

CHRIST ANGLICAN CHURCH

Cashiers, North Carolina



THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

20 SEPTEMBER 2026 | 10:30 AM

Welcome

We welcome all who are worshiping with Christ Anglican Church today. We are thankful for God's Spirit joining us together in corporate worship.

Our Guests

We invite you to complete a Connect Card (located on the pew back) with your name and pertinent contact information and any needs you would like the CAC staff to address. Please tear the card in half and place the completed portion in the offering plate or give to the Rector as you leave today. You may wear a name tag so we can greet you by name. Please sign the guest book in the narthex.

Name Badge

Everyone is encouraged to wear your name badge located in the Narthex. If you do not have one and would like one, please contact the church office and one will be created for you. You do not have to be a member of the church to receive a nametag.

Prepare for Worship

Enter the nave of the church quietly in respect for others already there who are preparing for worship. Most people "reverence" the Cross in some fashion, either by genuflecting (crossing yourself and a "shallow" and brief kneel) or a simple (but not perfunctory) bow at the waist prior to entering the pew. You would not enter someone's home without some kind of greeting, would you? Neither should we enter God's house without acknowledging the sacredness of this place and God's presence.

Take a moment to pray. Many kneel to pray; some stand; others remain seated. The posture is not as important as the discipline of speaking to God in His house prior to worship. If time allows, review the bulletin, note page numbers and mark your hymnal. These simple acts make worship go more smoothly, giving you the opportunity to pay attention to the service and not to handling (or mishandling) books and bulletins.

*This Bulletin is designed to assist you in participating fully in the liturgy. Scriptures from the Bible, and Liturgy from the Book of Common Prayer are all included in context. If you prefer, the service begins on page 123 of the **Book of Common Prayer** (BCP). Our hymns are found in the **Worship and Rejoice Hymnal** (WRH) and the Scripture Texts are in the **Pew Bible**.*

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE OPENING VOLUNTARY *Trumpet Tune in F* Roy Brunner

THE PEALING OF THE CHURCH BELLS

The People stand and sing

THE PROCESSION *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* WRH 48

The People remain standing.

THE ACCLAMATION BCP 123

Celebrant Blessed be God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

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

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY BCP 124

The Celebrant and people say

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.

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW BCP 124

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets. Matthew 22:37-40

THE KYRIE BCP 124

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

People *Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE *Majesty* WRH 43

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 636

Celebrant The Lord be with You.

People: ***And with your spirit.***

Celebrant Let us pray.

O Lord, you have taught us that without love, all our deeds are worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you; grant this for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The People are seated.

THE CHILDREN'S MINUTE

THE WORD OF GOD

The people remain seated for the reading of God's Word.

THE FIRST LESSON

Jonah 3:10-4:11

Bible 775

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

⁴But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was angry. ²And he prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD, is not this what I said when I was yet in my country? That is why I made haste to flee to Tarshish; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from disaster. ³Therefore now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." ⁴And the LORD said, "Do you do well to be angry?" ⁵Jonah went out of the city and sat to the east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, till he should see what would become of the city. ⁶Now the LORD God appointed a plant and made it come up over Jonah, that it might be a shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort. So Jonah was exceedingly glad because of the plant. ⁷But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the plant, so that it withered. ⁸When the sun rose, God appointed a scorching east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint. And he asked that he might die and said, "It is better for me to die than to live." ⁹But God said to Jonah, "Do you do well to be angry for the plant?" And he said, "Yes, I do well to be angry, angry enough to die." ¹⁰And the LORD said, "You

pity the plant, for which you did not labor, nor did you make it grow, which came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹And should not I pity Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than 120,000 persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also much cattle?"

Reader *The Word of the Lord.*

People *Thanks be to God.*

The reader and people read responsively by half verse.

THE PSALTER VERSES *Psalms 145:14-21*

BCP 462

¹⁴The LORD upholds all those who fall *

and lifts up all those who are bowed down.

