



RAPHAEL, St. Paul preaching in Athens, 1515-16, Bodycolour on paper mounted onto canvas (tapestry car-toon), Victoria and Albert Museum, London

*The Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 14, 2023 — 9:00 am*

Christ Church

(Episcopal / Anglican)

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST, Rite II, Prayer A
May 14, 2023 — 9:00 A.M.

Prelude *“Prelude No. 4 in F Major”*

J. Krebs

Processional Hymn 182 *“182 Christ Is Alive”*

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant : Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.***

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 prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 Acts 17:22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To

an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we too are his offspring.’ Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

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

Solo *“Prelude # 1 in C Major”*

F. Couperin

Psalm 66:7-18 *Jubilate Deo*

7. Bless our God, you peoples; *
 make the voice of his praise to be heard;
8. ***Who holds our souls in life,*** *
 and will not allow our feet to slip.
9. For you, O God, have proved us; *
 you have tried us just as silver is tried.
10. ***You brought us into the snare;*** *
 you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
11. You let enemies ride over our heads;
 we went through fire and water; *
 but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

12. *I will enter your house with burnt-offerings
and will pay you my vows, **
*which I promised with my lips and spoke with my
mouth when I was in trouble.*
13. I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts
with the smoke of rams; *
I will give you oxen and goats.
14. *Come and listen, all you who fear God, **
and I will tell you what he has done for me.
15. I called out to him with my mouth, *
and his praise was on my tongue.
16. *If I had found evil in my heart, **
the Lord would not have heard me;
17. But in truth God has heard me; *
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
18. *Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, **
nor withheld his love from me.

A Reading (Lesson) from Peter 3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through

water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

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

The Gospel Hymn 178

“Alleluia! Alleluia! Give Thanks To The Risen Lord”

Then, all standing, the Deacon:

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to

John 14:15-21

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

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you." "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Leslie Mazzacano, *Deacon*

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 of Easter

Deacon: God has grafted us to the vine of the house of Israel.
Let us offer prayers to God who gives life and breath to all
human beings.

Reader: For this holy gathering and for those who enter our
circle of faith. ***Glory and praise to you, O living God.***

For the newly baptized illumined by the light of Christ.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For all who minister in Christ, especially Justin the Archbishop
of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, William, our
Bishop, Sally, our Bishop elect, Don our Priest, Leslie our
Deacon. From the Diosisan cycle or prayer, Members and
Ministry of the Companion Diocese Committee, Members
and Ministry of the New Jersey Ministry to the Imprisoned,
The Rev. Dcns: Rosemarie Broderick, Christopher Cox,
Susan E. Cushinotto, Dr. Judith Krom, David Lawson-Beck,
Joseph Sweeney, The Rev. Charles N. Lochner, Church of the
Ascension, Gloucester, High School and College Graduates,
Ministry of Transition Officers, and for all the holy people
of God. ***Glory and praise to you, O living God.***

For the leaders of the nations especially Joseph, the President of the United States, Phillip the Governor of New Jersey and for all who seek peace. ***Glory and praise to you, O living God.***

For the suffering peoples of the world.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For those who experience desolation and for those who feel remote from God. ***Glory and praise to you, O living God.***

For all those in need, especially *Ruth, Ed, Sharon, Annamarie, Susan, Donna, Cheryl, Carol, Jeanette, Susan, Austin, Lynn, Tibor, Cynthia, Katie, Kelly, Eileen, Doris, Don, Sean, Arlene, Barry, Joan, Naomi, Carol*, and all those who have asked for our prayers ***Glory and praise to you, O living God.***

For those who walk in death's dark valley, especially *Helen Engel, William & Florence Cameron*, and those who care and grieve for them. ***Glory and praise to you, O living God.***

For ourselves, our families, and those we love.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

Lifting our voices 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: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth, who gives us confidence and hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. In your tender love, hear our prayers for all the world and grant us the power of your abundant and life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Mother's Day Blessing

The Peace (*All stand.*)

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

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

Offertory “I Call To You Lord Jesus Christ”

J. S. Bach

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

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: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe,
you are worthy of glory and praise.

People: ***Glory to you for ever and ever.***

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Holy Holy, Holy Lord (*Hymnal S-130*)

*All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.*

Then the Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

***We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.***

Lord God of our Ancestors: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for

strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name. Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has 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 Music

“Minuet I & II from B flat Partita” J. S. Bach

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 Hymn “*For All The Faithful Women*” insert

The Deacon, 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

“*Lord Christ, The Only Begotten Son Of God*” J. S. Bach

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THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR TODAY are given to the glory of God and in memory of *Helen Engel*, by Susan and Bob Engel

THE CHAPEL SANCTUARY LIGHT is lit in memory of *William & Florence Cameron* by The Rev. Canon Dr. Alan K. Salmon

Participating in the 9am. Service

Musicians include: Vikram Joshi - Harpsichord • Layla Joshi - organ

Lector: Mike Kinzler

Acolyte: Sally Barnes, Fred Hill

Ushers: Roger King, Ed Worthy *Videographer:* Joe Yansick

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

Counters: Paul Stevens, Fred Hill

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Christ Church Outreach Ministry

The newly created Christ Church Outreach Ministry has been hard at work actively planning for an upcoming Monthly Weekday Luncheon at Christ Church Parish House targeted at Senior Citizens.

