

PSALM 124

If the LORD had not been on our | side, \*  
let Israel now | say;

If the LORD had not been on our | side, \*  
when enemies rose up a | gainst us;

Then would they have swallowed us up a | llive \*  
in their fierce anger toward | us;

Then would the waters have over | whelmed us \*  
and the torrent gone over | us;

Then would the raging wa | ters \*  
have gone right over | us.

Blessed be the | LORD! \*  
he has not given us over to be a prey for their | teeth.

We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the | fowler; \*  
the snare is broken, and we have e | scaped.

Our help is in the Name of the | LORD, \*  
the maker of heaven and | earth.

EPISTLE: JAMES 5:13-20

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.

GOSPEL: MARK 9:38-50

John said to Jesus, "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."



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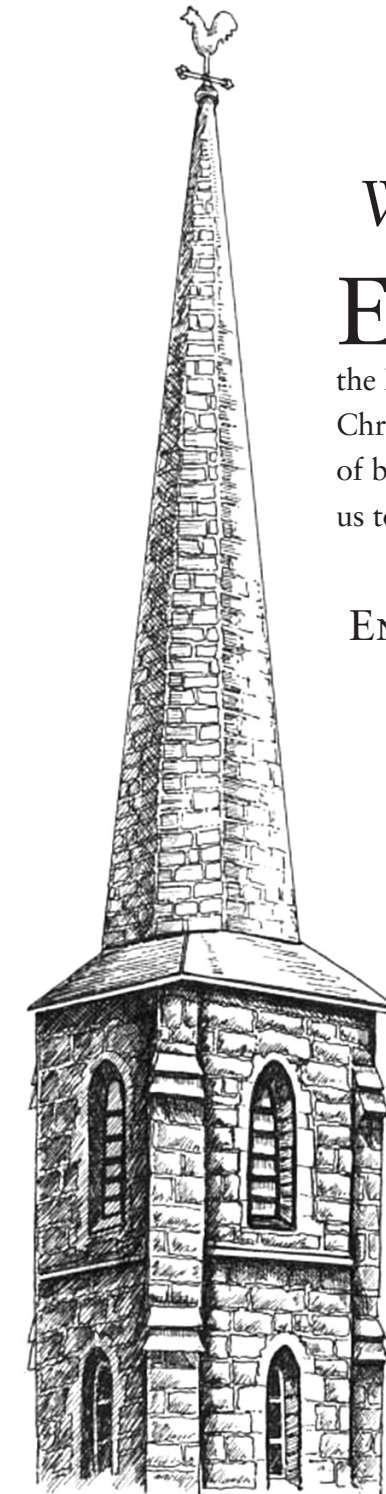
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# CHRIST CHURCH

A PARISH OF THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF NORTH CAROLINA

SEPTEMBER 27, 2009

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



## Welcome

Each Sunday we gather as a community of faith to celebrate the presence of the Risen Christ in our midst. All baptized Christians are invited to receive the sacrament of bread and wine. Thank you for being with us today.

## ENTER REST AND PRAY

*Almighty God, we give thanks for Christ Church. We remember all those who have faithfully served You as clergy and lay members of our parish since 1821. We are grateful for the many ministries that honor You by serving those in our parish, our community and the world. We pray that You will be with us all during this time of transition and that You will help us to discern the future You desire for us. We ask You to guide us as we seek to identify our thirteenth rector, and we offer our prayers of support for those who will consider a call to Christ Church. In Your holy name we pray. Amen.*

*Rector Search Committee, 2009*

COLLECT OF THE DAY

8:00 & 11:00 O God, who declarest thy almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Mercifully grant unto us such a measure of thy grace, that we, running to obtain thy promises, may be made partakers of thy heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

9:00 & 5:00 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.



FLOWERS for the 9:00 & 11:00 services are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Katherine Haywood Baker, and Katherine Baker and William Isaac Procter.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING are offered at the 9:00 & 11:00 services. After receiving communion, enter the chapel from the north courtyard and go to the altar rail.

PASTORAL CARE: During regular office hours, please contact Lin Boyle (834-6259) or one of the clergy about events needing pastoral response. During non-business hours, the church recorder provides emergency contact numbers for clergy.



HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE I  
8:00 AM  
Peter Hogg

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II  
9:00 AM

Organ Voluntary: *Fugue in C Major* Johann Sebastian Bach  
Procession: *Awake my soul, stretch every nerve* Hymnal 546

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation BCP 355f  
Gloria Hymnal S-278  
Collect  
Old Testament Reading Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22  
Hymn: *Where cross the crowded ways of life* Hymnal 609  
Gospel Mark 9:38-50  
Homily Peter Hogg  
Nicene Creed BCP 358  
Prayers of the People Insert  
Confession of Sin and Absolution BCP 360  
The Peace

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Solo: *Be thou my vision* Irish ballad  
Coco Davis, soprano  
Doxology (v. 3) Hymnal 380  
The Great Thanksgiving BCP 361  
Sanctus Hymnal S-128  
The Lord's Prayer BCP 364  
Administration of the Sacrament  
*All baptized Christians are invited to receive communion.  
To receive a gluten-free wafer, stretch out your hands, palms down.*

Communion Hymns: 325, 671, 335

Post Communion Prayer & Blessing BCP 365/366  
Recessional: *Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing* Hymnal 344  
Dismissal  
Organ Voluntary: *Prelude in C Major* J.S. Bach



HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE I  
11:00 AM

Organ Voluntary: *Fugue in C Major* Johann Sebastian Bach  
Procession: *Awake my soul, stretch every nerve* Hymnal 546

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation BCP 323f  
Gloria Hymnal S-202  
Collect  
Old Testament Reading Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22  
Psalm Psalm 124  
Epistle James 5:13-20  
Hymn: *Where cross the crowded ways of life* Hymnal 609  
Gospel Mark 9:38-50  
Sermon Peter Hogg  
Nicene Creed BCP 326  
Prayers of the People Insert  
Confession of Sin and Absolution BCP 331  
The Peace

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem: *If ye Love me* Thomas Tallis  
*If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may bide with you forever, e'en the spirit of truth.*  
Doxology (v. 3) Hymnal 380  
The Great Thanksgiving BCP 333  
Sanctus Hymnal S-114

The Lord's Prayer BCP 336  
Fraction Anthem Hymnal S-155  
Alleluia, alleluia alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
Administration of the Sacrament  
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Communion Hymns: 341, 583, 335  
Post Communion Prayer & Blessing BCP 339  
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Dismissal



OLD TESTAMENT: ESTHER 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

The king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, "What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled." Then Queen Esther answered, "If I have won your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me-- that is my petition-- and the lives of my people-- that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king." Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, "Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?" Esther said, "A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!" Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen. Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, "Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high." And the king said, "Hang him on that." So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated. Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.