

The Sixth Sunday of Easter
Year B

May 5, 2024



**CHRIST CHURCH
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Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Entrance Rite

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| Prelude <i>Air</i> | Gerre Hancock (1934–2012) |
| Processional | Hymnal 377 |
| <i>All people that on earth do dwell</i> | <i>Old Hundredth</i> |
| Children's Chapel follows the procession. Suggested ages are pre-K through fifth grade; younger children are welcome if accompanied by adults. | |
| Opening Acclamation and Response | BCP 355 |
| <i>Officiant</i> Alleluia. Christ is risen. | |
| <i>People</i> The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia. | |
| The Collect for Purity | BCP 355 |
| Gloria in excelsis | Hymnal S-278 |
| | William Mathias (1934–1992) |

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 Word of God

First Lesson

Acts 10:44–48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift

of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, “Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.



I Baptize Thee, William H. Johnson. 1940. Smithsonian American Art Museum, Washington, D.C.

Psalm 98 *Cantate Domino* **BCP 727**

Sung by the choir.

chant: James Turle (1802–1882)

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The Lord has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the Lord with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.

9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
when he comes to judge the earth.
10 In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

Epistle

1 John 5:1–6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Sequence Hymn

O Love of God, how strong and true

Hymnal 455

Dunedin

Holy Gospel

John 15:9–17



Jesus said to his disciples, “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

Sowing, William H. Johnson. ca. 1940. Smithsonian American Art Museum, Washington, D.C.

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| Sermon | The Reverend Samantha K. McKean, <i>Senior Associate Rector</i> |
| Nicene Creed | BCP 358 |
| Prayers of the People, Form III | BCP 387 |
| The Peace | |

The Holy Communion

Offertory *Blessed be the God and Father*

Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810–1876)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which, according to his abundant mercy, hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

To an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled, that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God, through faith unto salvation readying to be revealed in the last time.

But as He which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation. Pass the time of your sojourning here in fear. Love one another with a pure heart fervently, see that ye love one another.

Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God. For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. Amen.

(1 Peter 1:3–5, 15–17, 22–25)

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| Presentation of the Gifts | Hymnal 380, v. 3 |
| Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen. | |
| The Great Thanksgiving, <i>Eucharistic Prayer A</i> | BCP 361 |
| Sanctus and Benedictus | Hymnal S-125 |
| from <i>A Community Mass</i> | Richard Proulx (1937–2010) |
| The Lord's Prayer | BCP 364 |
| The Breaking of the Bread | |
| Fraction Anthem | Hymnal S-155 |
| <i>Christ Our Passover</i> | Gerald R. Near (b. 1942) |
| All Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion. | |
| Holy Communion | Hymnal 302, Insert |
| <i>Father, we thank thee who hast planted</i> | <i>Rendez à Dieu</i> |
| <i>Great is thy faithfulness</i> | <i>Faithfulness</i> |
| Postcommunion Prayer | BCP 365 |
| The Easter Blessing | |
| Processional | Hymnal 388 |
| <i>O worship the King, all glorious above!</i> | <i>Hanover</i> |
| Dismissal | |
| Postlude <i>Chorale-Fantasia on 'Old Hundredth'</i> | C. Hubert H. Parry (1848–1918) |



Prayers of the People*

For the people of Haiti, Ukraine, Israel and Gaza and places of conflict around the world: for strength, hope, perseverance, and protection; for liberation from violence and oppression; for the end of war and the laying down of weapons.

Also for Alexia Jenkins, Sarah

For the Birthdays of Ann Miller, Wiley Ellis, Asa Davis, Heyward Myers, Philip Slatinsky, Jay White, Chuck Chewning, Montie Acuff, Margaret Maxwell, Tina Palmer, Dale Wallace, Catherine Holden (who will be married with the last name Hughes by May), Maggie Macfadyen, Libby Miller, Sam Harper, Todd Smelser, Rusty Hightower, Kate Jackson, Julia Lavan, Caroline Armstrong, Harvey Gilbert, Jerry Reeves V, Asa Rinker, Marte Brevik, PJ Strychalski, Reed Dulany IV, John Sumner, Meg Howington, Dennis Reed, Eli Bailey, Max Bringman, Hester Hodde, Helen White, Nancy Radke, Michael White, Jack Chandler, Stephen Hooten, Libby Jackson, Dan Suwyn, Julia Christian, Mitch Huennekens, Austin Southerland, Janet Stone, Laura Lawton, Charlie Davenport, Dana Kumjian, Jane Mikell, Walker Gussler, Kelly Lancaster

For the Wedding Anniversaries of Taylor and Corey Summerell, Mary Margaret and Thomas Cone, Olivia and Justin Voyles, Laura and Tom Kirkpatrick, Sarah and Solomon Smith, Tonya and Charles Epps, Marianne and Mills Fleming, Dale and Bill Wallace, Susan and Brad Huennekens, Betsy and Trey Myers, Cindy and Harvey Gilbert, Elizabeth and Tom Hollis, Kristen and Grant Stovall

For Those Who Have Died and for the Comfort of Their Families: Parnell Burke Noth, Zed Layson

*The full prayer list may be found on our website and in our weekly email.

Announcements

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Nancy Mercer Keith Gerard.

