

Christ ✕ Church



Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 30, 2018
10:00 AM
Baptism & Eucharist

The Rev. Judith Buck-Glenn

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Welcome to Christ Church! We are delighted that you are worshipping with us. All baptized persons of every denomination are welcome to receive communion at our altar. Please introduce yourself to one of our greeters. Please let an usher know if you are unable to come to the railing for Communion and the clergy will come to you.

Are you looking for a church home? You are welcome to fill out a pew card and place it in the offering plate. On it you can indicate that you would like the clergy to call on you.

Out of respect for neighbors wishing for quiet time to pray before the liturgy begins, please use your “inside voice” in the nave.

The altar flowers are given today in loving memory of Kathy Cooper.

If you would like a loved one memorialized with Altar flowers, please contact Janice Kordowski at 610-731-5252 for information.

Meetings this Week: Sunday 10:00 AM Metz Baptism, 11:30 AM Youth Choir, 1:30 PM Youth Group, Thursday 7:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal, Saturday 11:00 AM Modesti/ Adam Wedding

Adult Ed This week, The Quakers: That of God in Everyone [90/30].
Next week: The Amish and the Reformation [54/27].

Congratulations to Charlotte Elizabeth Metz who will be baptized today at the 10 AM Eucharist, and to her parents, Cathy Metz and Michael Smith.

A special welcome to the families and friends of our baptizand. Note that all baptized persons, whatever your denominational affiliation, are welcome to receive the sacrament at our altar.

Youth Group, Let’s Talk About Creation: Today we will be leaving for John Heinz Wildlife Refuge promptly from church at 1:30pm. If you have not told Mackenzie that you will be joining please contact her as there are limited amount of seats for transportation. Your Youth Ministries Form must be turned in before we leave, thanks!

Youth and Guardians: Please check out the Youth bulletin board on the office entrance stairs. Here you will find our calendar, updates about events, and sign-up sheets.

We need your help! In order to present Christ Church to potential candidates we need a parish profile which will require input from as many parishioners as possible. The profile tells the story of who we are, who we have been and who we hope to become. On the weekend of October 27-28 there will be no 5:30 PM or 8:00 AM services. There will be one service on Sunday, October 28th at 9:00 AM and then we will split into small groups for a Parish Workshop in Musselman Hall. We expect this to end around 1:30 PM. There will be a working lunch. Child care will be provided. This is your chance to have a say in our choice of a new rector!

Transition Update from Judy Yorke:

We will be announcing the Discernment Committee members who will work closely with Rev. Ullman in the search for our new rector. This announcement will be on or before Friday, October 5th.

We have a vacancy on the Personnel Committee. Meetings are limited to budget approval and personnel issues on as needed basis. If you are interested, please contact Chairperson Amy Lovenguth.

Sunday October 7th Pumpkins Arrive! We need as many volunteers as possible to join us at 12:30 PM to help unload. Hot dogs, chips and soda will be provided. There is a sign-up sheet available at the rear of the church for volunteering to sell pumpkins from October 7th-31st. 2 hour slots. Please pick a time slot that works for you.

Our Annual White Elephant Sale and Pumpkin Festival is on Saturday, October 20 from 9am to 2pm. The festival will offer an indoor White Elephant, hundreds of pumpkins for sale, hotdogs and pretzels, Bake Sale, Youth Table, Craft Table and photos in the pumpkin patch. Cash or Checks accepted. Everyone is welcome.

Water and Soda donations are also needed for the White Elephant Sale and Pumpkin Festival. They can be dropped off at any time under the coat racks across from the Deppich Room.

Baked Goods (cakes, cookies, cupcakes, brownies, etc.) are needed for the Pumpkin Patch Festival. Baked goods can be dropped off on Friday October 19th from 9-2 at the church kitchen or brought to the Pumpkin Patch on the day of the fair, October 20th. We will need volunteers to man this table.

We will celebrate Saint Francis Sunday with our annual Parish Pet Blessing October 7th at noon. You may bring your pet to the partially-fenced side yard of the Parish House, which is the area between the Parish House and the rectory next door. Cats should be in a crate and dogs must be leashed.

The 2019 Christ Church Episcopal wall calendar is available now. Please check out the new design which leaves space for appointments and other info. The calendars are in the Narthex next to the basket or on the table by the water cooler.

