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Our Vision:
To Know Christ
To Love Christ
To Serve Christ in Others

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 12, 2020

Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Prelude: Every time I feel the spirit

H.T. Burleigh

Opening hymn: 440 Blessed Jesus, at thy word

The Word of God

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

People: And Blessed be his Kingdom, now and forever! Amen!

The Collect for Purity

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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.*

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

you are seated at the right hand of the
Father:
receive our prayer.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Collect of Day (Proper 10)

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

A Reading from Genesis 25: 19-34

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the Lord. And the Lord said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger." When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them. When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob. Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 119: 105-112 *Lucerna pedibus meis*

105 Your word is a lantern to my feet *
and a light upon my path.

106 I have sworn and am determined *
to keep your righteous judgments.

107 I am deeply troubled; *
preserve my life, O LORD, according to your word.

108 Accept, O LORD, the willing tribute of my lips, *
and teach me your judgments.

109 My life is always in my hand, *
yet I do not forget your law.

110 The wicked have set a trap for me, *
but I have not strayed from your commandments.
111 Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; *
truly, they are the joy of my heart.
112 I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes *
for ever and to the end.

Gospel Hymn: 593 Lord, make us servants of your peace

The Reading of the Gospel of Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!" "Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

The Children's Sermon – Mrs. Meredith Maple Perry

The Sermon – The Rev. Elizabeth Keeler

The Nicene Creed

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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 4

Form IV

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We especially pray for our Michael Presiding Bishop, Susan, Jennifer and Taylor our Bishops. For Elizabeth, our Celebrant, Joe our Music Minister, for our Vestry, for Liz our Nursery Attendant and for Janet, our Pastoral Assistant this week; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

I ask your prayers for Donald our President and Ralph our Governor. And all the leaders of our nation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. Remembering the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

I ask your prayers for Katie, John, Bill, Valerie, Eric, Katie, Jeff, Ellen, Maureen, Addie, Bob, Beth, Nick, Jessica, Eleanor, Beverly, Joan, Beatrice, Gladys, Shelly, Steven, Al, Betty, Tom, Bill, Virginia, Ruth, Elaine, Marion, Ginny, Fred, Marguerite, Ralph, Jim, Priscilla, Virginia, Ted, Elaine, John, L. B., and for all those working on the front lines during this pandemic.

For those who have died: Prayers requested by Ruth Meagher for her daughter, Lynda Ann Meagher on the anniversary of her birth

(At this time we invite you to add your own petitions in the Zoom chat.)

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

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The Search Committee Prayer: Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish. Likewise, guide the heart of our future priest, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Birthday and Anniversary Prayers

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Confession and Absolution

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The Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence

Celebrant 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 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 & Announcements**

The Celebrant:

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

*** The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B**

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(In this prayer, the lines in italics are spoken by the People.)

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 him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

Celebrant and People:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

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 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, 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 that 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 [_____ and] 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 for ever. *AMEN.*

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

As our Savior Christ
has taught us,
we now pray,

The Lord's Prayer

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

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Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People: There for let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God

The Prayer of Spiritual Communion

The presider invites the following prayer to be said by all:

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

(St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

(We will take time to reflect on our spiritual communion with our Lord)

Post communion prayer

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People:

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage

to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

May Christ crucified draw you to Himself, to find in Him a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

(Response: Thanks be to God.)

Closing Hymn: 530 Spread, O Spread, thou mighty word

Dismissal

Celebrant: Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude: Improvisation

Today's music was produced in accordance with Diocesan guidelines using minimal participants and exercising social distancing.

Zoom Producer: Deb Kim

Videographer: Meredith Maple Perry

For those celebrating birthdays this month (but not read in church):

Claire Snyder, Ross Branstetter, Chris Manning, Ruth Ritt, Michael Brant, Aidan Dickinson, Elizabeth Bush, Karen Ingrebretsen, Sarah Wilsey, Gail Ritchie, Jacob Cannaday, Betty Carper, Alice Mary Hymel, Virginia Clark, Megan Bush, Bishop Susan E. Goff, Bobby Bradshaw, Caroline McLaugherty, Sarah Olsen, Tony Dickenson, Emily Gorham, Debbie Medding and Jacqueline Kabiri. (Please email sccparisha@gmail.com if your name is not on the July list. Thank you, Nina)

The Sick, Suffering, and in Need Jeff, John, Katie, Beth, Noah, Jessica, Eleanor, Beverly, Joan, Beatrice, Gladys, Shelly, Steven, Al, Betty, Bill, Virginia Clark, Ruth York, Elaine Sevy, Marion Evans, Ginny and Fred Berg, Marguerite Wagner, Ralph Tomita, Jim Foster, Priscilla Greene, Virginia Cole, Ted Woodcock, Elaine Apostles, John Wells, and L. B. Berg as well as those on our March Parish Family Prayer List (names not read in the service): The Newcomb, Andrew Clark, Eleanor Alleman, Chris Crockett, , Barbara Carballal, Jason, Faith, Jack, Anne Bustion, Jonah Havert, Sharon Wilson, Joe Hughes and Joan Snyder.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

