



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

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 12, 2021 - 8:30 AM

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)

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD HEARING AND RESPONDING TO HOLY SCRIPTURE

Voluntary Jesus, Still Lead On Jacob B. Weber

Processional Hymn Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken H 523

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. BCP 355

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. 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.**

Hymn of Praise Glory Be to God in Heaven S 280

Glo - ry be to God in heav - en; peace, good - will to all the earth.
Glo - ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
Ho - ly One we now ac - claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;

Might - y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth;
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:

We ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.

Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - vige us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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 50:4-9a

The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of a teacher,

that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens--
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.

The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.

I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;

I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;

therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.

It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 116:1-8 *Said in unison*

Dilexi, quoniam

BCP 759

Second Lesson

James 3:1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue-- a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

Will You Come and Follow Me

WLP 757

The Holy Gospel *Standing*

Mark 8:27-38

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

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

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "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, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Homily

Meg Jones

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.

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all lay people, bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

We pray for God's blessing and wisdom for those serving in the armed forces and all public servants on whom our communities depend. We pray for their well-being and ask God to grant them patience and peace. Help them to be a reminder to each other and to us of God's enduring love.

We pray for peace across God's creation, especially remembering those in places around the world where it is dangerous to practice their faith. Help us gracious God to be instruments of your peace; enable us to sow love, pardon, union, faith, hope, light, and joy.

We give thanks for the flowers behind the altar, given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Winona Painter Holstein by her daughter, Sheridan Holstein.

For those included in this week's Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Peter's, Washington.

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

BCP 360

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says

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

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Offertory

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

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 our thanks and praise**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth for by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

S 129

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts and they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **AMEN.**

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

The Breaking of the Bread *Said in Unison*

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

Invitation to Communion

We welcome to communion all who have been baptized in any Christian tradition. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available at the lower communion rail. Please tell the priest and/or chalice bearer if you wish to have either or both.

Communion Hymn

Let Us Break Bread Together

H 325

Sending Forth Eucharistic Visitor

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.**

Post Communion Prayer

BCP 366

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

Go forth into the world in peace;

be of good courage;

hold fast that which is good;

render to no one evil for evil;

strengthen the fainthearted;

support the weak;

help the afflicted;

honor everyone;

love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;

and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost,

be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

Lift High the Cross

H 473

The Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary

Abbot's Leigh

Benjamin Culli

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SERVING US TODAY

Video Coordinator: Noah Landen

Altar Guild: Hal Stirling, Pat McCotter, Mary Parrish, Susanne Pendleton,
Joni Floyd, Susie Perry

8:30am Lectors: Rosie Wood, Geoff Wood, Tony Embrey

11am Lectors: John Harper, Elizabeth Livingston, James Gruenebaum

8:30am Greeter: Wayne Rowe

8:30am Ushers: Butch Ricks, Jim Foster, **11am Usher:** Arthur Friedel

8:30am Acolyte: Kate Buhrmaster, Celia Morini, Brooke Buhrmaster

11am Acolyte: Emily Childs, Aurora Hambidge, Ada Ruth Canady

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Peter's, Washington.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: Stewardship Commission

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MISSION

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

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THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

Sunday, Sept. 12

SUNDAY SCHOOL / EYC KICK-OFF

- 8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)
- 9:45 am: Sunday School
- 11 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave/online)
- 12 pm: Lemonade on the Lawn
- 3 pm: Mom's Group (Parish House)
- 5 pm: Contemplative Eucharist (Indoor Chapel)
- 4 pm: EYC (Meet in parking lot for trip to Sky Trail)

Monday, Sept. 13

- 10 am: ECW All Saints Meeting (Harrison Center)
- 11:30 am: Centering Prayer (Pelletier Room)
- 5:15 pm: Stephen Ministry Meeting (Library)

Tuesday, Sept. 14

- 8:30 am: Eucharist (Indoor Chapel)
- 10 am: Prayer Shawl Ministry (Bride's Room)
- 10 am: Women's Book Study (2nd Floor Living Room)
- 4:30 pm: Outreach Commission Meeting (Library)
- 5:30 pm: GIG Parent Orientation (GIG Room)
- 7 pm: Handbell Choir (Music Room)

Wednesday, Sept. 15

- 11 am: Rector's Bible Study (Library)
- 4:30 pm: Wednesdays at Christ Church
- 5 pm: GIG Mentor Training (GIG Room)
- 6 pm: EfM (2nd Floor Living Room)
- 7 pm: Parish Choir Rehearsal (Nave)

Thursday, Sept. 16

- 10 am: Chair Yoga Class (Harrison Center)
- 10:45 am: Truewood by Merrill Eucharist
- 4 pm: Finance Committee Meeting (Harrison Center)

Saturday, Sept. 18

- 9 am to 4 pm: yOUTHREACH (Parish House and Harrison Center)

Sunday, Sept. 19

- 8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)
- 9:45 am: Sunday School
- 11 am: Choral Eucharist (Nave/online)
- Noon: Lemonade on the Lawn
- 3 pm: Stepping Out Singles (Parish House)
- 3:30 pm: Confirmation Class (Library)
- 5 pm: Contemplative Eucharist (Indoor Chapel)
- 6 pm: EYC (Youth Room)