



The Vision of Priest Ezekiel, 1836

*The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 10, 2023 — 9:00 am*

Christ Church

(Episcopal / Anglican)

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Communion from the Reserved Sacrament
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Prelude “Song” G. F. Handel
Improvisation on “Praise To The Lord”

Processional Hymn 432 “O Praise Ye The Lord”

The people standing, the Officiant says

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

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

Officiant: 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 --

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

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

Officiant: Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

The Lessons

A Reading (Lesson) from Ezekiel 33:7-11

You, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them

warning from me. If I say to the wicked, “O wicked ones, you shall surely die,” and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life. Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: “Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?” Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

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

Psalm 119:33-40 *Legem pone*

33. Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, *
and I shall keep it to the end.

34. ***Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; ****
I shall keep it with all my heart.

35. Make me go in the path of your commandments, *
for that is my desire.

36. ***Incline my heart to your decrees ****
and not to unjust gain.

37. Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; *
give me life in your ways.

38. ***Fulfill your promise to your servant, ****
which you make to those who fear you.

39. Turn away the reproach which I dread, *
because your judgments are good.

40. ***Behold, I long for your commandments; ****
in your righteousness preserve my life.

A Reading (Lesson) from Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

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

The Gospel Hymn 654 “Day By Day”

Then, all standing, the Deacon:

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to

Matthew 18:15-20

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

Jesus said, “If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you

by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among 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 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Deacon: Gathered in the name of Jesus, who stands among us with upraised hands, let us offer prayers for all in danger and need.

Reader: For this holy gathering, and for the people of God in every place, especially, Justin the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, Sally, our Bishop, Donald our Priest, Leslie our Deacon. For Episcopal Servant Ministry Program, Congregational Stewardship Committees, The Revs: Jorge Liriano Martinez, Thomas Szczerba, Jr, The Rev. Dcn. Carol Kerbel, Church of the Holy Cross, The Rev. Dr. James

Yarsiah, the Campus Ministry Foundation

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all peoples, tribes, clans, and families, and for mercy, justice, and peace in the world, especially Joseph the President of the United States, and Phillip the Governor of NJ, 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..

Lord, hear our prayer.

For abundant fruits of the earth, and for safety from violent storms.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the sick and the suffering, especially *Ruth, Ed, Don, Sharon, Austin, Annamarie, Susan, Donna, Cheryl, Carol, Bob, Jeanette, Susan, Lynn, Tibor, Cynthia, Katie, Kelly, Eileen, Doris, Sean, Arlene, Barry, Joan, Naomi, Carol, David, Stephanie, Natalie*, for travelers and those on vacation, and their families, and all those in danger and need, especially the people of Maui.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For our city and those who live in it, and for our families, companions, and all those we love.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who rest in Christ and for all the dead, especially *George and Sally Mattis, Mary Cammarota, and The Rt. Rev. Albert Banyard*

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.

Deacon: O Lord our God, who sends your Word among us, receive the gift of prayer we offer this day and forgive us our sins and transgressions; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen***

Confession of Sin

The Deacon:

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.

The Deacon, stands and says

Deacon: Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

Amen.

The Peace *(All stand.)*

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

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

Offertory *Favorite Hymns Selected By The Congregation*

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

Holy Communion

The Offertory and Setting of the Table

Deacon: Gracious and generous Creator, your people come before you this day with the offering of their whole selves, of all that they are, and all that they have. The gifts they have made to

support the ministry and mission of Christ Church are a symbol of their very lives and their commitment to invest a portion of themselves in your on-going work in the world.

May those who make this sacrifice of praise and gratitude be so filled with your own generous spirit, that it pours out of each and every one into the world around them.

Hear these prayers and accept our humble gift. Bless them. Make them abound that all people through our work and sacrifice in your name, may know and feel your abundant blessing.

All this we ask of you, our Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier.
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.***

Officiant: The gifts of God for the people of God.

Communion is offered from the reserved sacrament

Communion Music “*Hymns For Meditation*”

After Communion, the Officiant says

Let us pray.

