



CHRIST CHURCH
AN EPISCOPAL CHURCH
IN THE DIOCESE OF EAST CAROLINA
FOUNDED 1715, NEW BERN, NORTH CAROLINA

Our Vision: To be a church that loves the way God Loves

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 18, 2022 - 8:30 AM

Please silence your cell phones.

*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

Prelude in B Flat

J.S. Bach

Processional Hymn

On Christ the Solid Rock

L 99

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.**

Praise the Lord! ye heav'ns a - dore him; praise him an - gels in the
Praise the Lord! for he is glo - rious; nev - er shall his pro-mise
height; sun and moon, re - joice be - fore him; praise him all ye stars of
fall; God hath made his saints vic - to - rious; sin and death shall not pre -
light. Praise the Lord! for he hath spo - ken; worlds his might - y voice o -
vail. Praise the God of our sal - va - tion! Hosts on high, his power pro -
beyed; laws which nev - er shall be bro - ken for their guid - ance he hath made.
claim; heav'n and earth, and all cre - a - tion, laud and mag - ni - fy his Name.

Song of Praise

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please sit for the reading of the scriptures.

The First Lesson

Jeremiah 8:18 - 9:1

My joy is gone, grief is upon me,
my heart is sick.

Hark, the cry of my poor people
from far and wide in the land:

"Is the LORD not in Zion?

Is her King not in her?"

("Why have they provoked me to anger with their images,
with their foreign idols?")

"The harvest is past, the summer is ended,
and we are not saved."

For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt,
I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me.

Is there no balm in Gilead?

Is there no physician there?

Why then has the health of my poor people
not been restored?

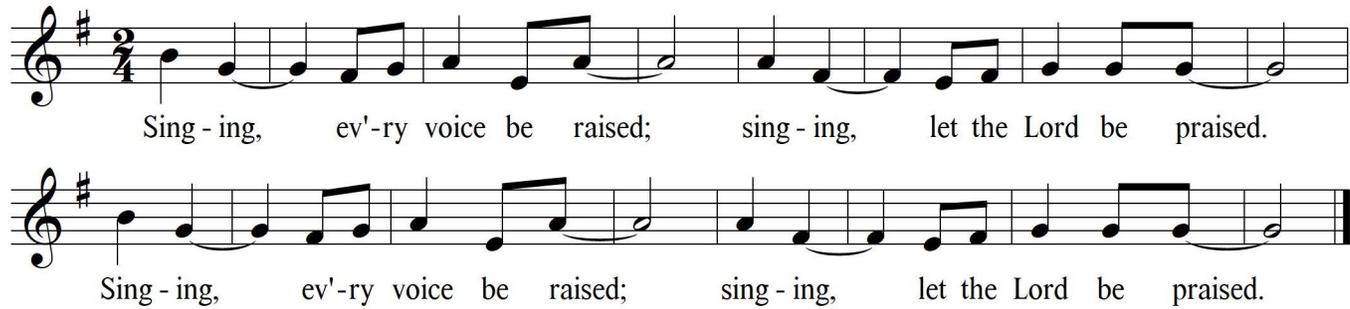
O that my head were a spring of water,
and my eyes a fountain of tears,

so that I might weep day and night
for the slain of my poor people!

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Refrain:



Sing - ing, ev'-ry voice be raised; sing - ing, let the Lord be praised.

Sing - ing, ev'-ry voice be raised; sing - ing, let the Lord be praised.

Verse 1: All you people, sound your praises loud and long; bless the name of God, sing out your joyful song. Through the world, from east to west, let praise abound; voices all united in a joyful sound.

Verse 2: God is Lord of all there is in sky and space; God is Lord of every nation, every race. Who is like the Lord who rules in love and might, yet who stoops to guide us every day and night?

Verse 3: God lifts up the poor and needy from the dust; gives them honor, gives them all that's right and just. God in mercy hears the barren woman's plea, gives her countless children, sets her spirit free.

The Choir verses are an interpretation of the Psalm text as found in the BCP.

The Second Lesson

1 Timothy 2:1-7

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For

there is one God;
 there is also one mediator between God and humankind,
 Christ Jesus, himself human,
 who gave himself a ransom for all

-- this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

L 109

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

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

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Children's Homily

The Rev. Deacon Lisa Kirby

The Sermon

The Rev. Deacon Lisa Kirby

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 *Stand or kneel*

The Leader and People pray responsively

God alone is our help. We lift up our needs and the needs of the whole human family, saying: Lord have mercy.

For those who lead the people of God, that they may seek after integrity and be true to their call of service, we pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

For Christians everywhere, that we may be rich in good works and generously share what we have, we pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

That our eyes may be open to see poverty and human need, and that seeing, we may act justly, we pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

For an end to the abyss between rich and poor, in our community, in this nation, and throughout the world, we pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

That our young people may learn to love charity, justice, and a gentle spirit, we pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

For the aged, the infirm, the lonely, the homeless and for all who need help to live with dignity, we pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

That those who are imprisoned for the sake of the gospel may bear bold and glad witness to the Lord, we pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

For the dying among us, that they be granted dignity and serenity as they await the comforting arms of their mothering God, O Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for Rob, our own Bishop, for Paul and Suzanne, our priests, for Lisa our deacon, and for all the holy people of God, saying, **Lord have mercy.**

Intercessions for Christian People

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 in God's enduring love.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, Grace Episcopal & Christ the King Lutheran Church, Whiteville, and The Episcopal Farmworker Ministry. The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving Col. Harold Stirling, Jr., USMC, by his son, Hal Stirling.

