

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Year B

March 17, 2024



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Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Entrance Rite

Prelude *Kyrie, Gott Vater in Ewigkeit*, BWV 669

Christe, aller Welt trost, BWV 670

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

Processional

Hymnal 480

When Jesus left his Father's throne

Kingsfold

Children's Chapel follows the procession. Suggested ages are pre-K through fifth grade; younger children are welcome if accompanied by adults.

Penitential Order

BCP 351

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People His mercy endures for ever.

Summary of the Law

Confession and Absolution (*Kneeling*)

BCP 352

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Kyrie eleison (*Kneeling*)
from *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*
Lord, have mercy upon us (3x)
Christ, have mercy upon us (3x)
Lord, have mercy upon us (3x)

Hymnal S-91
Healey Willan (1880–1968)

Collect of the Day (*Kneeling*)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Word of God

First Lesson

Jeremiah 31:31–34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant



with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other,

“Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the

greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Jeremiah Lamenting the Destruction of Jerusalem, Rembrandt van Rijn. c. 1630.
Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam.

Psalm 51:1–13 *Miserere mei, Deus*

BCP 746

Sung by the choir.

chant: Plainsong, Tone IV

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; *
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- 2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness *
and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I know my transgressions, *
and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned *
and done what is evil in your sight.
- 5 And so you are justified when you speak *
and upright in your judgment.
- 6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, *
a sinner from my mother's womb.
- 7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, *
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
- 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; *
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, *
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- 10 Hide your face from my sins *
and blot out all my iniquities.
- 11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, *
and renew a right spirit within me.
- 12 Cast me not away from your presence *
and take not your holy Spirit from me.
- 13 Give me the joy of your saving help again *
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

Epistle

Hebrews 5:5–10

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”;
as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Sequence Hymn

My song is love unknown

Hymnal 458

Love Unknown

Holy Gospel

John 12:20–33

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks.



They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if

It dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

Detail of a fresco (*Deposition of Christ from the Cross*) in the Basilica of Saint Francis of Assisi, Pietro Lorenzetti. 1310-1329.

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| Sermon | The Reverend Michael S. White, <i>Rector</i> |
| Nicene Creed | BCP 358 |
| Prayers of the People, Form I | BCP 383 |
| The Peace | |

The Holy Communion

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| Offertory | <i>Salvator mundi</i> | John Blow (1648–1708) |
| <i>Sung in Latin.</i> | | |
| O Savior of the world, save us, who by thy cross and blood hast redeemed us, help us we pray thee, O Lord our God. (<i>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>) | | |
| Doxology | | Hymnal 380, v. 3 |
| The Great Thanksgiving, <i>Eucharistic Prayer A</i> | | BCP 361 |
| Sanctus and Benedictus | | Hymnal S-114 |
| from <i>Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena</i> | | H. Willan |
| Lord’s Prayer | | BCP 364 |
| The Breaking of the Bread | | |
| Fraction Anthem, <i>Agnus Dei</i> | | Hymnal S-158 |
| from <i>Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena</i> | | H. Willan |

All Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion.

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| Holy Communion | Hymnal 603, 474 |
| <i>When Christ was lifted from the earth</i> | <i>St. Botolph</i> |
| <i>When I survey the wondrous cross</i> | <i>Rockingham</i> |
| Postcommunion Prayer | BCP 365 |
| Processional | Hymnal 470 |
| <i>There's a wideness in God's mercy</i> | <i>Beecher</i> |
| Postlude <i>Fugue in A minor</i> , BWV 543/2 | J. S. Bach |



Prayers of the People*

For the people of 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 Bill Haile, Bradly and Graham Sherwood, Aisling Connor

For the Birthdays of Lisa Chappell, Jay Jones, Kai Ott, Betty Pember, Virginia Cann, Bobby Davenport, Mason Howington, Laura Kirkpatrick, Ruthie Whitlow, Margaret Bohnstedt, Gary Radke, Peter Larvan, Thomas Wallace, Kristin Ott, Traci Sikes, Hamp Threlkeld, Owen Eberle, Chris Hallman, Madeleine Ham, Stephen Rilee, Bill Lynch, Ernie Montford Sr., Sarah Southerland, EB Threlkeld, Peter Trussell, David Seyle, Mary Douglass Hallman, Maddie Martinez, Alyson Moher, Lynda Roades, Jane Espy, Frank Brevik, Marianne Fleming, Sterling Claiborne, David Evans, Lora Reese, Nevin Patton III, Patton Dugas, Tommy Gennuso, Jim Waterman, Ellen Evans, Thomas Hill, Kathryn Trussell

For the Wedding Anniversaries of Chris Hendricks and Brian Martine, Jess and Sam Mikell, Suzanne Phillips and Russell Smith, Sandra and Jay Eberle, Liz and Simon Macfadyen

For Those Who Have Died and for the Comfort of Their Families: Jane Bridges, Will Stokes, Nettie Silva, Louise Huntington Shipps, Beatrice Douglas

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

Announcements

Altar Greens

The greens on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mary Ann Hyland Phillips by Suzanne Phillips Smith.