Officiant 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 527 *“Singing Songs Of Expectation”*

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 *“Finale”*

E.. Gigout

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THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR TODAY

are given to the glory of God and in memory of *George and Sally Mattis, and Mary Cammarota*, by George & Cindi Cammarota

THE CHAPEL SANCTUARY LIGHT is lit in memory of

The Rt. Rev. Albert L. Banyard

by The Rev. Canon Dr. Alan K. Salmon

Participating in the 9am. Service

Lector: Jeff Mack *Acolyte:* Shea Gulbin, Christian Gulbin, Mary Shea

Ushers: Roger King, Ed Worthy *Videographer:*

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

Counters: Joan Atkinson, Marge Conti

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**Fr. Don & Mel will be away this week,
in case of emergencies please contact
Deacon Leslie by phone 609-694-6164**

AT THE OFFERTORY this morning we will be singing first and last verses of your favorite hymns. Please have your title and page number ready.

MEDITATION GROUP ON MONDAY AND THURSDAY STUDY GROUP WILL MEET THIS WEEK!

Deacon Leslie will be leading both. Join the meditation group at 2:30 on Monday, September 11 in the Parlor. The Thursday Study Group will continue with the second lesson of “Eclipsing the Sun” a study of St. Paul - his writings and where he walked. This week’s focus is on Jesus - what message of both Jesus and Paul share continuity and where did their focus split?

INTERGENERATIONAL STUDY - What fun we will have at our first session of the Intergenerational Study on Sunday, September 24, from 4-6 p.m. Creativity is an important part of the learning process. Our theme for this session is “What does it mean to follow Jesus?” We hope to see many of our families with children and teens, along with grandparents and grandchildren, our confirmation/reception candidates, and a lot of our members of all ages!

SPAGHETTI DINNER IS COMING! Catered by Carrabbas

Come and enjoy our annual Spaghetti Dinner which will take place on September 29 @ 5-7:00 pm. Take-out will be available. This year, pay-at-door only. Adults-\$10; Children-11 and under \$5.

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.

CALLING ALL MUSICIANS BY FAITH OR TRAINING

Would you like to participate in our musical worship? If you have any musical gift and would like to share it in Sunday worship, contact Peter H at 856-952-5132. Could we get a handful of singers together to start a bit of a choir?

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. *There will not be a service this Wednesday, September 13, Father Don will be away.*

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!

GOODBYE TO SUMMER CONCERT

WITH

FRIENDS CLASSIC ROCK

OCTOBER 1, 2023 @ 4:00

ON THE LAWN AT CHRIST CHURCH, RIVERTON

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.

CONFIRMATION

In the Episcopal Church, Confirmation completes the initiation of an individual into full membership. We become Christians through Holy Baptism, which makes us members of the local community and which makes parents, godparents and the community responsible for teaching us as we grow and worship. Confirmation is the means by which the church recognizes us as ready to take up ministry within the church. It is often thought of as a sacramental way of signifying Christian adulthood.

If you have not been confirmed by a bishop (in the Episcopal Church or another denomination with bishops) you might want to be confirmed at the next opportunity by our new bishop Very Reverend Sally French. The plan might lead to confirmation at the Cathedral in Trenton or here at Christ Church.

There will be two requirements to be recommended to the Bishop for Confirmation. I will have a booklet of information for candidates to read and meet with me to discuss. Also we want the candidates to attend the Intergenerational program, which is held in conjunction with the change of liturgical seasons. Please contact Fr. Don if you are interested in being confirmed.

At the same time as Confirmation is administered, two other options are available. One is Reception. This is the way by which someone baptized and confirmed in a religion other than the Episcopal Church officially becomes a member of the Episcopal Church. There is also the lovely opportunity for Reaffirmation. This is a way that people who are already fully members of the Episcopal Church may publicly state their intention to remain as Episcopalians, and with the help of God, to live as Episcopalians. If you are interested in any of these options, or if you have questions, contact Fr. Don.

HISTORIC CHURCHES WALKING TOUR

Wednesday, September 13, 2023 from 6:00 - 8:30 pm

Program:

6-7pm overview of the 4 churches at Christ Church Parish Hall

7-8:30pm all churches will be open for on-site visits

Family Friendly!

Want more information? Email RivertonHistory@gmail.com

Riverton Restaurants, *Early Bird, Juanita's and Milanese*, will be open for an early dinner before the event.

Shopping at *Home Off Main and Tillie's Trinkets*.

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