Can you help? We are looking for a few good people to work together on an important project. The "Letting the Light Shine Through" campaign for stained glass window restoration has been a great success...but it's not over yet! The actual restoration work commences in November. It would be wonderful to put together a commemorative booklet documenting the windows and their history. We have the details, but we need people with desktop publishing experience, photography skills, proofreading, printing experience. There is a budget allowance from the campaign. Please let Amy Lovenguth or any committee member know if you are interested. Project deadline January 2019, in time for the dedication ceremony sometime in January or February 2019. Committee: Rev. Judy, Judy Yorke, Patty Villa, Mike Iannacci, Janice Kordowski, Johnson Bowie, Carol King, and Amy Lovenguth.

Stained Glass project update: Willet Hauser Architectural Glass will begin the restoration project in November. The project manager will contact us with a date and members of the committee will help coordinate the project with the manager. You will see scaffolding and equipment on the property for 3-4 weeks until the project is complete. A special dedication and celebration party will brighten up those dreary January days. It will be exciting to see the beauty shine through!

It is an Exciting time for Pastoral Care!

A general informational meeting will be held for all members of Pastoral Care Sunday, October 14, 2018 at 11:00 AM Location TBD. Anyone interested in Pastoral Care is also welcome to this general meeting. This is a very important meeting so all please try to attend. Pastoral care at CCRP includes : LEM's, Casserole Crew, Visitors/ Drivers, Flower and Birthday Card ministry. Any questions, please contact Amy Lovenguth 610-804-6838.

McHenry Plaque The restoration of the icon named "Our Lady of the Sign" was completed a few years back in memory of Gloria Mc Henry. There is now a plaque memorializing her love of Christ Church, and her years of dedicated service. Take a few minutes to check out the beautiful icon and the new plaque. A special dedication of the icon will take place in the near future.

Memorial Garden Flagpole The flagpole in the Memorial Garden was donated by Dave and Diane Eckard a few years back. The bronze plaque was recently placed in the garden, memorializing Dave's parents. Stop by and take a look!

"New" Gloria setting in October! Some of the older congregation members may know it already, but it may be new for many. In October, we'll be using the David Hurd setting of the Gloria, at S277, along with the rest of his "New Plainsong" setting, which we've used in Advent. Come early this week (9:50AM September 30) to hear and get a preview rehearsal, to sing through it led by the choir before we introduce it in our 10AM worship service!

One Town, One Book Ridley Park Reads: *The Last Town on Earth* by Thomas Mullen. Read the book and join the conversation October 17, 2018 at 7:00 pm in the Ridley Park Borough Hall. This is also the book chosen by the Book Group here at church for our October discussion. Come join us on the second Monday, October 8th at 7:00 PM in the Deppich Room.

The next Meal at the Life Center is Tuesday, October 23, 2018. Sign up sheets are on the table next to the water cooler. Please note this is a Tuesday not the regular Wednesday. Thank you so much for your generosity, The Outreach Committee

In conjunction with Interfaith Ministries, we will again be hosting homeless families Nov 25- Dec 2. Volunteers will be needed for meal prep and serving/ clean up, socializing and overnight stays. Further details and sign up sheets will be available in October. Contact the church office, Dresden Shumaker, Jeanne Fletcher or Maripat King with questions.

Transition update from Reverend Judy:

The Reverend David Laquintano will be serving at the 5:30 service on October 13, Nov 24 and dates to be arranged in 2019. The Reverend Jill McNish will be here on Nov 10, Dec 8 and 22.

The Seaman's Church Institute has moved. They are now located at 1113 Admiral Peary Way, Philadelphia, PA 19112. Their phone number is (215) 940-9900. They are still collecting Ditty Bags and are thrilled with ours—they have even offered to pick ours up when they are stuffed. And they are still eager to have us make a meal for a shipload of sailors on Martin Luther King Volunteer day. But because of lack of storage space, they can NO LONGER ACCEPT MEN'S CLOTHING EXCEPT FOR SMALL AND MEDIUM WINTER COATS. Most ship's crews are Filipino. The coats can still go in the collection area at the end of the coat rack outside the Deppich Room. Please label them clearly and securely, as it will be difficult to tell donations from forgotten coats!

Junior Lay Readers Wanted: We would love to have more Junior Lay Readers, ages 7-17. Those interested should be fluid readers who are comfortable with an audience. Junior lay readers read the second lesson in the 10:00 service on Sundays from September-May. We do not use junior lay readers over the summer. We set the schedule, but you are free to trade among yourselves if you are can't attend on a particular Sunday. It is helpful to remember that the Deppich Scholarship Committee takes into account service to Christ Church when giving out scholarships. Being a junior lay reader is a wonderful way to serve! Please speak to Rev. Judy Buck-Glenn if your child is interested.