¹⁵The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, *

and you give them their food in due season.

¹⁶You open wide your hand, *

and fill all things living with plenteousness.

¹⁷The LORD is righteous in all his ways *

and merciful in all his works.

¹⁸The LORD is near to all those who call upon him, *

to all who call upon him faithfully.

¹⁹He will fulfill the desire of those who fear him; *

he also will hear their cry and will help them.

²⁰The LORD preserves all those who love him, *

but he will destroy all the ungodly.

²¹My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD; *

and let all flesh give thanks unto his holy Name for ever and ever.

THE SECOND LESSON *Philippians 1:21-27*

Bible 980

For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. ²⁴But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. ²⁵Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again. ²⁷Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or

am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel.

Reader *The Word of the Lord.*

People *Thanks be to God.*

The People stand to sing the Sequence Hymn and remain standing for the Gospel Lesson.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN *Break Now the Bread of Life* (Stanzas 1-3) WRH 665

Deacon The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew.

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

THE GOSPEL LESSON *Matthew 20:1-16* Bible 825

For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴and to them he said, 'You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.' ⁵So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' ⁷They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.' ⁸And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.' ⁹And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹²saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' ¹³But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius?' ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first last

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

THE SEQUENCE HYMN *Break Now the Bread of Life* (Stanza 4) WRH 665

THE SERMON

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 127

All Standing, Celebrant and People say

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

BCP 110

All Kneeling

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Almighty and ever living God, we are taught by your holy Word to offer prayers and supplications and to give thanks for all people. We humbly ask you mercifully to receive our prayers. Inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all who confess your holy Name may agree in the truth of your Holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. *Silence*

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People *Hear our prayer.*

We pray that you will lead the nations of the world in the way of righteousness; and so guide and direct their leaders, especially Donald, our President, and Josh, our Governor, that your people may enjoy the blessings of freedom and peace. Grant that our leaders may impartially administer justice, uphold integrity and truth, restrain wickedness and vice, and protect true religion and virtue. *Silence*

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People ***Hear our prayer.***

Give grace, heavenly Father, to all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and especially to your servant, Steve, to Julian, our Provincial Dean, to Foley and Frank, our Bishops, to Marc, our Interim Priest-in-Charge that by their life and teaching, they may proclaim your true and life-giving Word, and rightly and duly administer your holy Sacraments. And to all your people give your heavenly grace, especially to this Congregation and to The Mission in Chattanooga, Tennessee that with reverent and obedient hearts we may hear and receive your holy Word, and serve you in holiness and righteousness all the days of our lives. *Silence*

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People ***Hear our prayer.***

For Christ Anglican Church and for those entrusted with the search for a Rector: that the Lord, in his perfect time, would bring forth the man he has set apart for this ministry, and grant wisdom, patience, and unity to all involved. *Silence*

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People ***Hear our prayer.***

Prosper, we pray, all those who proclaim the Gospel of your kingdom, throughout the world, and strengthen us to fulfill your great commission, making disciples of all nations, baptizing them and teaching them to obey all that you have commanded. *Silence*

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People ***Hear our prayer.***

We ask you in your goodness, O Lord, to comfort and sustain all who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity especially persecuted Christians in China, Iraq, Maldives, Algeria and all those on our parish prayer list. *Silence*

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People ***Hear our prayer.***

We remember before you all your servants, who have departed this life in your faith and fear that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we ask you to give us grace to follow the good examples of all your saints that we may share with them in your heavenly kingdom. *Silence*

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People ***Hear our prayer.***

The Celebrant Concludes with this Collect.

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SIN

The Priest says

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God. *Silence*

All remain kneeling and say

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.

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

The Celebrant Says

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Matt.11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. 1 Timothy 1:15

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. 1 John 2:1-2

THE PEACE

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People ***And with your spirit.***

THE PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY

Offertory Anthem

All stand and sing

THE DOXOLOGY

TALLIS' CANON

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow, praise Him all crea-tures here be-low;

praise him a-bove ye heaven-ly host, praise Fath-er, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A - men.

