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- The liturgy is taken from The Book of Common Prayer-

Welcome to Christ Church Episcopal

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 7, 2022 11:00 AM

Song of Entrance: **“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”**

Hymn to Joy

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

PEOPLE: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

CELEBRANT: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, 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.**

CELEBRANT: Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING – HEBREWS 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

READER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 50:1-8, 23-24

Antiphon

From *Awesome God*, Rich Mullins

The musical score is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody starts on G4 and moves through various intervals. Chord symbols are placed above the staff: C, Bm, Em, C, G, D. The lyrics 'Our God is an awe-some God He_ reigns from' are written below the first staff. The second staff continues the melody, with chord symbols Em, C, G/D, C, Bm, Em. The lyrics 'hea-ven a-bove with wis - dom power and love Our God is an awe-some God.' are written below the second staff. The piece ends with a double bar line.

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1 The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken; *
he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

- 2 Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, *
God reveals himself in glory.
- 3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; *
before him there is a consuming flame,
and round about him a raging storm.
- 4 He calls the heavens and the earth from above *
to witness the judgment of his people.

Antiphon

- 5 "Gather before me my loyal followers, *
those who have made a covenant with me
and sealed it with sacrifice."
- 6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; *
for God himself is judge.
- 7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak:
"O Israel, I will bear witness against you; *
for I am God, your God.
- 8 I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; *
your offerings are always before me.

Antiphon

- 23 Consider this well, you who forget God, *
lest I rend you and there be none to deliver you.
- 24 Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving honors me; *
but to those who keep in my way will I show the salvation of God."

Antiphon

THE GOSPEL – LUKE 12:32-40

CELEBRANT: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
PEOPLE: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes

during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

CELEBRANT: The Gospel of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE MESSAGE

The Rev. Bob Hamilton

THE CREED

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

PRAYER LEADER: Gracious Lord, we greet you this day with praise and adoration for who you are, and with gratitude for the many blessings of our lives - including our next breath.

We pray for the Universal Church and its mission, both here in the US, and in all the countries of our world. Lord, in your mercy,

PEOPLE: **Hear our prayer.**

PRAYER LEADER: We pray for our Nation and its leadership. We need you, God, to bring justice and peace to the conflicts we face each day. Help us elect leaders who have wisdom, integrity, and the ability to get along with one another in a spirit of compromise. Lord, in your mercy,

PEOPLE: **Hear our prayer.**

PRAYER LEADER: We pray for the welfare of all people. Help us to become more Christlike, and to love as you created and called us to do. Help us to extend kindness and aid to all who are in need, whether they are here in Richmond, or away in countries like Ukraine. Lord, in your mercy,

PEOPLE: **Hear our prayer.**

PRAYER LEADER: We pray for all who suffer in mind, body, and spirit. Give them strength for their journey, competent care, and healing: physically, mentally, and emotionally. We especially lift to you this day ____, and those we name in our hearts. Lord, in your mercy,

PEOPLE: **Hear our prayer.**

PRAYER LEADER: Finally, God, we remember those we love who are with you. We ask your comfort for all who grieve. We await a place in Eternity with you and the beloved cloud of witnesses who have gone before us. We especially lift to you this day ____, and those we name in our hearts. Lord, in your mercy,

PEOPLE: **Hear our prayer.**

PRAYER LEADER: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

ALL: **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

CELEBRANT: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
PEOPLE: **And also with you.**

INVITATION TO PRESENT YOUR OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem: **“Tell Your Heart to Beat Again”** Phillips/West/Herms, arr. Tan

Song of Offering: **“Let My Life Be a Sacrifice”** Tan

THE HOLY COMMUNION

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 him thanks and praise.**

CELEBRANT: 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 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:

Andante con moto ♩ = 60

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord
 9 God of pow'r and might. Hea - ven and earth are
 15 full of your glo - ry, Ho - sa - na in ex - cel - sis.
 21 Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Ho
 26 sa - na in ex - cel - sis, Ho sa - na in ex -
 32 - cel - sis! **rit.**

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CELEBRANT:

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,

ALL: **We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

CELEBRANT: 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 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.**

CELEBRANT: And now, as our Savior Christ 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.

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 hearts, by faith, with thanksgiving.

Song of the Table: **“Forever (We Sing Hallelujah)”**

Johnson/Gifford/Wilson/Johnson/Taylor/Jobe, arr. Sorenson

CELEBRANT: Let us pray.

ALL: **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

Song of Dismissal: **“By Faith”**

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THE DISMISSAL

CELEBRANT: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

Today we welcome the Rev. Bob Hamilton as our celebrant and preacher. He recently retired as a health chaplain in North Carolina and moved with his wife to Short Pump to be near his family.

A Prayer for our Transition

God of change and transition, we ask your blessing as we move towards the call for a new rector. Help us to stay faithful and steadfast during this time of change – committing ourselves to prayer, Bible study and regular attendance in worship. Please enable the discernment committee to offer its best God-given gifts of wisdom, compassion, compromise and deep faith as we discern the best choice to lead our church. We thank you, Lord, for blessing this work in your Kingdom. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

As our Journey continues, please help us fund the mission of inviting, growing, serving others in Jesus' name!

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Wednesday Morning Prayer | *In-person and Online* | *Wednesday* | *8 AM* | Join others for a celebration of Holy Eucharist. Check Realm Events for Zoom link.

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Need help? Email us or call the Pastoral Care Voicemail

We all need a little help some times. Staff and our trained pastoral caregivers are here for you in times of need. If you need prayer, a visit, or any kind of support, please email any staff member or call our message system at 804-223-2116.

Summer Youth Group

We have an exciting array of summer events for students rising 6th-12th grades. Reach out to Adam Williams at a.williams@ccerva.org for all the details.

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Thank you for worshipping at Christ Church Episcopal

Christ Church, Richmond exists to invite people into a relationship with Jesus Christ and with one another, and help them grow and live in those relationships, and serve God and our neighbors.
We are Christ Church: Always Inviting;
Growing Deeper; and Serving Others.

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