

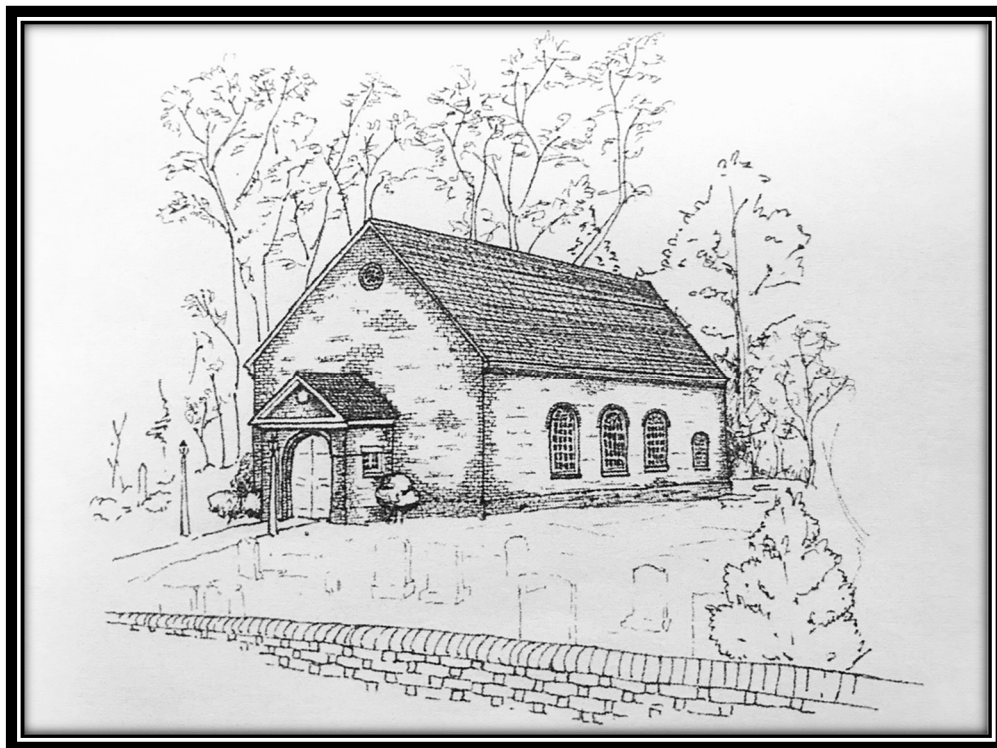
*Welcome to Christ Church Parish*

*(Episcopal)*

*May 14, 2023*

*10:30 a.m.*

*The Sixth Sunday Of Easter*



*Founded in 1666*

*Before the service, speak to God in the silence of your heart.*

*During the service, let God speak to you through  
Word and Sacrament.*

*After the service, speak with your neighbor!*

**Christ Church Parish Mission Statement**

*We are a family of faith,  
growing in Christ through worship, learning, and  
service, who strive to love God  
and to love our neighbors as ourselves.*

The Sixth Sunday Of Easter  
Holy Eucharist: Rite II – May 14, 2023

*One cannot be Christian alone; apart from the Body, we can do nothing.*

Opening Voluntary	"Love Divine"	Paul Manz
Processional Hymn 657	"Love Divine, All Love's Excelling"	
Opening Sentences		BCP Page 355
The Gloria (Hymnal S-280)		BCP Page 356

THE WORD OF GOD

The Collect of the Day ( <i>The 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday Of Easter</i> )		BCP Page 225
First Lesson		Acts 17:22-31
Psalm 66:8-20		BCP Page 674
Second Lesson		1 Peter 3:13-22
Sequence Hymn 419	"Lord of All Being"	
Gospel		John 14:15-21
The Sermon	The Rev. Deacon Peg Moncure	
The Nicene Creed		BCP Page 358
The Prayers of the People		Insert
The Confession and Absolution		BCP Page 360
The Peace		BCP Page 360
Offertory	"I Know That My Redeemer Liveth"	G. F. Handel
Presentation Hymn 554	"Tis the Gift to Be Simple"	

THE HOLY COMMUNION

<i>Officiant</i>	Be present, be present, Lord Jesus Christ, our risen high priest; make yourself known in the breaking of the bread.	
<i>People</i>	<b>Amen.</b>	
The Great Thanksgiving: Prayer B		BCP Page 367
Sursum corda (Hymnal S-120)		
Sanctus and Benedictus (Hymnal S-129)		BCP Page 367
The Lord's Prayer		BCP Page 364
The Breaking of the Bread:		
<i>Officiant</i>	Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,	
<i>People</i>	<b>we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.</b>	
<i>Officiant</i>	Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.	
<i>People</i>	<b>Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.</b>	
<i>Officiant</i>	The Gifts of God for the People of God.	
Agnus Dei (Hymnal S-164)		
Communion Music		
Post Communion Hymn 709 (1-3)	"O God of Bethel"	

Post Communion Prayer

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

BCP Page 365

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn 205 (1, 3 - 5) "*Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing*"

The Dismissal: We are raised to new life with Christ.

