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Our Vision:

To Know Christ
To Love Christ
To Serve Christ in Others

The Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 21, 2020

Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Prelude: Prelude in D Major

J.S. Bach

Opening hymn: 655 O Jesus, I have promised

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 7)

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A Reading from Genesis 21:8-21

The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac." The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring." So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba. When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him." Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink. God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Psalms 86:1-10, 16-17 *Inclina, Domine*

- 1 Bow down your ear, O LORD, and answer me, *
for I am poor and in misery.
- 2 Keep watch over my life, for I am faithful; *
save your servant who puts his trust in you.
- 3 Be merciful to me, O LORD, for you are my God; *
I call upon you all the day long.
- 4 Gladden the soul of your servant, *
for to you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

- 5 For you, O LORD, are good and forgiving, *
and great is your love toward all who call upon you.
- 6 Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer, *
and attend to the voice of my supplications.
- 7 In the time of my trouble I will call upon you, *
for you will answer me.
- 8 Among the gods there is none like you, O LORD, *
nor anything like your works.
- 9 All nations you have made will come and worship you, O LORD, *
and glorify your Name.
- 10 For you are great;
you do wondrous things; *
and you alone are God.
- 16 Turn to me and have mercy upon me; *
give your strength to your servant;
and save the child of your handmaid.
- 17 Show me a sign of your favor,
so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; *
because you, O LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

Gospel Hymn: 136 LEVAS

I have decided to follow Jesus

The Reading of the Gospel of Matthew 10:24-39

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ. Jesus said to the twelve disciples, “A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! “So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. “Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

The Children's Sermon – Mrs. Meredith Maple Perry

The Sermon – The Rev. David Crosby

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 David, our Celebrant, Joe our Music Minister, for our Vestry, for Debbie our Treasurer and for Mike, 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 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.

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

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

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.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Birthday and Anniversary Prayers

*** The Peace & Announcements**

The Celebrant:

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

The Holy Communion

** Music*

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 payer

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: 537

Christ for the world we sing

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: Fugue in D Major

J.S. Bach

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

Soloist are:

Zoom Producer: Deb Kim

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

John Sellers, Marion Evans, Annie Medding, Kathy Barnard, Amanda Etro, Virginia Rietman, Michael Hinson, Donald Knox, Meagan Pa, Pam Branstetter, Shaun Chandler, Kathryn Duggan, Edith Sellers, Jim Bradshaw, Grace Wilsey, Maria Tedesco, Susan Fitzgerald, Carson Lavinder, Harry Rietman, Indra Corea, Christine Meloni, and Patricia Vervena.

The Sick, Suffering, and in Need Jeff, 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

Summer Sunday Worship Schedule As we continue worship following Virginia and Diocese regathering regulations during the COVID-19 pandemic and not having a rector, we will offer either Holy Eucharist or Morning Prayer at 10:30 on Sunday mornings. For the next several weeks, we will continue to take advantage of the great supply clergy who have been with us, Mother Elizabeth and Father David. For Morning Prayer, we are fortunate to have members of the parish who are willing, able, and authorized by the Diocese to lead Morning Prayer. Before we started having Morning Prayer, we confirmed with the Diocese that any communicant/layperson in good standing can lead Morning Prayer. During this phase, we are allowed to have two people in the church building, one to officiate and one to be the videographer. These people will follow established guidelines, such as social distancing, wearing masks, cleaning and sanitizing before and after services. It is the officiant's decision whether to lead the service from the church building or the officiant's home. When we celebrate Holy Eucharist, no one will physically take either bread or wine, but we will say together the prayer for spiritual communion.

The schedule through July is below:

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June 21 - David Crosby
June 28 - Richard Sellers
July 5 - Elizabeth Keeler
July 12 - Elizabeth Keeler
July 19 - Meredith Maple
July 26 - Trish Taylor

Please contact either Bob Hall (bobhall01@gmail.com) or Marifran Bustion (marifranbustion@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

Looking for a way to stay connected to parishioners while we distance? Join our Parishioner Facebook Group: “St. Christopher’s Church Springfield VA Parishioner Hangout.” This is a great way to engage with fellowship, learn about activities in our church neighborhood, and share relevant happenings with your St. C’s family!

This is the hyperlink to the page [St. Christopher’s Church Springfield VA Parishioner Hangout](#), but you can also search “St. Christopher’s Church Springfield VA Parishioner Hangout” to join as well!

Boy Scout Food Drive this Saturday June 20th The Patriot District of the Boy Scouts is supporting ECHO with a Food and Personal Hygiene Products Drive on Saturday, June 20, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm, and they invite the public to participate.

The collection site will be at Westwood Baptist Church (8200 Old Keene Mill Road, exactly 2 miles west of ECHO).

For everyone’s safety, please follow these guidelines:

- Do not arrive at the donation site before 1:00 pm, as volunteers will not be ready.
- Enter the long east drive between Westwood Baptist Church and the Cary building, turn left into the Westwood parking lot, drop off their food by opening your trunk for a volunteer to take or handing the donation out the car window to a volunteer (which will be loaded into volunteer trucks/SUVs/minivans) and depart via the western exit.
- Bring unopened, non-perishable foods or hygiene items such as soap, toothpaste or deodorant packaged in unbreakable containers. No glass.
- All participants should wear masks and keep a safe distance from one another.

Most needed items can be found on the website <http://www.echo-inc.org>

Church Sign Update: The ideas are coming in! We’ve had a lot of great inputs from many folks and now have estimates from several vendors. Though we won’t be able to accommodate all desires each is being considered in our efforts to refurbish and modernize the church sign. If you have further thoughts, please keep them coming. Next engagement will be scheduled the week of June 29, 2020. Point of contact: Logan Foley (lfoley44@yahoo.com).”

Compline and Evening Prayer with Meredith Maple:

Meredith will offer Evening Prayer on the following upcoming dates:

- Thursday, June 25 - Compline
- Tuesday, June 30 - Compline
- Wednesday, July 8 - Evening Prayer
- 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!

FACETS MEAL PREP Please sign up to help prepare food items ahead of time or with food assembly. The FACETS feeding this month will continue to be a challenge because of the COVID-19 pandemic. With so many people out of work the number of meals served by FACETS has exceeded 200 on many nights recently. The need is great.

We will be depending upon many hands (thoroughly washed!) to assist with the preparation from home, and a maximum of 10 people in the church at any one time. Be sure to wear gloves and masks when working with food.

The good news is that FACETS will bring the van and pick up the food so we don't have to do the distribution.

If you can sign up to help, please click here for the SignUp Genius link:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0949aaa62ba4fb6-hotmeals13>

Thank you,

Janet Bush

Service Participants for Sunday, June 21, 2020
Lectors: Danny Gorham (L1), Timmie McArthur (L2)
Prayer Intercessor: Mike Snyder
VPOW: Marifran Bustion
P.A.T Minister: Mike Snyder
The Chapel Prayer Team is available for prayer, you may call or email Ginny Brown at 703-354-5115 or vhmbrown@gmail.com

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, June 22

- 7:30 Vestry Meeting

Tuesday, June 23

Wednesday, June 24

Thursday, June 25

- 7:00 p.m. Compline (Night Prayer with Meredith Maple)

Friday, June 26

Saturday, June 27

Sunday, June 28 – The Fourth 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