

Choral Evensong for Epiphanytide

January 28, 2024

6:00 p.m.



CHRIST CHURCH
EPISCOPAL

THE MOTHER CHURCH OF GEORGIA
ESTABLISHED 1733





Welcome to Choral Evensong! Today's service traces its origins to the ancient monastic cycle of prayer in the Christian Church. Known as the "Daily Office," the *Book of Common Prayer* re-shaped the original six services into two: Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer, or Evensong. The texts of Evensong are drawn almost entirely from the Bible, and the service is led in large part by the choir, offering prayer and praise to God on the congregation's behalf. You are invited to pray, reflect, and join in those parts of the service which are indicated in your service bulletin.



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Organ Voluntary *Berceuse*

Herbert Sumsion (1899–1995)

Please stand as able as the procession enters.

Opening Sentences

Preces

William Smith (1603–1645)

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips:

Choir and our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

Officiant O God, make speed to save us:

Choir O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,

world without end. Amen.

Praise ye the Lord.

Phos hilaron

Matthew Glandorf (b. 1972)

Sung by the choir.

O Gladsome light, O grace

Of our Creator's face,

The eternal splendor wearing;

Celestial, holy, blest,

Our Savior Jesus Christ,

Joyful in your appearing.

As fades the day's last light,

We see the lamps of night,

Our common hymn out-pouring;

O God of might unknown,

You, the incarnate Son,

And Spirit blest adoring.

To you of right belongs

All praise of holy songs,

O Son of God, life-giver;

You, therefore, O Most High,

The world does glorify

And shall exalt for ever.

*(3rd c. Greek, para. Robert S. Bridges,
1844–1930)*

The congregation may be seated.

Psalm 138 *Confitebor tibi*
Sung by the choir.

chant: Gerald Knight (1908–1979)
BCP, p. 807

The First Lesson

Isaiah 60:1–6, 9

Nunc dimittis from *Service in B-flat*
Sung by the choir.

Charles V. Stanford (1852–1924)
BCP, p. 66

Please stand as able.

The Apostles' Creed
Said by all.

BCP, p. 120

The Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.

Choir and with thy spirit.

Officiant Let us pray.

Choir Lord have mercy upon us;
Christ have mercy upon us;
Lord have mercy upon us.

Officiant and People:

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed by 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,
forever and ever. Amen.

Officiant O Lord, show thy mercy upon us:

Choir And grant us thy salvation.

Officiant O Lord, save the State:
Choir and mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.
Officiant Endue thy ministers with righteousness:
Choir and make thy chosen people joyful.
Officiant O Lord, save thy people:
Choir and bless thine inheritance.
Officiant Give peace in our time, O Lord:
Choir because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.
Officiant O God, make clean our hearts within us:
Choir and take not thy holy Spirit from us.
There follows a series of collects, each with a choral Amen.

The congregation may be seated.

Anthem *Abendlied*, Op. 69 No. 3 Josef Rheinberger (1839–1901)
Sung in German.
 Stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is almost over. (*Luke 24:29*)

Please stand as able.

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

The General Thanksgiving BCP, p. 125
Said by all.

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Officiant
 Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen.* (*Ephesians 3:20,21*)

Closing Hymn Hymnal 135
Songs of thankfulness and praise *Salzburg*

Organ Voluntary *Voluntary in D*, Op. 105/6 C. V. Stanford

Service Participants

Choir	The Christ Church Parish Choir
Conductor and Organist	George H. Fergus, <i>Director of Music</i>
Lector	Sarah K. Jones, <i>Senior Warden</i>
Officiant	The Reverend Samantha K. McKean, <i>Senior Associate Rector</i>



This Week at Christ Church

Monday through Friday, January 29–February 2

No Docent Tours

Wednesday, January 31

12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist and Prayers for Healing

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, February 3

11:00 a.m. Pedals, Pipes, & Pizza

Sunday, February 4

9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

9:30 a.m. Adult Forum. *Exploring Episcopal Worship*

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

4:00 p.m. Concerts at Christ Church: Wesley Harrison Hall, *organ*

Pedals, Pipes, & Pizza

Saturday, February 3, 11:00 a.m.

Bring the whole family to learn more about Christ Church's historic pipe organ in this kid-friendly event! Dynamic organist and TikTok star Wesley Hall will demonstrate the kaleidoscope of sounds available in a pipe organ, explain how an organ works, and even lead us on a behind-the-scenes sneak peek inside the organ. And if that's not enough, how about a chance to play the organ?? All participants are invited to join us for a pizza lunch in the undercroft following this 45-minute event.

Concerts at Christ Church: From the Sea to the Stars

Sunday, February 4, 4:00 p.m.

TikTok Organist Wesley Hall plays 500 years of organ music, from ancient pop songs and intricate fugues to soundtrack music and new compositions, and of course... Bach! A festive reception in the undercroft will follow.

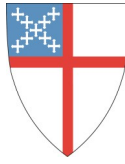
Bishop's Visitation

Sunday, February 11, 10:30 a.m.

The Rt. Rev. Frank Logue, the Episcopal Bishop of Georgia, will make his visitation to Christ Church on Sunday, February 11th. Our youth confirmation class will be confirmed together on that day.

Coming Events

- Ash Wednesday Services, February 14, 12:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. (with Choir and Nursery at 6:00 p.m.)



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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

Sarah K. Jones, *Senior Warden*; Stephen R. Rilee, *Junior Warden*;

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

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

Charles H. Chewning; Washington C. Dender; Katherine J. Griffith;

Stephanie C. Lindley; Rosemary W. Mackey; Roger Moss, Jr.; Rena K. Patton;

Elizabeth L. Pember; Molly C. Taylor; Paul H. Threlkeld; 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.