Go in his peace. Alleluia, alleluia.

*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

## The Collect of the Day

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 First Lesson

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."

## 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.**

## The Epistle

**1 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.

## The Gospel

**John 14:15-21**

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my command-ments. 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.”

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## **The Prayers of the People**

We offer our prayers and thanksgivings to God, who in the midst of our trials and adversities gives us the faith to endure, responding, “Hear us, O risen Christ.”

In thanksgiving for the holy commandments of the Lord’s truth, and Jesus’ eternal gift of love, that we may follow them as pathways to sanctification; let us pray. **Hear us, O risen Christ.**

That we may be a community of joyous believers, bearing one another’s burdens, forgiving each other’s sins, responding to the needs of all, so that the world may see and know that all things are being made new through the Risen One; let us pray. **Hear us, O risen Christ.**

In thanksgiving for this Eucharistic Meal, where Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us and invites us to share in heaven’s feast; let us pray. **Hear us, O risen Christ.**

In thanksgiving for the faith of Abraham and Sarah, and of all the faithful departed whose every breath was lived in response to God’s promises; let us pray. **Hear us, O risen Christ.**

That we may give honor to those considered least in our society, knowing that Jesus reveals the divine will through their lives and in the course of their abiding faithfulness; let us pray. **Hear us, O risen Christ.**

That children may receive a full measure of food, education, parental love, and a religious upbringing; let us pray. **Hear us, O risen Christ.**

In thanksgiving for those who volunteer their time for the ministry of Christ in this church, in our diocese, and throughout the world; let us pray to the Lord. **Hear us, O risen Christ.**

As adopted children of Jesus, through our passage in the waters of baptism, let us continue our prayers and thanksgivings.

We pray for healing, strength and comfort for those on our prayer list; for those suffering from the pain of grief and loss brought about by the senseless violence and war in the world; and for those who are rebuilding their lives and homes due to severe storms and flooding; let us pray. **Hear us, O risen Christ.**

We pray for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Mark our Bishop, Gayle our Assistant Bishop, and for all who serve God in his Church; in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for the clergy and parishioners of St. David’s – Ashburn, St. John’s – McLean, St. Paul’s – Richmond, and St. Peter’s – Arlington; let us pray. **Hear us, O risen Christ.**

We give thanks for those who are celebrating their birthdays this week: Mary Jo Atterholt, Bob Prichard, Victoria Rosendahl, and Helen Tarran; and those celebrating their anniversaries: Sharon Colston & Miles Libbey, Mike & Harriette Floyd, Jim & Jean Hill, and Scott & Alyson Holt; let us pray. **Hear us, O risen Christ.**

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Please remember in your prayers those on our Prayer List:

Barbara Cockrell, Kathy Page, Zubin, Merri Hanson, Lori Rexinger, Br. Christopher Hamlett, Joanne Bruce, Dick Debnam, Janet Lundin, Lucille Redmon, Bernie Whittkamp, Page Whittkamp, Jenny Wright, Marty, and Valerie Shostak.

We pray for our Diocese and in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for the clergy and parishioners of St. David's – Ashburn, St. John's – McLean, St. Paul's – Richmond, and St. Peter's – Arlington.

*(The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.)*

**PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE**

**Holy Eucharist: Rite I 8:00 a.m.**

Celebrant	The Rev. Stuart Clary Wood
Deacon / Sermon	The Rev. Deacon Peg Moncure
Acolyte / Lector	Jeff Shaw
Usher	John Quilter

**Morning Prayer: Rite II 10:30 a.m.**

Celebrant	The Rev. Stuart Clary Wood
Deacon / Sermon	The Rev. Deacon Peg Moncure
Organist	Libby Boyer
Gosp. Bk. / Prayers / Euch. Min.	Grace Parker
Eucharistic Minister	Sharon Colston
Lector	Ann Padgett
Crucifer / Acolyte	John Hilliard
Ushers	Phil & Karen Brown
Altar Guild	Bev Hart, Evie Wilton, Kathy Clarke, Susan Hilliard, Helen Tarran, & Pam McClelland
Flower Guild	Alyson Holt, & Harriette Floyd
Tech Team	Greg Grichtmeier, Ann de Peyster, Mike Floyd, Mike Gorin, Jeff Loustaunau, Jeff McClelland & Jack Fackler

***Christ Church Parish (Episcopal)***

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**NURSERY** is provided upon request in the Parish Hall  
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***Christ Church Parish Vestry***

Garry Clay – Senior Warden ‘24	
Scott Holt – Junior Warden ‘25	
Betsy Evans ‘23	Ann de Peyster ‘24
Mike Gorin ‘23	Bill Budd ‘25
Clayton Neal ‘23	Henry Moncure ‘25
Karen Brown ‘24	