



# CHRIST AND GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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*Our mission: Offering Hope, Healing and Hospitality*

*It is our custom to observe a prayerful silence before the service begins.*

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## TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST November 19, 2017

*We welcome families with children. If anytime during the service your child needs a place for active play, a small unstaffed nursery room, restrooms, and respite area, with a speaker to hear the service, are located downstairs under the front entrance to the church. A Sunday school for children ages 2-10 meets downstairs during the 10:30 service. Children will return to church at the offering.*

**8:00 AM HOLY COMMUNION RITE II – without music**

**10:30 AM HOLY COMMUNION RITE II – with music**

### The Word of God

**Prelude:** Prelude on *Rhosymedre*

Ralph Vaughan Williams

**Hymn 680** *O God our help in ages past*

St. Anne

**Opening Acclamation** *standing*

Book of Common Prayer p. 355

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

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

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.**

8:00 a.m. only

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

**Hymn S35** *Venite*

Jack Noble White

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

### The Collect of the Day

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**First Reading: Judges 4:1-7** *sitting* *See scripture insert*

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 123**

**Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn 598** *Lord Christ when first thou camst to earth*

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**Gospel:** *standing* (p. 357)

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

**Matthew 25:14-30**

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon** *following, a moment of silence is observed*

Bill Queen

**The Nicene Creed** *standing* (p. 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 Form III** *standing or kneeling* (p. 387)

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

**That we all may be one.**

In our Parish Cycle of Prayer we remember: Rawn Hyatt & McGee Roman, Muriel Ifekwunigwe, and Ann & Muriel Ifekwunigwe. Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

We remember those who desire healing in body or spirit: our church members Polly Davies, Horace Higgins, Barbara Ragsdale, Daphne Spurlock and Elaine Yeatts, as well as our relatives and friends Elise Bethell, Kenneth Crowder, Selena McColley, Ellen Moyer, Butch Ozmar, Tommy Parson, Mark Richards, Edward Roberts, David Terry, and Renee Williamson. Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest;  
**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Bob Howard and Virginia and Phil Roper, by their family. We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. I invite you to offer your own prayers, either silently or aloud. (*pause*)

Let us pray together our prayer for Christ & Grace's Rector Search;  
**Dear Lord, Surround us with your abundant love. Unite us as a parish during our journey together and encourage every voice to be heard at this time of transition. Grant us patience and wisdom to discern your will for our church. Strengthen our hearts and minds in our search for our new rector. All this we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. (*pause*) *kneeling* (p. 360)

**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.**

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** *standing*  
*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

**Greeting and Announcements**

**Offertory Sentence**

## **The Holy Communion**

**Offertory Anthem:** *Draw us in the spirit's tether*

Harold Friedell

**At The Presentation** Doxology Old Hundredth (Hymn 380 vs. 3) *standing*  
*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. Amen*

*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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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:

**Hymn S-125** *Holy, holy, holy Lord*

Proulx

**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.**

*standing or kneeling*

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,

**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 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, (p. 364)  
**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**

**Fraction Hymn S-154 Alleluia**

New Plainsong

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All baptized persons, regardless of denomination or church membership, are welcome to come forward and receive the Holy Bread and Wine. A larger chalice for drinking or a small chalice for intincting (dipping) are available at the altar rail. If you wish to intinct, please hold your wafer up so chalice bearers can see it. If you would like Communion brought to you in the pew, please tell an usher.*

**Communion Hymn 623** *O what their joy and their glory*  
*(The congregation is invited to sing)*

O quanta qualia

**Kneeling Hymn 312** *Strengthen for service*

Malabar

**Prayer of Thanksgiving** *standing or kneeling*  
Let us pray.

(p. 365)

**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.**

### **Blessing**

**Hymn 541** *Come, labor on*

Ora Labora

### **Dismissal**

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude:** Improvisation on *Ora Labora*

Lay Readers: 8:00 Kemper Brinkley, Claire Brill

10:30 Bill Miller, Erica Roney, Martha Burton, Claire Brill

Ushers: Marwee Walsh, Jim Hunter Audio: Ralph Baldwin Greeters: Everyone

**WELCOME VISITORS.** We extend a warm welcome to our visitors today. If you would like to know more about our church, kindly fill out one of the cards in the pew racks and place it in the collection plate. Join us in Lackey Hall after both services for refreshments and conversation. Exit the church through the door beside the baptism font – Lackey Hall is at the far end of the hallway.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TODAY** will be “Grief in the Christmas Season” by Sonyia Elder. Next Sunday is “The Power of Pause” by Claire Brill.

