



*Mosaic. The Lord's Entry into Jerusalem*

*The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost  
July 9, 2023 — 9:00 am*

## *Christ Church*

*(Episcopal / Anglican)*

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**Christ Church**  
Riverton, New Jersey  
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**THE HOLY EUCHARIST, Rite II, Prayer A**  
July 9, 2023 — 9:00 A.M.

Prelude Improvisation on “*How Firm A Foundation*”

Processional Hymn 390 “*Praise To The Lord*”

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

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

*People*: ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.***  
***Amen.***

*Celebrant* : 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 Gloria** S-280 “*Glory to God in the highest*”

**The Collect of the Day** --

*Celebrant* : The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* : Let us pray.

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

**The Lessons**

**A Reading (Lesson) from Zechariah 9:9-12**

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious

is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Bell Anthem** “*Just A Closer Walk*” Traditional

**Psalm 145:8-15** *Exaltabo te, Deus*

8. The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, \*  
slow to anger and of great kindness.

9. ***The Lord is loving to everyone \*  
and his compassion is over all his works.***

10. All your works praise you, O Lord, \*  
and your faithful servants bless you.

11. ***They make known the glory of your kingdom \*  
and speak of your power;***

12. That the peoples may know of your power \*  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

13. ***Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; \*  
your dominion endures throughout all ages.***

14. The Lord is faithful in all his words \*  
and merciful in all his deeds.

15. ***The Lord upholds all those who fall; \*  
he lifts up those who are bowed down.***

**A Reading (Lesson) from Romans 7:15-25a**

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do

it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

*Reader:*           The Word of the Lord.

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

**The Gospel Hymn** LEVAS 101   *“Softly And Tenderly”*

*Then, all standing, the Priest:*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to

**Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30**

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

Jesus said to the crowd, “To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn. For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.” At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. “Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will

give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Don Caron, *Priest*

**The Nicene Creed** (*Sung to the tune of Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing 686 or Love Divine, All Loves Excelling 657*)

We believe in God the Father, God almighty, by whose plan,  
earth and heaven sprang to being, all created things began.

Jesus infant born of Mary He grew up in Galilee.

From the water with John the Baptist, He began his ministry.

Christ, who on the cross forsaken, like a lamb to slaughter led,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, he descended to the dead.,

We believe in Jesus risen, heaven’s king to rule and reign,  
to the Father’s side ascended. till as judge he comes again.

We believe in God the Spirit; in one Church, below, above;  
saints of God in one communion, one in holiness and love.

So by faith, our sins forgiven,. Christ our Savior,

Lord and friend. we shall rise with him in glory.

to the life that knows no end.

**Prayers of the People for the Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

*Presider:* All who are weary and heavy burdened, come let us offer prayers to our God and Father.

*Reader:* For this holy gathering and for the people of God in every place.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For Justin the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, Sally, our Bishop, Donald our Priest, Leslie our Deacon. From The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, The Black Clergy Caucus, Canon Linus Amonu, Rev. Dr. Peter Bridge, The Ministry of the Migrant Ministry, Haiti Earthquake Response Task Force,

Jubilee Ministries, the Stewardship Commission, and for all the holy people of God. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

For those chosen to govern peoples and nations, especially Joseph the President of the United States, and Phillip the Governor of NJ, and for the welfare of their people

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

For mercy, peace, and justice in the world, and for our armed forces everywhere. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

For all those in danger and need: the sick especially *Ruth, Ed, Sharon, Annamarie, Susan, Donna, Cheryl, Carol, Jeanette, Susan, Austin, Lynn, Tibor, Cynthia, Katie, Kelly, Eileen, Doris, Sean, Bob, Arlene, Barry, Joan, Naomi, Carol, David*, and the suffering, the poor and the oppressed, prisoners and their families. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

For the dying and the dead, especially *Margaret W. Stevens, Helen Engel*, and *Jim Meckel*. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

For all those captive to sin. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

For ourselves, our families, our companion, especially *Steve Torre*, and all those we love. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Lifting our voices with all creation, with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. *To you, O Lord.*

*Presider:* Lord of heaven and earth, hear the prayers we offer today, teach us the secrets of your heart, and give us rest from our trials; through Jesus Christ our *Lord. Amen.*

## **Confession of Sin**

*The priest:*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept. Minister and People*

