



*18th Sunday after Pentecost:
October 1, 2023 — 9:00 am*

Christ Church

(Episcopal / Anglican)

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Riverton, New Jersey
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THE HOLY EUCHARIST, Rite I
October 1, 2023 — 9:00 A.M.

Prelude “*Trumpet Tune and March*” J. Clarcke
Processional Hymn 362 “*Holy, Holy, Holy*”

The people standing, the Officiant says

Officiant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: ***And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and for ever.***

Officiant: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: ***Christ, have mercy upon us.***

Officiant: Lord, have mercy upon us.

All ***Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace, good will towards men.***

***We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify
thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,***

O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

***O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest
away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.***

***Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.***

***Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.***

***For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.***

The Collect of the Day

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: ***And with thy Spirit.***

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.*

A Reading (Lesson) from Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

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

Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16 *Attendite, popule*

1. Hear my teaching, O my people; *
 incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
2. ***I will open my mouth in a parable; ****
 I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
3. That which we have heard and known,
 and what our forefathers have told us, *
 we will not hide from their children.

4. *We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, **
and the wonderful works he has done.
12. He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, *
in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.
13. *He split open the sea and let them pass through; **
he made the waters stand up like walls.
14. He led them with a cloud by day, *
and all the night through with a glow of fire.
15. *He split the hard rocks in the wilderness **
and gave them drink as from the great deep.
16. He brought streams out of the cliff, *
and the waters gushed out like rivers.

A Reading (Lesson) from Philippians 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death-- even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both

to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

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

The Gospel Hymn 711 “*Seek Ye First*”

Then, all standing, the Deacon:

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to

Matthew 21:23-32

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

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. “What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Don Caron, *Priest*

The Nicene Creed (*All Standing Spoken*)

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world. Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers especially Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Sally, our Bishop, Donald our Priest, Leslie our Deacon. For The Revs: Dr. John Bird, Jr., Robert Critelli, Henry Englund, Dr. Kenneth Gorman, Otto Immel, Charles Sakin, Dr. Daniel Gunn, Anne McRae Wrede, the Clergy Spouses, the Constable Grant Task Force, St. Francis' Church in Dunellen, the Jane Turner Fund, the Animal Welfare Team.

Hear our prayers, O God.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

Hear our prayers, O God.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land especially Joseph our President and Phil our Governor, for the nations of the world and their leaders and especially for the nations in strife of Ukraine and the Middle East and their leaders, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Hear our prayers, O God.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

Hear our prayers, O God.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor and all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially *Ruth, Ed, Don, Sharon, Austin, Annamarie, Donna, Cheryl, Carol, Jeanette, Susan, Lynn, Tibor, Cynthia, Katie, Kelly, Eileen, Doris, Sean, Arlene, Barry, Joan, Naomi, Carol, David, Stephanie, Natalie, Ayana, For those suffering from the wild fires*

and those suffering from floods, earth quakes, and all those affected by the Corona Virus. ***Hear our prayers, O God.***

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, especially *Nathan James Huntsinger* beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. ***Hear our prayers, O God.***

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. ***Amen.***

Confession of Sin

The Deacon or Officiant says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

The Officiant, stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

The Peace *(All stand.)*

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

People: ***And with thy spirit.***

Offertory Duet *“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”* arr. G. Young

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

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The people remain standing. The Officiant faces them and says

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Officiant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Officiant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Who by water and the Holy Spirit hast made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth thy glory in all the world.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

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.

Preparation of the Table

The people kneel or stand. Then the Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he 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, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **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

Celebrant: O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,

All: ***have mercy upon us.***

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that takest away the sins of the world,

All: ***have mercy upon us.***

Celebrant: O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,

All: ***grant us thy peace.***

All: We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Invitation

Communion Music *“Hymns for Communion”*

Post Communion

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. ***Amen.***

Birthday Blessings

Anniversary Blessings

Announcements

Final Blessing

Recessional 677 “*God Moves In A Myeterious Way*” *Tune - Azmon*

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

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God!

Organ Postlude “*Fughetta*”

J. Pachelbel

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THE CHAPEL SANCTUARY LIGHT is lit
in loving memory of *Nathan James Huntsinger*
by Matthew Sr., Michelle, and Matthew Jr.

Participating in the 9am. Service

Lector: Joanne Grimes

Acolyte: Shea Gulbin, Christian Gulbin, Mary Shea

Videographer: Mike Kinzler *Ushers:* Roger King, Ed Worthy

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

Counters: Don Dietz, Bob Engel

FROM THE MUSIC DESK - Holy, Holy, Holy! Reginald Heber 1783-1826 The hymn based on St. John's vision of God enthroned in heavenly glory as found in Revelation 4 is perhaps one of the most popular hymns in any hymnbook. The use of the angels' song (Holy, Holy, Holy) is pure adoration of God in his perfect holiness. Filled with apocalyptic language, the hymn combines a sense of mystery with God's mercy, power, love and purity. From Hymn Notes - Austin Lovelace

NEXT SUNDAY we will be singing favorite hymns selected by the congregation during the Offertory. Come prepared with your favorite!

**GOODBYE TO SUMMER CONCERT WITH
FRIENDS CLASSIC ROCK TODAY @ 4:00
ON THE LAWN AT CHRIST CHURCH, RIVERTON**

So we can welcome our community warmly, if you attend CCR please stop by the snack table for a name tag!

THURSDAY STUDY GROUP continues this week with our study of Paul. This week's focus is on Paul's vocation.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS - The annual St. Francis Day blessing of the animals will be held at 2:00 PM in the plaza in front of the church on Sunday, October 8th. Animals should be on leashes or with other means to keep them safe. Children's (and adults') favorite Stuffedies will also be blessed.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! On Saturday, October 14, we are offering a workshop called "BUDDHA AND JESUS". Buddhism and Christianity are not mutually exclusive. Buddhism is a practice, not a religion. The workshop will begin at 9:30 a.m. and go until 2 p.m. Participants should bring a brown bag lunch (drinks provided), but a continental breakfast will be offered. There is no fee, but a love offering will be accepted to cover food and materials costs.

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.

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.

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!

**DEACON LESLIE MAZZACANO,
WILL BE CELEBRATING HER 25TH
ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION ON OCTOBER 31.**

**Please join use for a Coffee Hour celebration on
October 29th, following the service.**

FISHES AND LOAVES MINISTRY

October 17, Noon to 2pm

Join us for a free Lunch and Fellowship, all are invited and
welcome, Bring a friend, Chair lift is available,
No charge, but donations are welcome

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Open Dates for Altar Flowers 2023-2024

November 12, 19, 26, December 31, January 14

Date of Memorial _____

Flowers in Memory of _____

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The cost for Memorial Flowers is \$35.00 for each date.

Amount of check enclosed \$_____ made out to The Altar Guild.

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