This Week at Christ Church

Sunday, May 5 - The Sixth Sunday of Easter

- 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30 a.m. Adult Forum (Chapel)
- 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Seniors Recognition
- 12:00 p.m. Choristers: Lunch and Rehearsal

Monday through Friday, May 6–10

- 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Docent Tours

Tuesday, May 7

- 7:00 p.m. University of Alabama: University Singers Concert

Wednesday, May 8

- 12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist and Prayers for Healing
- 5:15 p.m. Choristers Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 9

- 10:30 a.m. Christ Church Book Group

Next Sunday at Christ Church

Sunday, May 12 - The Seventh Sunday of Easter

- 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30 a.m. Adult Forum (Chapel)
- 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Baptism

Reflections on Easter: Theme and Variations

April 7–May 12, Adult Forum in the Chapel, 9:30 a.m.

Join us in the Chapel during the Easter season as we discover the wonderful variations found in the life-changing theme of Easter. Borrowing a concept from musical compositions, we will begin with one theme: Easter. Different Easter stories from Scripture will be shared, and we will listen each week as a

new variation flows forth and transforms us. Variations include forgiveness, reconciliation, joy, and peace.

University of Alabama: University Singers

Tuesday, May 7, 7:00 p.m.

Please join us on Tuesday, May 7, for a free concert presented by the University Singers from the University of Alabama, under the direction of Dr. Morgan Luttig. This program, entitled “The Alchemist”, is part of their spring regional tour.

Christ Church Book Group

Thursday, May 9, 10:30 a.m.

Join us each second Thursday in the undercroft as we explore insights from thought-provoking works. This month, the selection is *BlackWorld* by Dr. Bertice Berry. The Story of BlackWorld is a tale like no other. BlackWorld is real and exists in the corner of heaven. With the assistance and guidance of Aziz, the attendant on Rose's private jet, Rose will discover BlackWorld, and unlock the secrets of our past, present and future.

Congratulations, Graduates!

CHRIST CHURCH HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS



Jack Chandler is graduating from Benedictine High School and will attend the University of Georgia in the fall, where he plans to major in Business. This summer, Jack looks forward to traveling to Jamaica and England and then working at Enmarket before heading to Athens.

Anna Claire Davis is graduating from Savannah Country Day School. She will attend Georgia Tech Scheller College of Business in the fall, where she plans to major in Business Administration.



Holden Haenel is graduating early from Savannah Early College High School after completing a year of studies at Savannah State University. He will attend the University of Georgia with plans to major in Political Science through the School of Public and international Affairs. He regularly canvases for Democratic candidates, so don't be surprised if you find him knocking on your door this summer.

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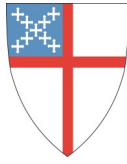
CLASS OF 2024



Stella Oelschig is graduating from Savannah Country Day School. This summer she will work at Davis Produce, and then she will go on to attend the University of Mississippi. There she plans to major in Nursing.

Ella Stone is graduating from Savannah Country Day School and will continue her education at University of Georgia in the fall. She plans to major in Business Administration but is open to other options as well. She is working at the SYC summer camps this summer and hopes to spend time with family and friends in her free time.





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The Right Reverend Frank S. Logue, *Bishop of Georgia*

The Reverend Michael S. White, *Rector*

The Reverend Samantha K. McKean, *Senior Associate Rector*

The Reverend Helen S. White, *Associate Rector*

The Reverend Patricia Rhoads Davis, *Deacon*

The Reverend Dr. Bertice Berry, *Deacon*

George H. Fergus, *Director of Music*

Suzanne Phillips Smith, *Parish Administrator*

Charles L. Epps, *Sexton*

The Reverend Canon Todd D. Smelser, *Priest Associate*

The Reverend Liam G. Collins, *Priest Associate*

The Reverend Richard "Max" Maxwell, *Priest Associate*

The Reverend David C. Seyle, *United Methodist Pastor-in-Residence*

Vestry

Stephen R. Rilee, *Senior Warden*; Washington C. Dender, *Junior Warden*;

Sarah B. Smith, *Clerk of the Vestry*; Patton W. Dugas, *Treasurer*;

Catherine M. Gussler, *Assistant Treasurer for Stewardship and Finance*;

Lindsey A. Eberle; Katherine J. Griffith; Stephanie C. Lindley;

Rosemary W. Mackey; Elizabeth L. Macfadyen; Roger Moss, Jr.;

Rena K. Patton; Paul D. Reddick; Paul H. Threlkeld;

Polly C. Webster; Susan H. Wetmore

Sundays

9:15 a.m. Nursery, located on the 2nd floor of the Parish House at 18 Abercorn

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

The Church building is located at 28 Bull Street, Savannah, Georgia 31401

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Christ Church, the "Mother Church of Georgia," was founded on February 12, 1733 and is a member of the Diocese of Georgia which, in turn, is one of 110 Dioceses which composes The Episcopal Church in the United States of America and abroad. The Episcopal Church is a constituent member of the Anglican Communion, a fellowship within the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church of those duly constituted dioceses, provinces, and regional Churches in communion with the See of Canterbury. The fellowship upholds and propagates the historic Faith and Order as set forth in the Book of Common Prayer. The current church building was constructed in 1838 and is the third one on the original site.