Celebrant Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and earth is yours; yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as Head above all. All things come from you, O Lord,
People ***And of your own have we given you.***

All Remain Standing

HOLY COMMUNION

THE SURSUM CORDA

BCP 132

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People ***And with your spirit.***
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People ***We lift them up 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 continues

It is right, our duty and our joy, 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

THE SANCTUS

WRH 738

Celebrant and People Sing

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.

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

BCP 132

The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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 forever. **Amen!!**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 134

The Celebrant then says

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

Celebrant and People together pray

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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE FRACTION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

BCP 135

Celebrant and People together say

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through this most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

THE AGNUS DEI

BCP 136

Celebrant Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

People have mercy on us.

Celebrant Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

People have mercy on us.

Celebrant Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

People grant us your peace.

THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

All Christians who have turned in faith to Jesus Christ and have been baptized are invited to come forward for communion. Those who are not baptized or do not wish to receive Communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest. You may stand or kneel at the altar. To receive communion in the traditional manner you may consume the bread and drink from the chalice or you may dip the bread in the wine. If you desire gluten free bread, please tell the server. If you are unable to come forward, please let an usher know and Communion will be brought to you.

All are encouraged to sing the hymns.

THE COMMUNION HYMNS

Spirit Song

WRH 352

As the Deer

WRH 471

The People Stand.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 137

Celebrant and People together say

Heavenly Father, We thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

THE RETIRING PROCESSION *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* WRH 598

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth to love and serve the Lord.

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

THE CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Land of Rest

arr. Anna Laura Page

SERVING IN WORSHIP

The Rev'd Canon Filmore Strunk
Celebrant

The Rev'd Dr. Marc Robertson
Preacher

Kathryn Nunn
Acolyte and Old Testament Lector

Bill Caldwell
New Testament Lector & Prayers of the People

Wendy Carson & Bill Caldwell
Usher and Greeter

Altar Guild Members
Altar Guild & Flowers

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING: Christ Anglican will have its annual meeting **NEXT Sunday, September 27** immediately following worship. There will be no Christian Formation that day, instead we will host fellowship time from 9:30a.m. until 10:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY: Each Wednesday we are studying Paul's epistle to the Ephesians. It's the "churchiest" of Paul's letters and speaks to where we are as we anticipate God's next rector for us. Come join us for a fun and informative study on Wednesdays from 5:00-6:00 pm.

PASTORAL CARE: If you need the pastoral support of this parish, please contact the parish office. In that contact, be sure to include information that will help us respond effectively and faithfully, including accurate contact information. All requests for pastoral care are kept confidential.

Email - cac@christanglicancashiers.org | Phone - 828.743.1701 option 1 to leave a message on the general parish office phone line.

MOMS IN PRAYER: There are two Moms in Prayer events available outside of the Friday CAC Moms in Prayer time. September 21st there is a 10:00am Try-It Zoom call and that evening at 7:30pm is a Statewide Prayer Call. Anyone that is interested in these can text, call or email Lisa Fore to help them obtain access to these links.

WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

Sundays 9:00 AM – Coffee, Treats, and Fellowship! Enjoy fellowship with your brothers and sisters in Christ before Christian Formation time.

Sundays 9:15 AM – Adult Christian Formation.

Sundays 9:15 AM – Choir Rehearsal

Sundays 10:30 AM – Holy Eucharist

Wednesdays 11:00 AM – (Oct 21, Nov 18, & Dec 16) Eckerd Living Center Ministry

Wednesdays 4:45 PM Weekly Intercessory Prayer for Rector Search in the Nave

Wednesdays 5:00 PM – Bible Study in the Parish Hall

Thursdays 10:30 AM – Women's Bible Study in the Parish Hall

Fridays 9:45 AM – Moms in Prayer Contact: Lisa Fore lisafore21@gmail.com

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