

Christ Church Episcopal

Reading, Pennsylvania

Christ Is All and In All

**The 16th Sunday
Proper 21**

**after Pentecost
September 25, 2022**



Service at 9:00 am (with music) following

The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) - the black book in the pew racks
Service music (preceded by "S") is located at the FRONT of The (blue)
Hymnal 1982

VESTRY

Senior Warden: Rick Wolf, **Junior Warden:** Wayne Fanning, **Secretary:** Carolyn Handy. Connie Fegley, Ashleigh Hoelscher, Diane Morris, Anita Powell, Terry Rowles, Chris Spohn, June Tull, Michael West, and Pam Wheat.

Organ Prelude: **Toccata in G minor**
 Organ Hymn

Jean Pasquet
Karl Puitti

Processional Hymn: WLP 756

Doris M. Akers

Liturgy of the Word

Opening Acclamation

BCP p. 355

Collect for Purity

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Gloria

WLP 900

Collect of the Day

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Alas for those who are at ease in Zion, and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria. Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory, and lounge on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock, and calves from the stall; who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp, and like David improvise on instruments of music; who drink wine from bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

Psalm 146

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I will praise the LORD as long as I live, hal - le - lu - jah.

- 1 Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, O my soul! *
I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.
- 2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, *
for there is no help in them.
- 3 When they breathe their last, they return to earth, *
and in that day their thoughts perish.

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- 4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! *
whose hope is in the Lord their God;
- 5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; *
who keeps his promise for ever;
- 6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *
and food to those who hunger.

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- 7 The Lord sets the prisoners free;
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; *
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
- 8 The Lord loves the righteous; the Lord cares for the stranger; *
he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.
- 9 The Lord shall reign for ever, *
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!

REFRAIN

Second Reading

1 Timothy 6:6-19

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of

our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time-- he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Gospel Anthem: “The Heavenly Aeroplane” *arr. John Rutter*

“This Gospel hymn was written by Pentecostal Pastor John S McConnell in 1927, during the heyday of Barnstorming, when stunt pilots traveled around the country entertaining people by performing tricks and offering rides in their airplanes. Pastor McConnell compares Judgment Day and the Rapture to one of these airplane rides. “

One of these nights about twelve o'clock
The old world's goin' to reel and rock,
The sinner's goin' to tremble and cry for pain
And the Lord will come in his aeroplane.

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*Oh ye thirsty of ev'ry tribe,
Get your ticket for an aeroplane ride,
Jesus our Savior is a coming to reign
And take you up to glory in his aeroplane.*
Talk about your joy-rides in automobiles,
Talk about your fast times on motor-wheels,

We'll break all records as we upward fly
For an aeroplane joy-ride through the sky

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You will have to get ready if you take this ride,
Quit all your sins and humble your pride,
You must furnish a lamp both bright and clean
And a vessel of oil to run the machine.

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When our journey is over and we'll all sit down
At the marriage supper with a robe and a crown;
We'll blend our voices with the heav'nly throng
And praise our Savior as the years roll on.

REFRAIN

Yeah!

Gospel

Luke 16:19-31

Jesus said, "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might

want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house-- for I have five brothers-- that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

Homily

Nicene Creed

BCP p. 358

Prayers of the People

Leader: 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.

(Silent pause.) Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: 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.

(Silent pause.) Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: 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.

(Silent pause.) Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: 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.

(Silent pause.) Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those on the search committee and vestry who shall choose our next rector, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries.

(Silent pause.) Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: 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. We remember especially those on our prayer list [list is read] and those whom we now name silently or aloud (long pause).

Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We commend to your mercy all who have died, remembering especially Charles, Synde and Marshall Long and George and Alice Lacey and Patricia K.J. Mathes-Davis and Charles L. Davis as well as those whom you may now name silently or aloud (long pause), that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

The celebrant adds a concluding collect.

Confession (Place your sea shell over your heart)

Dear God, I am sorry for the mistakes that I have made. I have said things I didn't mean and may have hurt the feelings of others. Please help me to forgive people who have made me sad or angry. Help me to be loving, honest and kind. Jesus has taught us to love you, our God, with our whole heart and to love our neighbors as ourselves. Please help us to follow him and forgive us when we don't.

Absolution

Peace

Announcements

Offertory Hymn: 494

Diademata

Hymn at the Presentation 380 (vs. 3)

Old 100th

Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A	BCP p. 361
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord S-130	<i>Sanctus</i>
Lord's Prayer	
Fraction Anthem S-164	<i>Agnus Dei</i>
Distribution of Holy Communion	
Communion Hymns	705, 574
Post-communion Prayer	BCP p. 365
Blessing	
Recessional Hymn WLP 751	<i>African-American Spiritual</i>
Dismissal	
Organ Postlude: Toccata from the Fifth Organ Symphony	<i>Charles Marie Widor</i>

Liturgical Ministers

Celebrant: The Rev. J. Douglas Moyer

Deacon: The Rev. Dr. Midge Pendergast

Organist/ Choirmaster: James K. Wilson

Postulant: Michael Molina

Lectors: Elizabeth West, Zoe Morris

Prayers of the People: Cynthia Pipkin

Ushers: Rick Wolf, Ellen Sunderman

Altar Guild Team: Charlotte Hoare *Captain*; Mary Jane Androne,
Christine Keeler, Josephine Lawson

Altar Candle Memorials for September are given to the **Glory of God and in Loving Memory of: Paul and Alice Swain and Arthur and Mary Hoare** by Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Hoare; **Lois Feick** by David & Judy Feick; and In **For Blessings Received** by Susan Frankowski.

Altar Flowers for today are given to the **Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Charles, Sydne and Marshall Long and George and Alice Lacey** by Linda and Jack Lacey. **Altar Flower** are also in honor of **Linda and Jack Lacey's 60th wedding Anniversary**. **Columbarium Flowers** are given to the **Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Patricia K.J. Mathews-Davis and Charles L. Davis** from the Children, Grandchildren, and Great-Grandchildren.

Anyone interested in sponsoring Altar Flowers, Columbarium Flowers, Lectern Flowers, or Altar Candle dedications should please contact Nancy Shelly @ **610-375-7925**. Thank you!

Weekday Worship Services

Zoom Bible Study, Wednesday @ 8 am; **Zoom Centering Prayer sessions**, Thursday at 8:30 A.M.; **Morning Prayer**, Thursday @ **11:00 am** at Red Bridge Park (led by David Emes)

We pray for those who celebrate birthdays this week, especially: Robin Caccese (9/26), Bev Munsing (9/26), Owen Pendergast (9/26), Ellie Weyandt (9/26), Olivia Miller (9/28), David Emes (9/30), Beth Traffas (9/30) and Luke Weyandt (9/30) with joy, gratefulness and thanksgiving for your gifts of unconditional love and the life given. We give thanks for the 60th wedding anniversary of Jack and Linda Lacey on 9/29.

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Closed Friday

The Christ Church Mission: Sharing God's Love with All

Please visit us at www.rdgchristchurch.org. The Diocesan and church staff members are listed, as well as a calendar of events. You may use this website to send in prayer requests. You may also request to be added to the list for e-blasts and newsletters.