

The Third Sunday of Easter
Year B

April 14, 2024



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Holy Baptism

The Word of God

Prelude Two settings of 'Liebster Jesu' Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

Processional Hymnal 208

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Victory

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 299

Officiant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Officiant There is one Body and one Spirit;

People There is one hope in God's call to us;

Officiant One Lord; one Faith; one Baptism;

People One God and Father of all.

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray:

The Collect of the Day

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

First Lesson

Acts 3:12-19

Peter addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.



“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

Come Unto Me, Little Children, William H. Johnson. ca. 1944, Smithsonian American Art Museum, Washington, D. C.

Psalm 4*Cum invocarem***BCP 587***Sung by the choir.*

chant: Daniel P. Garrick (b. 1988)

- 1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; *
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
- 2 “You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; *
how long will you worship dumb idols
and run after false gods?”
- 3 Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; *
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.
- 4 Tremble, then, and do not sin; *
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.
- 5 Offer the appointed sacrifices *
and put your trust in the Lord.
- 6 Many are saying, “Oh, that we might see better times!” *
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.
- 7 You have put gladness in my heart, *
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.
- 8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; *
for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

Epistle**1 John 3:1–7**

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

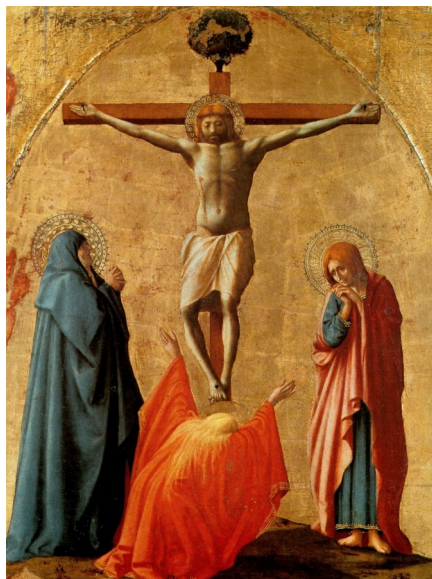
Sequence Hymn
Children of the heavenly Father

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Holy Gospel

Luke 24:36b–48

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, “Peace be with you.”



They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

Crucifixion, Masaccio. c. 1426. National Museum of Capodimonte, Naples, Italy.

Sermon	The Reverend Patricia R. Davis, <i>Deacon</i>
Presentation and Examination of the Candidate	BCP 301
<i>Elizabeth Jane Lindley</i>	
The Baptismal Covenant	BCP 304

Prayers for the Candidate	BCP 305
Antiphon at the Procession to the Font	
<i>God be in my head</i>	H. Walford Davies (1869–1941)
<p>God be in my head, and in my understanding; God be in mine eyes, and in my looking; God be in my mouth, and in my speaking; God be in my heart, and in my thinking; God be at mine end, and at my departing.</p> <p><i>(Sarum Book of Hours, ca. 1514)</i></p>	
Thanksgiving over Water	BCP 306
The Baptism	BCP 307
The Peace	BCP 308

The Holy Communion

Offertory <i>O salutaris hostia</i>	Edward Elgar (1857–1934)
<i>Sung in Latin.</i>	
<p>O saving Victim, opening wide the gate of heaven to us below; our foes press hard on every side; thine aid supply, thy strength bestow.</p>	<p>To thy great Name be endless praise, immortal Godhead, One in Three. O grant us endless length of days, in our true native land with thee. Amen.</p> <p><i>(St. Thomas Aquinas, 1225–1274)</i></p>
Presentation of the Gifts	Hymnal 380, v. 3
<p>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.</p>	
The Great Thanksgiving, <i>Eucharistic Prayer A</i>	BCP 361
Sanctus and Benedictus	Hymnal S-125
<i>from 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)
<p>All Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion.</p>	

Holy Communion	Hymnal 306, 440
<i>Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest</i>	<i>Sursum corda</i>
<i>Blessed Jesus, at thy word</i>	<i>Liebster Jesu</i>
Postcommunion Prayer	BCP 365
The Easter Blessing	
Processional	Hymnal 182
<i>Christ is alive!</i>	<i>Truro</i>
Dismissal	
Postlude <i>Toccata (The Resurrection)</i>	Eurydice V. Osterman (b. 1950)



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, Serina Sherman

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, Elizabeth and Royce Abbott, 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: Ruth (Peggy) Cain Lynah, Kevin Jackson, Doug Foster

*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 Jerry Miller with love from Margaret.

This Week 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

Monday through Friday, April 15–19

- 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Docent Tours

Wednesday, April 17

- 12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist and Prayers for Healing
- 12:30 p.m. Mid-day Music. *If Music Be the Food of Love*
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Next Sunday at Christ Church

Sunday, April 21 - The Fourth Sunday of Easter

- 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30 a.m. Adult Forum (Chapel)
- 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, followed by
Low Country Boil

Let us welcome the newly baptized

Elizabeth Jane Lindley

Elizabeth Elizabeth Jane Lindley was born on November 14, 2023 to Jamie and Spencer Hancock Lindley. Her Episcopalian ties go back quite far here in Savannah, as she is a sixth generation Savannahian. Ellie's parents both grew up in Savannah, where Jamie is Vice President of Byrd Cookie Company and Spencer is a realtor with Seabolt Real Estate. The Reverend Michael White married



Spencer and Jamie, so it is exciting for him to now baptize Ellie. Spencer's identical twin sister, Leigh, and her husband, Jake Clemens, are Ellie's godparents. The Lindley Family is thankful for God's blessing of precious Ellie.

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 have begun, 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.

If Music Be the Food of Love

Wednesday, April 17

Please join us this coming Wednesday, April 17, for If Music Be the Food of Love, immediately following the noon Eucharist. This week's half-hour program will be offered by a string quartet led by Savannah Philharmonic cellist Hyeok Kwon.

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.

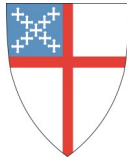
**Concerts at Christ Church: *To Build a Home,*
Musica Atlantica & Bridge Voices**

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 April 7, 2024





CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL

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

The telephone number is 912-236-2500

www.christchurchsavannah.org

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.