

The Second Sunday of Easter  
Year B

April 7, 2024



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EPISCOPAL

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Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Entrance Rite

Prelude Selections from *Music for the Royal Fireworks*, HWV 351  
Georg Frideric Handel (1685–1759)

Processional Hymnal 193  
*That Easter day with joy was bright* *Puer nobis*  
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  
*Officiant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
*People* 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  
Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; 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 4:32–35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimo-

ny to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

*The Resurrection of Christ*, Peter Paul Rubens. 1611–1612. Cathedral of Our Lady, Antwerp.

**Psalm 133**    *Ecce, quam bonum!*

**BCP 787**

*Sung by the choir.*

Ray Francis Brown (1897–1965)

- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, \*  
    when brethren live together in unity!
- 2 It is like fine oil upon the head \*  
    that runs down upon the beard,
- 3 Upon the beard of Aaron, \*  
    and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon \*  
    that falls upon the hills of Zion.
- 5 For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: \*  
    life for evermore.

**Epistle**

**1 John 1:1–2:2**

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands,



concerning the word of life—this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our

fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

*The Incredulity of Saint Thomas*, Caravaggio. 1601-1602. Sanssouci, Potsdam.

Sequence Hymn

*We walk by faith and not by sight*

Hymnal 209

*St. Botolph*

## Holy Gospel

## John 20:19–31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."



Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

*The Incredulity of St. Thomas (Rockox Triptych)*, Peter Paul Rubens. 1613-1615. Royal Museum of Fine Arts, Antwerp, Belgium.

Sermon

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

Nicene Creed

BCP 358

Prayers of the People, Form III

BCP 387

The Peace

## The Holy Communion

Offertory *Most glorious Lord of life* William Henry Harris (1883–1973)

Most glorious Lord of life, that on this day  
didst make thy triumph over death and sin,  
and having harrowed hell, didst bring away  
captivity thence captive, us to win:

And that thy love we weighing worthily,  
may likewise love thee for the same again;  
and for thy sake, who dost all grace supply,  
with love may one another entertain;

This joyous day, dear Lord, with joy begin,  
and grant that we for whom thou diddest die,  
being with thy dear blood clean washed from sin,  
may live for ever in felicity:

So let us love, dear Love, like as we ought;  
love is the lesson which the Lord us taught.

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, *Eucharistic Prayer A* BCP 361

Sanctus and Benedictus Hymnal S-125

from *A Community Mass* Richard Proulx (1937–2010)

The Lord's Prayer BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem Hymnal S-155

*Christ Our Passover* Gerald R. Near (b. 1942)

All Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion.

Holy Communion Hymnal 188, 490

*Love's redeeming work is done* Savannah

*I want to walk as a child of the light* Houston

Postcommunion Prayer BCP 365

The Easter Blessing

Processional Hymnal 210

*The day of resurrection!* Ellacombe

Dismissal

Postlude "Toccata" from *Symphony No. 5*, Op. 42/1

Charles-Marie Widor (1844–1937)

## **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** Kevin Bohnstedt, Parnell Burke Noth, Mary Baker, Kevin Jackson, Serina Sherman, Traquia Evans, Holly Barton, George Risse, Vincent, Bill Haile

**For the Birthdays of** Bob Clark, Liv Dugas, Bill Haile, Vivi Truex, Alice Clark, Catherine Vouk, Thomas Cone, Whit Davis, Hudson Harrison, Betsy Myers, Trey Myers, Elizabeth Bush, Pamela Crenshaw, Wills Davis, MJ Harris, Roman Maynard, Kit McDonald, Julian Bringman, Paul Reddick, Peter Wright, Max Maxwell, Matthew King, Sam Mikell, Colson Sapp, Catherine Holden, Kingston Myers, Margaret Miller, Carrie Reeves, Ruth Goldsmith, Ruth Hallman, Mimi Jones, Sarah Smith, Emma Reardon, Mary Helen Skeadas, Micah Smith, Geoff Taylor, Elizabeth North, Catherine Renner, Robb Rilee, Tyler Sumner, Stan Houle, Linda McWhorter, Kwasi Agyei-Gyamfi, Rudell Lawrence

**For the Wedding Anniversaries of** Paige and Michael Carson, Gigi and Bill Haile, Kate and Marc Bailey, Cindy and Rusty Hightower, Margaret and John Northup, Erin and Stephen Ham, Betty and Jim Pember

**For Those Who Have Died and for the Comfort of Their Families:** Doug Foster, Anne Chaddock Donegan, Janet Oliver

\*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 thanksgiving for the ministry of Helen and Michael White.

### This Week at Christ Church

#### Sunday, April 7 - The Second Sunday of Easter

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

#### Monday, April 8

- 5:30 p.m. In the Spirit

#### Monday through Friday, April 8–12

- 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Docent Tours

#### Wednesday, April 10

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

#### Thursday, April 11

- 10:30 am. Christ Church Book Group

#### Saturday, April 13

- 11:00 a.m. Ordination of Bertice Berry to the Diaconate

### Next Sunday at Christ Church

#### Sunday, April 14 - The Third Sunday of Easter

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

### 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.

### **Christ Church Choristers**

Chorister rehearsals for the spring season begin today, directly after the 10:30 a.m. Eucharist. Choristers will enjoy a time of fellowship and a pizza lunch following coffee hour, and rehearse for an hour in the choir room. Choristers sing for the 10:30 Eucharist on May 12, Mother's Day. It's not too late to sign up—contact George Fergus after church today.

### **Christ Church Book Group**

*Thursday, April 11, 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 *The Art of Losing* by Alice Zeniter, a powerful, moving family novel that spans three generations across seventy years and two shores of the Mediterranean Sea. It is a resonant people's history of Algeria and its diaspora. It is a story of how we carry on in the face of loss: loss of country, identity, language, connection. Most of all, it is an immersive, riveting excavation of the inescapable legacies of colonialism, immigration, family, and war.

### **Ordination of Bertice Berry to the Diaconate**

*Saturday, April 13, 11:00 a.m.*

Your prayers and presence are requested for this sacred occasion! On Saturday, April 13 at Christ Church, the Rt. Rev. Frank Logue will ordain Bertice Berry to the sacred order of deacons. A reception will follow the service.

### **Low Country Boil**

*Sunday, April 21, following the 10:30 a.m. service*

Immediately after church on Sunday, April 21, join us at Juliette Low Park in Gordonston (10 Edgewood Rd) for an outdoor low country boil. Delicious food and good company await! The park has a playground for kids and plenty of space to relax and spend time with one another. Lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m. There's no need to RSVP, and donations will be accepted to offset costs.

**Concerts at Christ Church: *To Build a Home,*  
Musica Atlantica & Bridge Voices**

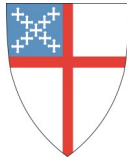
*Sunday, April 28, 4:00 p.m.*

Join us for this concert of choral music centered on themes of homecoming, vulnerability, and what it means to belong. Savannah choral ensemble Musica Atlantica joins with Washington D.C.-based Bridge Voices to offer this hour-long program of music stretching from the English Reformation up through a world premiere of a new work by Baltimore composer Jonathan Woody.

**Photos from Easter 2024**







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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*

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.