News from the Search Committee:

Starting this coming week your Search committee will start interviewing candidates. We are very excited to get to know the candidates more personally thru zoom interviews. In all of our discussions we continue to remind ourselves of the parish survey results and the needs of the congregation. We thank you for your continued prayers; we are praying also so that we may be guided to the right recommendation. If you have any concerns or comments, please feel free to email me at: gayenkayla@aol.com. Gaye Evans, Search Committee Chair

Book Discussion Group Our Book Discussion Group will meet via zoom on Tuesday, July 21, at 2 pm to discuss Celeste Ng's best-selling novel, *Little Fires Everywhere*. Janet Quinn will be the facilitator for the discussion. If you plan to attend, please notify Janet and she will provide you with the necessary link. If you have any questions, contact Janet or Christine Meloni.

Compline with Meredith Maple:

- Meredith will offer Evening Prayer on the following upcoming dates at 7PM:
- Thursday, July 16 - Evening Prayer
- Tuesday, July 21 - Evening Prayer
- Wednesday, July 29 - Evening Prayer

Zoom links will be sent out that day and posted on Facebook! Please join us!

ECHO Food Room Needs- July, 2020 Thank everyone for your continuing support. ECHO have distributed more than 14,000 bags of food since March 1. While we continue to need food, we are now expanding assistance to meet more needs of families with **children**. We thank you for past assistance and ask for your help to continue this extraordinary effort.

Donations of items to ECHO at 7205 Old Keene Mill Road, weekdays 9:30 am to 12:30 pm, and Tuesday and Thursday evenings 7:00 to 9:00pm. ECHO continues to be closed on Wednesday evenings.

- Donate **children's** shoes and summer clothing **ONLY- no adult clothing or housewares yet**, in bags or boxes marked as "Young Children Clothing" or "Older Children/Teen Clothing"
- Donate new school supplies in bags or boxes marked "New School Supplies." We especially need backpacks, 2" binders, wide or college rule spiral notebooks and notepaper, broad or thin colored markers, 12 pack colored pencils, glue sticks
- Donate food or hygiene products in bags separate from clothing or school supply donations, and mark them "Food." Please **avoid giant sized products** because they are difficult for ECHO to use. Urgent needs now include: canned fruits and vegetables, tortillas, vegetable oil, peanut butter, soup, crackers, bandaids, hand lotion, razors, shaving cream.

Service Participants for Sunday, July 12, 2020
Lectors: Deb Kim (L1), Richard Sellers (L2)
Prayer Intercessor: Meredith Maple
VPOW: Logan Foley
P.A.T Minister: Janet Quinn
The Chapel Prayer Team is available for prayer, you can email Jennifer Guernsey at jenguernsey@gmail.com

New Tools Making Giving Easier Thank you for all your inquiries to on how to make donations to St. Christopher's Church. Listed below are ways to donate. If you have other questions, please email Debbie Frear at StChristophersTreasurer@gmail.com.

Ways to donate:

- * Mail in checks to St. Christopher's at 6320 Hanover Ave, Springfield VA 22150
- * Set up electronic bill pay through your bank. You only need the Church's name and address.
- * Set up a bank to bank transfer. Contact the St. C's Treasurer if you want to do this.
- * Via PayPal - Per instructions already published. This is a no fee service, but donations will be delayed getting to the church for up to 45 days.

Thank you for your generosity and keeping up with your pledge. Debbie Frear, Treasurer

This Weeks at St. Christopher's

Monday, July 13

Tuesday, July 14

- 7:30 Search Committee Meeting

Wednesday, July 15

Thursday, July 16

- 7:00 p.m. Evening Prayer (Night Prayer with Meredith Maple)
- 7:30 Search Committee Meeting

Friday, July 17

Saturday, July 18

Sunday, July 19 – The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

- 10:30 a.m. St. Christopher's Virtual Church; Morning Prayer/ Rite 2

The Vestry of St. Christopher's: Senior Warden, Bob Hall, Jr. Warden, Marifran Bustion, Register, Liz Zubritsky, Parish Life Team Lead, Cathy Branch, Education Team Lead, Timmie McArthur, Evangelism Team Lead, Brent Guernsey, Outreach Team Lead, Carroll Hill, Stewardship Team Lead, Deb Kim, Building Lead, John Olsen, Grounds Lead, Logan Foley and Worship, Bob Hall.

The Staff of St. Christopher's Nina Miller, Parish Administrator; Joe Bush, Bookkeeper; Joe Gabalski, Organist/Choir Director; Polly Colwell, Preschool Director