In case of severe weather, such as blizzards, ice storms, or hurricanes, church will be cancelled. You can find out about a cancellation if we have your current email address or you can check

the facebook page or call the church office to check the recording. We need updated contact information as soon as you have it! You can go online to update it yourself, or let the office know. Email, phone numbers added or dropped, new address- we need it all! Thank you.

Facebook page We invite any of our parishioners who are active on this social media platform to connect and like our new page. When we have events (ie PUMPKINS! or holiday services) it will make it easier for you to share with your friends and neighbors. Feel free to also tag the church in any of your relevant photos!
<https://www.facebook.com/ChristChurchofRidleyPark/>

The October newsletter is available at the back of church.

The Christ Church Directory is available at the back of church on the table near the wall of light switches.

Adult and Youth Choir - The Youth Choir's official rehearsal time is 11:30-12:15, but we are often able to start earlier, just about 10 minutes after the 10AM service lets out, for an earlier end time. Please contact Janet Kaido in person or at janetskeyboard@gmail.com if you would like to participate in either group.

Our ChildFund donations are way down, with fewer children enrolled in Sunday School. We have an ongoing commitment to Clara from Guatemala and Mac-Mac, from the Philippines, who are only 9 and 10. If you wish to help the Sunday School with their support of these two children, you can use the CHILDREN'S pew envelope, or write a check to the church and put "ChildFund" in the memo.

Wapiti Open House on Saturday, October 6, 2018 from 1:00 to 4:00 PM at 470 Wapiti Lane, North East, MD 21901. This is open to everyone in the Diocese. As we collectively consider the possibilities and potential of this unique property we ask that you join us for guided tours and the chance to offer your feedback and ideas. Please save the date and register today at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wapiti-open-house-tickets-48210783752>

If you travel, your unused hotel toiletries (soap, shampoo, creams, deodorant, toothbrush, dental floss, etc...) can be donated to the homeless. There is a bin by the green doors for donations. We pack them up every year on the MLK Volunteer Day to take to the Salvation Army for distribution to their homeless clients.

Would you like to establish a fund for Christ Church through your estate planning? Your restricted gift will ensure the continuation of the ministry of Christ Church and will benefit your parish friends and family for generations to come. Please leave your name and contact information with the office and Bob McLaughlin will contact you to assist in establishing the fund.

Thank you for generously donating children's items to Cradles to Crayons! This agency serves homeless and low-income children in the Southeastern Pennsylvania counties of Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery and Philadelphia, and Camden, NJ. There is a bin for children's clothing (infant to size 14), books and school supplies under the coat rack at the top of the steps nearest the church entrance doors.

Sale! Sale! 50% Off! Our Christ Church Savings Cards for 2018 are now on sale for \$10! The card gives you discounts at 15 different restaurants and businesses in our area such as The Gaslight, Langguth's Gift Shop, MacDade Bowl, Casey's, Pretzel Factory, Stargate Diner and Double Decker. They can be purchased in the church office, through our church website or by seeing Maripat King, Judy Yorke or Joanne Daws. Plan on picking yours up soon to enjoy 3 more months of savings at many businesses where you may already shop or dine!

Military Service:

U.S. Army	Richard W., Eric C., Michael S., Chris W., Mark R., Michael B.
U.S. Navy	Marshal N., Nicole G.
U.S. Air Force	David B., Tony G.
U.S. Marine Corps	Timothy N., Jerome S., William S., Austin
U.S.M.C. Reserve	Neil S.
National Guard	Evan H., James R., Robert W.

First Responders: Tom H., Joan H., David III, Michael D.,
Marianna, Josh P., Doug C., Art R., Lee E., Jesse F., Wayne M.,
Mitchell H., Katelyn P.

THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR: Philip, Chris
Ternove , Danny and Lou Ann E.

CONTINUING PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR: Jessica Davenport,
Megan, Cameron, Rita, Shawna, Carol Burgett, Austin, Antonella,
Sharon M., Russ, Katharyn Hawke, Gerald Quinn, Tom H., Donna
H., Barbara W., Melissa K., Frank, Baby Vincent, Judy Devine, Bob
Kelly, Jessica Atchison, Alfred Lee, for the reunification of separated
families, Sue, Jessie McKeating, Michael J. Phillips OM+, John E,
Mary Geiser, George, Amy H., Gary C., Michael D., Trevor, , Ann
Platt, Oma Pauley, Victims of Hurricane Florence

Names will remain on the continuing prayer list for a four week period. If we do not hear from you, we will assume that prayers have been answered and the name(s) will be removed from the list.