*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.*

*Celebrant:* 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** *(All stand.)*

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

**Offertory Anthem** “*Joy, Joyful, We Adore Thee*” arr. P. Homan

**The Doxology** *(Hymnal 380 Verse 3)*

*All:* ***Praise God of whom all blessings flow***

***Praise God all creatures here below***

***Praise God above the heavenly hosts***

***Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost Amen***

**The Holy Communion**

**The Great Thanksgiving** *Rite II Form A*

*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 God thanks and praise.***

*Celebrant:* 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:

**Holy Holy, Holy Lord** (*Hymnal S-129*)

*All: 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 people kneel or stand.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

***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. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say (*spoken*)

***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**

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

### **Invitation**

**Communion Anthem** “*Speak O Lord*” Getty & Townsend

*After Communion, the Celebrant says* Let us pray.

***Celebrant and People*** ***Almighty and everliving God, 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 for ever. Amen.*

**Birthday Blessings**

**Anniversary Blessings**

**Announcements**

**Final Blessing**

**Recessional** 556 *“Rejoice Ye Pure In Heart”*

*The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses them with these words*

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Alleluia, Alleluia

*People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia*

**Organ Postlude** *“Gavotte in B Flat”*

G. F. Handel

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**THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR TODAY**

are given to the glory of God and in memory of my mother,

*Margaret W. Stevens* for her birthday, July 10, 1928,

by Cheryl Stevens Caster and family,

and in memory of *Helen Engel*, by Susan & Bob engel.

**THE CHAPEL SANCTUARY LIGHT** is lit in loving memory

of *Margaret W. Stevens* by her daughter Cheryl Stevens Caster,

and in memory of *Jim Meckel* by Lynne Meckel,

and in thanks to Steve Torre

of Carrabba's for catering our Senior Luncheon,

by The Outreach Committee.

**Participating in the 9am. Service**

Musicians include - Sharon Crane, Susan Engel, Jan Faragalli, Alice Good,

Gwyn Hicks, Helen Mack, Debbie Romano

*Lector:* Mike Kinzler      *Acolyte:* Mary Shea, Jeff Mack

*Ushers:* Glenn Gulbin, Fred Hill      *Videographer:* Susan & Gerald Satofsky

*Altar Guild:* Doreen & Fred Hill, Pat & Roger King

*Counters:* Don Dietz & Bob Engle

**MID-WEEK SERVICE** A celebration of the Eucharist is held every Wednesday at 10:00. It includes special mention of the persons on the parish prayer list and asks for God's healing for the world. The Service lasts about 20 minutes.

**THURSDAY STUDY GROUP** will meet this Thursday, July 13 at 10 a.m. in the Parish House Parlor. This week we will be watching and discussing a video by Eckhart Tolle called "Transforming Fear and Anxiety." All are welcome to join us!

**MEN'S GROUP.** We will meet for about an hour every first and third Saturday of each month @ 9:00 am (so you can still have your day), and we will talk about the things that are important for a man's spiritual life. It's an opportunity to deepen relationships with other men of the parish, too. All men are invited!

**NEW MEDITATION GROUP** begins on Monday, July 10, at 2:30 p.m. until 4 p.m. in the Parish House Parlor. We will begin with meditation, followed by a teaching video and then a discussion. All are welcome to join us - those new to meditation and those who currently practice. Contact Mel Caron at 478-234-3698 or melanieannecaron@gmail.com if you have questions.

**MINISTRY TO RIVERVIEW ESTATES** On the first and third Sunday of each month, at 3:00 pm Christ Church leads a Communion service for the residents. Members of the parish are welcome to help the participants.

**CAMP FAITH BACKPACKS** We will be collecting donations of backpacks and school supplies throughout the month of July. Please leave your donations in the tower entrance.  
Thank you, Deacon Leslie.

### **CHRIST CHURCH SENIOR LUNCHEON**

On **Tuesday, July 18, @ noon** the second of our monthly Senior Luncheons will be held in the assembly hall of the Parish House. There is no charge for this meal, though a gift offering is appreciated. These luncheons are intended to be a time for food, fun, fellowship and eventually information (in the future we will have speakers talking about topics of interest to Senior Citizens). There will be games to play, in the hope that you will linger after the meal is over. If you know anyone who might enjoy getting out for food and time with other people, be sure to invite them, and come yourself.