**A THANKSGIVING DAY HOLY COMMUNION WORSHIP SERVICE** will be held on Thursday, November 23, at 10:30 a.m. Come and sing the great Thanksgiving hymns!

**CHRIST AND GRACE OFFICE CLOSED** on Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24, for the Thanksgiving holiday.

**A CELTIC EVENSONG AND COMMUNION SERVICE** will be held today at 5:30 p.m. Pre-service music starts at 5:15 p.m. with featured musician harpist Louise Daniels. A reception follows the service. Please join us and bring a friend.

**HOLY COMMUNION AT THE PETERSBURG HOME FOR LADIES** will be offered by Bill Queen this Tuesday, November 21, at 10:30 a.m. in the Rose Room. All are welcome to come join in worship with our parishioners and other residents.

**EVERY MEMBER CANVASS CAMPAIGN** If you have not returned your pledge card, please do so as soon as possible. If you need a pledge card, please contact the church office at 733-7202.

**DO YOU LOVE FLOWERS?** Would you like to learn how to make altar arrangements? The flower guild is seeking enthusiastic people interested in beautifying the altar. Training provided. Not sure if this ministry is for you? Come give it a try – no strings attached! Questions? Stop by the altar guild table at the ministries fair, or contact Lee Adams at [shakubuku42@gmail.com](mailto:shakubuku42@gmail.com) or 243-3302. As we wrap up our stewardship drive, consider donating your time and talents to the flower ministry.

**WOMEN'S ADVENT RETREAT DAY** on Saturday, December 2, 2017 at Chanco on the James. The retreat day will include engaging workshops and inspired worship built around the theme "Living the Magnificat". Art, music, fellowship, and refreshment are also included! Come for the day for just \$35 or join us on Friday evening for an option overnight for \$95. Flyers and registration forms available on hall bulletin board. Scholarships are available.

**YOUTH TO VISIT PETERSBURG HOME FOR LADIES** today at 9:30 a.m. Please plan to be at the church at 9:15 a.m.

**BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER** will be held Sunday, December 24th at 10:30 am. If you or your family is interested in participating in the pageant, please sign up on the sheet posted on the hall bulletin board by Sunday, November 26th.

**PECAN FUNDRAISER ORDERS HAVE ARRIVED!** Please pick up your order on the stage. Extras available for purchase in Lackey Hall! Please support the EYC and ECW in their fundraising efforts. Thank you.

**WREATH PICK-UP DATES AND TIME:** Wreaths will be ready for pick-up at the Gwaltney's home, 1150 Woodland Road, Petersburg, on Friday, December 1, Saturday, December 2, and Sunday, December 3, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Make checks payable to "ECW". For questions, please contact Kitty Gwaltney at 733-6938 or [kgwaltney@comcast.net](mailto:kgwaltney@comcast.net).

**THE NIGHT CIRCLE ANNUAL POINSETTIA SALE** signup sheets are in Lackey Hall. Plants are offered in white, red, pink and marble for \$6 each. Order deadline is Monday, November 27. Pick-up in Lackey Hall is Friday, December 8, and Saturday, December 9, from 10:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m., and Sunday, December 10, following both worship services. **Payment by check should made out to "Night Circle".**

**ECW BAKE SALE** will take place on Sunday, December 3. Donations of baked goods, soups, casseroles, condiments and confections will be greatly appreciated. They can be left in the church kitchen on Friday, December 1 and Saturday, December 2, between 10 – 2 p.m. For questions, contact Sally Seward [joboz@aol.com](mailto:joboz@aol.com) or 861-3060.

**Calendar for the Week**

Mon.	6:30 p.m.	Vestry Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Tri-Cities Band Rehearsal
Tues.	10:30 a.m.	Ladies Home Holy Communion
	7:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
Thurs.	10:30 a.m.	Thanksgiving Day Service
	7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting
Thurs/Fri.		<b>Office Closed</b>