Flower Memorials: Kathy Cooper

Participants Today

Altar Guild	Ushers	Acolytes	Lay Readers
Team III Carole Buchan	8:00 AM Ed Riffert Backup as available 10:00 AM Ollie Rhine Bill Nickerson General Backup	8:00 AM Jason Tustin (C/S) 10:00 AM S: Katie Mason T: Whit Shumaker T: Archie Cotter C: Jack Kellett Banner: Tom Modesti	8:00 AM Bill Graham 10:00 AM Michelle Mason
Chalice Bearers	Counters		LEMS
8:00 AM Bill Graham Ed Riffert 10:00 AM Ken Mobley Kathie Klee	Team Two Kathy Okarski Captain		KM, RH, B&MW, MPK

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Holy Eucharist

Ordinary Time, Proper 21

Sunday, September 30, 2018

A Note on Today's Readings

Proper 21: Sunday closest to September 28—Year B

In today's Gospel reading, the disciples complain about someone (who was not part of their group) casting out demons in Jesus' name. Jesus' response is that the man should not be stopped, for "whoever is not against us is for us." The importance of the ministry of every person, rather than just the ministry of disciples or clergy or church members, is so great, that to despise other ministries is to risk personal disaster. If pride in our own ministry is getting in the way, cut off that pride.

In the first reading, Moses complains to God about the burden of being the sole leader of the Israelites. God has Moses call together seventy of the leaders and gives them a share of the Spirit. Two of those chosen had not come to the meeting, and yet they also received the Spirit. When some complain about those two, Moses upholds the value of their ministry as well.

We continue to read from the Letter of James for our second lesson. Here James give some pastoral advice to the elders (the Greek word is "presbyters," the origin of the term "priest" in the Christian church). The leaders are to minister to the sick, anointing them with laying on of hands and prayer. James reminds us that the prayers of faithful people are the source of God's power.

Our ordained leaders are not the sole ministers of Christ; rather, they model the ministry we are all to perform. In our baptism, we are set apart as ministers of Christ who share in his royal priesthood. It is in that ministry, especially to the poor, oppressed, and dying, that we find God present to us in the lives of those for whom we care. Our ministry is expressed in our liturgical actions, and the Eucharist is the model for our daily living and for the nature of God's kingdom.

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Prelude: Toccata

Johann Pachelbel

Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Hymn

Awake, my soul, stretch every nerve

Hymnal 546



1 A - wake, my soul, stretch ev - ery nerve, and press with vi - gor
 2 A cloud of wit - ness - es a - round hold thee in full sur -
 3 'Tis God's all - an - i - mat-ing voice that calls thee from on
 4 Then wake, my soul, stretch ev - ery nerve, and press with vi - gor



on; a heaven - ly race de - mands thy zeal, and
 vey; for - get the steps al - read - y trod and
 high; 'tis his own hand pre - sents the prize to
 on; a heaven - ly race de - mands thy zeal, and



an im - mor - tal crown, and an im - mor - tal crown.
 on - ward urge thy way, and on - ward urge thy way.
 thine as - pir - ing eye, to thine as - pir - ing eye.
 an im - mor - tal crown, and an im - mor - tal crown.

The Celebrant says

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

People

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Celebrant says

There is one Body and one Spirit;

People

There is one hope in God's call to us;

Celebrant

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People

One God and Father of all.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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

Numbers 11:4-6,10-16,24-29

All sit.

A Reading from the book of Numbers.

The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at." Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the Lord, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child,' to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, 'Give us meat to eat!' I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery." So the Lord said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you." So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him

and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit upon them!"

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Remain seated.

Psalm 19:7-14

- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect
and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the LORD is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the LORD are just
and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the LORD is clear
and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the LORD is clean
and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the LORD are true
and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.

- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

Second Reading

James 5:13-20

A Reading from the letter of James.

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence

All stand.

Fight the good fight with all thy might

Hymnal 552

1 Fight the good fight with all thy might, Christ is thy
2 Run the straight race through God's good grace, lift up thine
*3 Cast care a - side, lean on thy Guide; his bound - less
*4 Faint not nor fear, his arms are near; he chan - geth

strength and Christ thy right; lay hold on life, and
eyes and seek his face; life with its way be -
mer - cy will pro - vide; trust, and thy trust - ing
not, and thou art dear; on - ly be - lieve, and

it shall be thy joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.
fore us lies, Christ is the path and Christ the prize.
soul shall prove Christ is its life and Christ its love.
thou shalt see that Christ is all in all to thee.