This Week at Christ Church

Sunday, March 17 - The Fifth Sunday in Lent

9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

9:30 a.m. Adult Forum & Children's Sunday School (Parish House)

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Monday through Friday, March 18–March 22

10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Docent Tours

Wednesday, March 20

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

12:30 p.m. Mid-day Music. *If Music Be the Food of Love*

6:00 p.m. Lenten Book Study

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Next Sunday at Christ Church

Sunday, March 24 - Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

4:00 p.m. Music and Meditation for Passiontide

Christ Church Shoe Drive

Today is the last Sunday to mark this Lenten season by donating **new or gently used** athletic shoes. These shoes will be collected by Steps for World, a youth-led nonprofit that connects youth in East Africa to needed supplies. Because many youth travel by foot, access to shoes can mean access to education, water, and a better quality of life. Any shoe size is greatly appreciated, and youth sizes are especially in demand. Donation bins will be available in the narthex (church entrance) and in the undercroft. Providing shoes for those who need them is a great way to travel with Christ through the wilderness this Lent. Many thanks to Steps for World for partnering with Christ Church in this project!

Mid-day Music: *If Music Be the Food of Love*

Wednesday, March 20, 12:30 p.m.

Join us for *If Music Be the Food of Love* following the noon service on Wednesday, March 20. This week's guest organist is Jackson Borges, Minister of Music at Statesboro First United Methodist Church.

Lenten Book Study

Wednesday, March 20 in the Undercroft, 6:00 p.m.

Learning to Walk in the Dark by Barbara Brown Taylor

This book was chosen in tandem with the Sunday evening program, *Embracing the Dark*. In *Learning to Walk in the Dark*, Episcopal priest and New York Times best-selling author, Barbara Brown Taylor, steps away from our “solar spirituality.” She explores the uncomfortable experience of darkness, physically and spiritually, and encourages us to seek God’s presence there, also.

Music & Meditation for Passiontide

Palm Sunday, March 24, 4:00 p.m.

Begin your journey through Holy Week with this contemplative program featuring Marcel Dupré’s *Passion Symphony*. This exquisite work for solo organ will be paired with readings and meditations by the Rev. Canon Todd Smelser.

In the Spirit: Holy Week Discussion

Monday, March 25 at the Sandfly 5-Spot, 5:30 p.m.

“In the Spirit” is a discussion group for those who seek to deepen their faith through meaningful conversations. Join us on Holy Monday as we explore Christ’s mandate to love.

Seeking Donations for “Lift High the Egg” Easter Egg Hunt

We are asking for donations of plastic eggs filled with candy or stickers for the egg hunt on Easter morning. Please bring filled eggs and/or candy to church over the next few weeks. The supplies may be left in the narthex or in the undercroft.

Save the Date

Saturday, April 13—The Ordination of Bertice Berry to the Diaconate

Sunday, April 21—Low Country Boil



HOLY WEEK

THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 24, 2024 | 10:30 A.M.

MUSIC AND MEDITATION FOR PASSIONTIDE:

DUPRÉ'S *PASSION SYMPHONY*

MARCH 24, 2024 | 4:00 P.M.

IN THE SPIRIT

MARCH 25 | 5:30 P.M.

HOLY EUCHARIST AND PRAYERS FOR HEALING

MARCH 27 | 12:00 P.M.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

MARCH 28, 2024 | 6:00 P.M.

GOOD FRIDAY

MARCH 29, 2024 | 12:00 P.M. and 6:00 P.M.

SATURDAY | THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

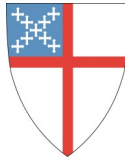
MARCH 30, 2024 | 8:00 P.M.

EASTER DAY: EASTER EGG HUNT

MARCH 31, 2024 | 9:30 A.M.

EASTER DAY: FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION

MARCH 31, 2024 | 10:30 A.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

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.