



*Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost:
September 3, 2023 — 9:00 am*

Christ Church

(Episcopal / Anglican)

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Riverton, New Jersey
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THE HOLY EUCHARIST, Rite I
September 3, 2023 — 9:00 A.M.

Prelude “*River Flows in You*” Yiurma

Processional Hymn 450 “*All hail the power of Jesus’ Name*”

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.***

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good

things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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 Jeremiah 15:15-21

O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of merry-makers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail. Therefore, thus says the Lord: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the Lord. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

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

Psalm 26:1-8 *Judica me, Domine*

1. Give judgment for me, O Lord, for I have lived with integrity; *
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.
2. Test me, O Lord, and try me; *
examine my heart and my mind.
3. For your love is before my eyes; *
I have walked faithfully with you.

4. I have not sat with the worthless, *
nor do I consort with the deceitful.
5. I have hated the company of evildoers; *
I will not sit down with the wicked.
6. I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord, *
that I may go in procession round your altar,
7. Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving *
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.
8. Lord, I love the house in which you dwell *
and the place where your glory abides.

A Reading (Lesson) from Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

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

The Gospel Hymn 675 *"Take up your cross, the Savior said"*

Then, all standing, the Deacon:

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to

Matthew 16:21-28

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

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 Diocesan Staff, the Provincial Synod, the Trustees of the Van Duzer Scholarship Fund, the Communications Committee, the Diocesan Congregational Development Team, the Commission on Ministry with the Disabled.

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, Sharon, Annamarie, Susan, Donna, Cheryl, Carol, Jeanette, Susan, Austin, Lynn, Tibor, Cynthia, Katie, Kelly, Eileen, Doris, Sean, Bob, Arlene, Barry, Joan, Naomi, Carol, David, Stephanie* 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, beseech-ing 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 LEVAS 64 *“I Love To Tell the Story”*

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

Rite I, Prayer I *pg. 333 BCP*

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.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; according to whose true promise the Holy Ghost came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to thy Church the power to serve thee as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

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.***

Celebrant: O Lamb of God,
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 *"I Need Thee Every Hour"*

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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 555 *“Lead on, O King eternal”*

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 *“Exodus”*

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Participating in the 9am. Service

Guest Organists: Fred Astmann *Lector:* Joanne Grimes

Acolyte: Shea Gulbin, Christian Gulbin, Mary Shea

Videographer: *Ushers:* Roger King, Ed Worthy

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

Counters: Joan Atkinson, Marge Conti

NEXT SUNDAY we will be singing favorite hymns selected by the congregation at the Offertory. Come prepared with your title and page number!

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?

SPAGHETTI DINNER IS COMING! 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. We will need help cooking and serving, and would greatly appreciate your assistance. Volunteers please contact Joan Atkinson at 856-313-9383.

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!

NEW THURSDAY STUDY! We will begin a new series called Eclipsing Empire: Paul, Rome, and the Kingdom of God. Featuring scripture scholars Marcus Borg and Dominic Crossan on Thursday, September 7 at 10 a.m. in the Church Parlor.

Have you felt angry toward Paul because of his Epistles that degenerate the value of women? Have you wanted to walk through the towns and cities where Paul preached and spread Christianity? Here's your chance to learn the truth about these letters and see where Paul walked.

Borg and Crossan are on location in Turkey as they trace the Apostle Paul's footsteps throughout the Roman Empire. This 12-session study explores fresh insights into Paul's message of the Kingdom of God. Its challenge to Roman imperial theology and the apostle's radical relevance for today.

You won't want to miss this series which has beautiful imagery and historical markings of Paul's journey!

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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.

INTERGENERATIONAL CLASS - Our first session for this school year will be on Sunday, September 24, from 4-6 p.m. Our focus for this session will be “Who Is Jesus and What Does He Want Us to Do?” The class consists of teaching, breakout discussions for children and adults based on scripture passages, an arts and crafts project, and, of course, SUPPER!

Parents, children, teens, grandparents and all members are invited to join us. We have great discussions and fun doing our projects. Come and support our youth.

The Historical Society of Riverton presents

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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Economic Development Committee of Riverton Borough Council*

GOODBYE TO SUMMER CONCERT

WITH

FRIENDS CLASSIC ROCK

OCTOBER 1, 2023 @ 4:00

ON THE LAWN AT CHRIST CHURCH, RIVERTON