Please consider donating any gently used (or new) Board Games, Card Games, Deck of Cards, or Puzzles that would be suitable for play by Senior Citizens to help the Christ Church Outreach Ministry provide fun and fellowship along with the meal.

Contact:

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or 856-889-3089 (text or call) or

Sheryl Telford sheryl182@gmail.com or 856-986-1445
for more info or feel free to leave in the church vestibule.

Thank you!

Denise Bednarek

THANK YOU! for those who joined the coffee hour, and for the energy and enthusiasm we have for this ministry to address loneliness and food insecurity in our community

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THURSDAY STUDY continues until the end of May with our study of “Pro Future Faith” by Michael Dowd. You are welcome to “drop in” anytime! We meet at 10 a.m. in the Parlor. Contact Mel with questions - 478-234-3698.

AS WE CELEBRATE MOTHER'S DAY, today, we are joined by Layla (14) and Vikram (12) Joshi. Layla studies organ with Joel Krott at Moorestown Presbyterian Church. She is pianist for Temple University's Center for Gifted Young Musicians. Vikram studies harpsichord at Boyer College of Music. In 2022 he received the Early Music Of America Engagement Award. We welcome this young organist and harpsichordist to our worship.

MONDAY NIGHT ZOOM STUDY continues Monday, May 15th. The series is called Embracing an Adult Faith with Marcus Borg on "What it Means to Be Christian." It is especially important during this time in our history to reclaim the word "Christian" and move it into the light. This week study will focus on Community. Join Fr. Don and Mel as they co-lead this study on Zoom at 7 p.m. Melanie Caron is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83850622544>
Meeting ID: 838 5062 2544

MAY 14 MEETING AFTER SERVICE to evaluate Lent, Holy Week and Easter, and to plan the season of Pentecost.

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP YET for our Meditation Workshop on Saturday, May 20? We will be sponsoring this workshop with the Meditation Center on Riverton Road. It begins at 9:30 a.m. Sr. Dolly will speak to Brahma Kumaris and the Raj Yoga they follow and Mel Caron will introduce Christian Meditation in the two most popular formats given to us by Fr. Thomas Keating and Fr. John Main.

Please let Mel know if you are coming by filling out a registration form online, on paper, or just telling her. We want to be properly prepared with handouts and breakfast foods. The workshop is free, but remember to bring a bagged lunch. melanieannecaron@gmail.com or 478-234-3698.

JOIN US AT 4 O’CLOCK ON MAY 21ST as Christ church, Riverton hosts the southwest jersey chapter American Guild of Organists members recital. The guild of organists is a national organization of over 14,000 members Six organist from local churches will be each playing a selection.

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 45 minuets, with a conversation on the Person and scriptures of the day.

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.

CONTEMPLATIVE GROUP - a group comprised of women from various churches gathers weekly online to meditate, study and hold a discussion Wednesdays at 10-11:30 am. All are welcome! Info for Zoom Meeting is 895 0808 5891 & password is 702131. For more info contact Mel at 478-234-3698.

FROM THE MEMORIAL GARDEN COMMITTEE

A problem has developed with a large tree at the west entrance to the garden. The tree’s roots are protruding from the ground making the entrance unsafe and unsightly and causing serious ponding following any rain. Unfortunately, the tree must be removed to make sure that the roots will not present as a problem again in the future. The Vestry has engaged a landscape professional to remove the tree, regrade the soil and pave the area with landscape stone. The cost is approximately \$4,900.00. Your contribution to help with this project would be greatly appreciated and would ensure the safe entrance and beauty of the garden for years to come. Please make your checks payable to Christ Church and indicate that it is for the Memorial Garden Fund.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Camden
Let's Get Ready for Camp Faith 2023 · Please Help Us!

Since the 1980's, the Episcopal Church has provided a 5 week summer camp experience for Camden city children. It is a free camp for all children in the city of Camden ages 4-12

Last year St. Paul's Camp Faith though smaller than in past years was a great success. The kids had trips to Johnson's Farm in Medford, swimming, bowling and skating, crafts, games and Bible Study. Most of all, what they learned was the value of being together and respect for one another.

We are truly humbled by your support and the faith it implies in our oversight of this important formation event in the lives of these young people.

Camp Faith 2023 will run from July 5th - Aug. 4th. The camp activities will build friendships, teach teamwork, and keep the children safe during these summer weeks. Activities include: Arts and Crafts · Skits and games · Talent Show Sports and Athletics · Bible Stories · Swimming (at Neshaminy Pool) · Field Trips (Skating, Bowling, Johnson's Farm, Camden Waterfront Aquarium) Other activities based on the talents of staff and volunteers

St Paul's and Project Interaction needs our help!
The overall camp program cost is projected at \$30,000.00. We estimate it will cost approximately \$500.00 a child for the 4 week program. Cost per Camper includes transportation to and from camp, daily supplies, cleaning , staff salaries and stipends, registrar, counselors and a kitchen manager. Any donation is greatly appreciated.

Can you pay for a camper's day at \$25.00 _____,
1 week at \$125.00 _____, 2 weeks cost at \$250.00 _____,
or All 4 weeks for one camper at \$500.00 _____.

Please provide all contributions to this important outreach to:
Susan Engel 9 o'clock service

Please make checks to: St. Paul's Church Camp Faith 2023

If you don't see us in church you can mail the checks to:
Susan Engel, 112 Hastings Place, Cinnaminson NJ 08077

Blessings!