Holy Gospel

Mark 9:38-50

All stand for the Gospel Procession.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

John said to him, “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Procession to Baptismal Font

Baptized in water

WLP 767

1. Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spi - rit, cleansed by the
2. Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spi - rit, dead in the
3. Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spi - rit, marked with the

blood of Christ our King: heirs of sal - va - tion,
tomb with Christ our King: one with his ris - ing,
sign of Christ our King: born of one Fa - ther,

trust - ing his prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
freed and for - giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
we are his child - ren, joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

The musical score is written in 2/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of three systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The piano part features a steady bass line and a more active treble line. The lyrics are arranged in three columns, corresponding to the three verses.

Presentation of Candidates

The Celebrant says

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

The Parents and Godparents say

I present Charlotte Elizabeth Metz to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Celebrant asks the Parents and Godparents

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Then the celebrant asks the following questions of the candidates who can speak for themselves, and of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children.

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

The Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in her life in Christ?

People **We will.**

The Celebrant then says

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People **I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers ?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
People **I will, with God's help.**

The Clergy process to the Baptismal font.

Prayers for the Candidates

The Celebrant then says to the people

Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

A Person appointed leads the following petitions

People Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Open her heart to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send her into the world in witness to you love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. *Amen.*

Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Celebrant then says

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Baptism

The candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, or to an assisting priest or deacon, who then immerses, or pours water upon, the candidate, saying

Charlotte Elizabeth, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

When this action has been completed for the candidates, the Bishop or Priest, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over her, saying

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. *Amen.*

Then the Bishop or Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross [using Chrism if desired] and saying

Charlotte Elizabeth, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. *Amen.*

After the Baptism, the Clergy, baptizands, parents and sponsors process to the front of the church. (The organist plays processional music.)

The Celebrant then says

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

Peace

All stand.

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

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Holy Communion

The Celebrant says

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts. *Psalm 96:8*

Offertory Anthem: Guide My Feet arr. John Carter

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

Doxology

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.*

Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing.

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.**

The Celebrant proceeds

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

Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
 pow - er and might, hea - ven and earth are full of your
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high -
 est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

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;

The Celebrant continues

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.*

The Celebrant then continues

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

People and Celebrant

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.*

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Celebrant says

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.

Cantor or Choir
My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in -
deed, says the Lord. *All* My Lord. *2 Cantor or Choir* Those who eat my
flesh and drink my blood dwell in me and I in them. *All* My
flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord.

All baptized persons, whatever your denominational affiliation, are welcome to receive Holy Communion at our altar. You may stand at the altar rail if your knees do not permit kneeling. Please assist the chalice bearer by gently holding the base of the chalice. Please do not hold the top of the chalice. If you wish, you may intinct (dip) the host (consecrated bread) in the chalice. If you do not wish to receive the wine, fold your arms over your chest. Baptized children may receive with parent's permission, otherwise they will receive a blessing.

Communion Hymn

O Lord hear my pray'r

WLP 827

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "O Lord hear my pray'r, O Lord hear my pray'r. When I call, an - swer me. O Lord hear my pray'r. O Lord hear my pray'r, Come and lis - ten to me. O". The piece concludes with a fermata and the word "Fine".

After Communion, the Celebrant says

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.*

Announcements

Blessing

The priest blesses the people, saying

God's Blessing be with you, Christ's peace be with you, the Spirit's outpouring be with you, now and always. *Amen.*

Postcommunion Hymn

Go forth for God; go to the world in peace

Hymnal 347

1 Go forth for God; go to the world in peace;
2 Go forth for God; go to the world in love;
3 Go forth for God; go to the world in strength;
4 Go forth for God; go to the world in joy,

be of good cour - age, armed with heaven - ly grace,
strength - en the faint, give cour - age to the weak;
hold fast the good, be ur - gent for the right;
to serve God's peo - ple ev - ery day and hour,

in God's good Spi - rit dai - ly to in - crease,
help the af - flict - ed; rich - ly from a - bove
ren - der to no one e - vil; Christ at length
and ser - ving Christ, our ev - ery gift em - ploy,

till in his king - dom we be - hold his face.
his love sup - plies the grace and power we seek.
shall o - ver - come all dark - ness with his light.
re - joic - ing in the Ho - ly Spi - rit's power.

Deacon

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude: Fugue in C Major (Jig Fugue)

Dietrich Buxtehude

• MAKE ALL WHO ARE BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST FAITHFUL IN OUR CALLING TO BE YOUR CHILDREN. •