O Lord, God, Your Son Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In His resurrection He restores life and peace in all creation. Comfort, we pray, all victims of intolerance and those oppressed by their fellow humans. Remember in Your Kingdom those who have died. Lead the oppressors towards compassion and give hope to the suffering.

God of promises, you have brought us a long way and have kept us safe in our journey to you. Hear us now, and answer our prayers with delight. Teach us to run to you for all we need. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Lord.

Silence

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

Silence may be kept.

Deacon 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.**

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.**

The Announcements & Offertory Sentence

Thank you for your ongoing support of Christ Church. You can visit <https://www.christchurchnewbern.com/give> to make a contribution. You can also text the word FUNDS to 833.233.8760 or mail a check to PO Box 1246, New Bern, NC 28563.

Offertory

Christ Has Broken Down the Wall

Mark A. Miller

8:30 Choir

A guide to receiving Communion

Communion will be available both at the altar rail and to the left of the Baptismal font. Please come down the center aisle. At the main altar rail, we will have regular communion wafers and two chalices with wine. Please fill in from right to left at the altar rail. You may stand or kneel at the rail. Once you have received Communion, please return to your seat by going to the left of the altar and down the side steps.

To the left of the Baptismal Font, we will have regular communion wafers and gluten-free wafers. If you wish to have a gluten-free wafer, please ask the clergy person. One Eucharistic Minister will have the chalice or common cup with wine, another will have small individual cups, some with grape juice and some with wine. If you wish to intinct (dip your wafer into the wine), please use a small individual cup. Receiving communion in one kind (just the bread or just the wine/grape juice) is also sufficient to receive the full benefit of the Sacrament. If you do not wish to receive the Sacrament, you are invited to receive a blessing from the clergy. Simply cross your arms across your chest when you approach the clergy.

Hymn at the Presentation

H 380 v. 3

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer A from *the Book of Common Prayer*

The people now stand. The Celebrant faces them and says

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.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zon te a - do - ra! Mi
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My

cor - a - zon te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Se - ñor.
heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord.

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing the wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and people

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The celebrant continues.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people, the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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 for ever. **AMEN.**

Celebrant And now, as our Savior has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

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 heart by faith, with thanksgiving.

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

Let a priest know if you wish to have them.

Communion Hymns

There is a Balm in Gilead

L 203

Sending Forth Eucharistic Visitor *Please 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.**

Post Communion Prayer

BCP 366

Celebrant Let us pray.

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 to 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 *Standing*

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

Recessional Hymn

I Love to Tell the Story

L 64

The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary

Gather Us In

Marty Haugen, arr. Cotter

SERVING US TODAY

Video Coordinator: Nykira Williams **Verger:** Hal Stirling
Altar Guild: Barbara West, Bonnie Royer, Linda Foster, Deb Miller, Cindy Gleisburg
Lector: Patricia Holmes **Lector/Eucharistic Minister:** David Cook
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Eucharistic Minister: Wayne Rowe
Greeter: Phyllis Fox
Ushers: David Morini, Ben Parrish
Acolytes: Brooke Buhrmaster, Kate Buhrmaster, Thomas Tayloe, Celia Morini
Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Grace Episcopal and Christ the King Lutheran Church, Whiteville, and The Episcopal Farmworker Ministry

CHRIST CHURCH CLERGY AND STAFF

Rector: The Rev. H. Paul Canady
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CHRIST CHURCH VESTRY

Term through 2022: Carl Huddle (*Jr. Warden*), Rick Miller, David Spence, Keith Thompson (*Sr. Warden*)
Term through 2023: Howard Furnas, John King, Elizabeth Livingston (*Clerk*), Sims Wayt
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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, and service to one another and to the community beyond.

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THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

Sunday, September 18

Altar Guild Commissioning

8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)

9:30 am: Coffee available between services

9:45 am: Sunday School

11 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave/[online](#))

2 pm: Newcomers' Reception (Church Yard)

6 pm: EYC (Youth Room)

Monday, September 19

10 am: Home Place Eucharist (Offsite)

10:30 am: McCarthy Court Eucharist (Offsite)

11:30 am: Contemplative Prayer Group (Pelletier Room)

1 pm: Staff Meeting

3:30 pm: Growing in Grace

6:30 pm: Vestry Meeting (Harrison Center)

Tuesday, September 20

8:30 am: Eucharist (Chapel)

10 am: Women's Book Study (Second Floor Living Room)

3:30 pm: Growing in Grace

5:45 pm: 8:30 Choir Rehearsal

6:30 pm: Small Wonders NA Meeting (Pelletier Room)

7:15 pm: Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

Wednesday, September 21

3:30 pm: Growing in Grace

4 pm: Pastoral Care Commission

4 pm: Wednesdays at Christ Church

6:15 pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)

7 pm: Parish Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

Thursday, September 22

10 am: Chair Yoga (Harrison Center)

3:30 pm: Growing in Grace with Chapel Time

Friday, September 23

5 pm: Feast Day of Cyprian of Carthage Celebration (Offsite)

Sunday, September 25

8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)

9:30 am: Coffee available between services

9:45 am: Sunday School

11 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave/[online](#))

12 pm: Cursillo Reunion (Chapel)

3 pm: CROP Hunger Walk

3 pm: EYC (at CROP Walk)