.
3. Glo - ry to you in the splen - dor of your
tem - ple; on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to
you. 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed bet -
ween the Cher - u - bim; we will praise you and
high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

5. Glo - ry to you, be -
hold - ing the depths; in the high vault of
depths; in the high vault of hea - ven, glo - ry to
hea - ven, 6. Glo - ry to you,
you. 6. Glo - ry to you, Fa -
ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will
Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will praise you and
high - ly ex - alt you Glo - ry to you!
high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please sit for the reading of the scriptures.

The First Lesson

Isaiah 35:4-7a

8am: Wayne Rowe, **10am:** Andrew Garlick

Say to those who are of a fearful heart,

‘Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,

with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.’

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,

and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

then the lame shall leap like a deer,

and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,

and streams in the desert;

the burning sand shall become a pool,

and the thirsty ground springs of water;

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 146 (*Read responsively by whole verse*)

Lauda, anima mea

BCP 803

Second Lesson

James 2:1-17

8am: Kathleen Meyer, **10am:** Jane Broaddus

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, “Have a seat here, please,” while to the one who is poor you say, “Stand there,” or, “Sit at my feet,” have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.[For the one who said, “You shall not commit adultery,” also said, “You shall not murder.” Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you

have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.]

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn (*10am only*)

Heal Me, Hands of Jesus

WLP 773

(At the 10am service, children may leave for Gospel & Prayers. They will return at the Peace.)

The Holy Gospel *Standing*

Mark 7:24-37

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. H. Paul Canady

The Nicene Creed *All stand*

BCP 358

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and

the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People, Form VI *Stand or kneel*

BCP 392

8am: Tony Embrey, **10am:** Howard Furnas

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Rob our bishop, Paul our priest, Lisa our deacon, Ashley our Candidate for Holy Orders, Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, and all lay people, bishops, priests, deacons, and other ministers.

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

We commend to God's gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces, at home and abroad, as well as those who provide protection and comfort in our communities. Defend them day by day with God's heavenly grace, strengthen them in their trials and temptations, and give them courage to face the perils which beset them. Grant them patience and endurance and let them be a reminder to each other of your enduring love. Make this love known in and through the family, friends, and neighbors of those who are deployed.

Kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with your wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth, that in tranquility your dominion may increase until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love. We remember especially the situation in Afghanistan, asking your protection and peace in that land, praying that solutions will remember and respect the dignity of every human being.

We continue to hold in prayer those recovering from Hurricane Ida.

For those included in this week's Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Paul's, Clinton; Trinity Deanery.

In our Parish Cycle of Prayer, we give thanks for the work of the Pastoral Care Commission. We pray that God will continue to empower their work for the building up of God's kingdom in the parish and in the lives of all we encounter.

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, let your loving kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

The People and the Leader may offer additional petitions.

Deacon We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People.

BCP 393

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen**

The Peace *All stand.*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Welcome & Offertory Sentence

If you would like to contribute to the life and ministry of Christ Church but do not have cash or check, you can give using your cell phone. Text the word "FUNDS" to 252-512-5179 and follow the onscreen instructions.

Offertory (10 am only)

Down in the Valley to Pray (Claire Morini, singer)

arr. Jay Althouse

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer C

BCP 369

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People **Glorify you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People **By your will they were created and have their being.**

Celebrant From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Celebrant Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People **By his blood, he reconciled us.
By his wounds, we are healed.**

Celebrant And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus (*Spoken at 8:00 am, Sung at 10:00 am*)

WLP 858

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. * Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers; God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, Jacob, Leah and Rachel, God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
For ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Invitation to Communion

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

We welcome to communion all who have been baptized in any Christian tradition. Gluten-free wafers are available.

Communion Hymn (10am only)

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love

H 602

Sending Forth Eucharistic Visitor *All stand*

Celebrant We who are many are one body because we share one bread, one cup.

People **Take these holy gifts of our Lord's Body and Blood and go forth in the name of Christ Church. May those to whom you go experience with us the majesty and mystery of His presence through the sharing of the bread and wine.**

All **We who are many are one body because we share one bread, one cup.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Almighty and ever living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

The peace that passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his son Jesus Christ our Lord. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

O Bless the Lord, My Soul! (*8am, 10am*)

[H 411](#)

The Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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SERVING US TODAY

Video Coordinator: Noah Landen

Altar Guild: Hal Stirling, Sims Wayt, Lee Ann Fordyce, Margaret Shields,
Mary Lynn Guidage, Gretchen DuPeza

8am Lectors: Wayne Rowe, Kathleen Meyer, Tony Embrey

10am Lectors: Andrew Garlick, Jane Broaddus, Howard Furnas

8am Greeter:

10am Greeter: Jackie Ward

8am Ushers: Ben Parrish, Wayne Rowe

10am Ushers: Sam Curry, Ed Campbell

8am Acolyte: John Childs, Celia Morini, Claire Morini

10am Acolyte: John Childs, Cason Carpenter, Ollie Canady

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Paul's, Clinton; Trinity Deanery

Parish Cycle of Prayer: Pastoral Care Commission

MISSION

The mission of Christ Episcopal Church is to welcome and inspire all people to faith, hope and spiritual growth through worship, Christian fellowship, and service to one another and to the community beyond.

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