

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
MORNING PRAYER RITE II  
OCTOBER 5, 2025

THE EPISCOPAL RIVER PARISHES  
8:30 am - St. John’s, Cape Vincent  
10:30 am Christ Church, Clayton

The Word of God

ENTRANCE HYMN	<i>Awake, my soul</i>	1982 Hymnal #11
OPENING SENTENCE	<i>Standing as able.</i>	BCP p. 78
CONFESSION OF SIN		BCP p. 79
THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER		BCP P. 80

PSALM	Psalm 37:1-10	<i>Read responsively by whole verse.</i>	BCP p. 633
	<sup>1</sup> Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; * do not be jealous of those who do wrong.	<b>and your just dealing as the noonday.</b>	
	<sup>2</sup> <b>For they shall soon wither like the grass, *</b> <b>and like the green grass fade away.</b>	<sup>7</sup> Be still before the LORD * and wait patiently for him.	
	<sup>3</sup> Put your trust in the LORD and do good; * dwell in the land and feed on its riches.	<sup>8</sup> <b>Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, *</b> <b>the one who succeeds in evil schemes.</b>	
	<sup>4</sup> <b>Take delight in the LORD, *</b> <b>and he shall give you your heart’s desire.</b>	<sup>9</sup> Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; * do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.	
	<sup>5</sup> Commit your way to the LORD and put your trust in him, * and he will bring it to pass.	<sup>10</sup> <b>For evildoers shall be cut off, *</b> <b>but those who wait upon the LORD shall possess the land.</b>	
	<sup>6</sup> <b>He will make your righteousness as clear as the light *</b>		

The Lessons

FIRST READING	A Reading from the book of the prophet Habakkuk.	Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4
	The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you “Violence!” and you will not save? Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous— therefore judgment comes forth perverted.	and what he will answer concerning my complaint. Then the LORD answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.
	I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me,	Reader People The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING A Reading from Paul’s second letter to Timothy. 2 Timothy 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

SECOND CANTICLE *Standing as able.*      Canticle 21: You are God      BCP p. 95

THIRD READING A Reading from the Gospel according to Luke. Luke 17:5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.

“Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table’? Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink’? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’ ”

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

HYMN *All things bright and beautiful* 1982 Hymnal #405

THE SERMON The Rev. Canon David Stickley

THE APOSTLES’ CREED BCP p. 96

*Officiant and People together, all standing.*

The Prayers

SALUTATION BCP p. 97

*The people stand as able.*

THE LORD’S PRAYER

SUFFRAGES - Form A

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

## BCP p. 98

<b>CHOIR ANTHEM</b> (10:30)	<i>Love lifted me</i>	<i>Rowe/Smith</i>	LEVAS Hymnal 198
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*Officiant:* Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Give to your Church, O Lord, the strength to hold to sound teaching, the grace to treasure the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus, and the help of the Holy Spirit to please you in all things.

Liberate the nations and kingdoms of this world from the ways of violence and war. Have mercy on the victims of war—especially those who are considered collateral damage—and on those who perpetrate violence that they might be converted to the ways of love.

Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, O God. Bless the earth and its creatures. May we be good and worthy stewards.

Great Governor, your mercies are new every morning: We pray today for all those who are negatively affected by our political processes and partisan divisions. We pray that you would inspire our leaders to act selflessly and with generosity.

Everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: through your Son Jesus, comfort, heal and deliver your people, especially those on our prayer list and those we name either silently or aloud.

Loving God, in your Christ you abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel: bless the dying and dead, and give to us all eternal life.

## PRAYERS FOR BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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## BCP p. 102

**CLOSING HYMN**      *Ye servants of God*      **1982 Hymnal #535**

*A special thank you to Todd Marshall  
for his ministry in leading Morning Prayer at both churches today  
and thank you to The Rev. Canon David Stickley for serving as preacher.*

**TODAY’S MINISTERS**

<b>8:30 am</b>	Lay Worship Leader Preacher Lector, Psalmist & Prayer Leader Acolyte Usher Video Technician Musician	Todd Marshall The Rev. Canon David Stickley Michael Cougler Colleen Mercer Diane Sanders Stephen Cougler Helen Timerman
<b>10:30 am</b>	Lay Worship Leader Preacher Lector, Psalmist & Prayer Leader Video Technician Usher Musician	Todd Marshall The Rev. Canon David Stickley Patti Kittle James Glynn Sharon Campbell Helen Timerman

**OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

Fred Grant	2	Rebecca Kinnie	16
Ian Kinnie	3	Austin Marshall	16
Ed Bender	4	Lana Wheeler	17
Korah Stone	7	Faith Verneti	24
Ann Griswold Atkins	11	Heidi Pearson	28
Lior Alma Wareing	12	Ian Britton Flynt	30
Christine Martin	16		

**OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES**

Patti & Craig Esford	4	Marilyn & Alan Hutchinson	21
Paula & Ed Bender	10	Kathy & Michael Strough	25
Patty & Ron Cass	15	Charlene & Roger Fix	28

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**FOOD SENSE:** October flyers are at church entrances or on parishes’ website. In-person or phone orders can be placed on **Mon, Oct 13, 9-12pm** or **Thurs, Oct 16, 11-2pm**. Online orders at <https://foodsense.foodbankcny.org/> Order deadline is **Mon, Oct 20**. Pick up orders on **Thurs, Oct 30**.

**CHRIST CHURCH CHOIR:** All singers are invited to join us for next rehearsal on **Monday, Oct 13 at 6:30**.

**HEART TO HEART SUPPER:** A free community chicken stew and biscuit supper at Christ Church will be on **Monday, Oct 6, from 4:30pm until gone**. Eat in or take out. Dessert donations are needed as are people to help with serving and clean-up. Contact Sandy Robinson at 315-783-2541.

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