

The Second Sunday of Advent

Year A

December 4, 2022



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The Liturgy of the Word

Prelude Two settings of *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*, BWV 659 and 660 J. S. Bach

Processional

Hymnal 54

Savior of the nations, come!

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland

(Children's Chapel, please follow the procession. Suggested ages PreK to Fifth grade, younger children welcome if accompanied by adults.)

Opening Acclamation and Response

BCP 355

Officiant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

BCP 355

Kyrie

Hymnal S-91

The Collect of the Day

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Word of God

First Lesson

Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;

he shall strike the earth with the
rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his
lips he shall kill the wicked.
Righteousness shall be the belt
around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt
around his loins.



The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down
with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.
The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Peaceable Kingdom, Edward Hicks. Circa 1834. National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C.

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 *Deus, iudicium*

BCP 685

Sung by the choir

chant: Samuel S. Wesley

- 1 Give the King your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- 2 That he may rule your people righteously *
and the poor with justice;
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
and the little hills bring righteousness.
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the people; *
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
from one generation to another.

6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
like showers that water the earth.
7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
18 Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, *
who alone does wondrous deeds!
19 And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! *
and may all the earth be filled with his glory.
Amen. Amen.

Epistle

Romans 15:4-13

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,
and sing praises to your name”;

and again he says,

“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people”;

and again,

“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him”;

and again Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;
in him the Gentiles shall hope.”

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Sequence Hymn

Prepare the way, O Zion

Hymnal 65

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Holy Gospel

Matthew 3:1-12

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is the one of whom the

prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.’”

Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.



But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. “I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

St. Jerome and John the Baptist. Masaccio. 1584. The National Gallery. London, England.

Sermon	Dr. Bertice Berry, <i>Postulant for the Diaconate</i>
Nicene Creed	BCP 358
Prayers of the People, Form II	BCP 385
Confession and Absolution	BCP 360
The Peace	

The Holy Communion

Offertory	<i>This is the record of John</i>	Orlando Gibbons
Doxology		Hymnal 380, v. 3
The Great Thanksgiving, <i>Eucharistic Prayer B</i>		BCP 367
Sanctus and Benedictus		Hymnal S-114
Lord’s Prayer		BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread		
Fraction Anthem, <i>Agnus Dei</i>		Hymnal S-158
(All Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion.)		
Holy Communion		Hymnal 75, 597
<i>There's a voice in the wilderness crying</i>		<i>Ascension</i>
<i>O day of peace</i>		<i>Jerusalem</i>
Postcommunion Prayer		BCP 365
Processional		Hymnal 76
<i>On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry</i>		<i>Winchester New</i>
Postlude	<i>Fantasia in G minor, BWV 542</i>	Johann Sebastian Bach

Prayers of the People *

For the people of Ukraine 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 Jack Stone, Kiplyn, The Reverend Peter W. Fleming, Wayne Gierke

For the Birthdays of Blue Dennard, Erin Ham, Liza Summerell, Sophia Stanbridge, Brad Davenport, Charlotte King, Chip Goldsmith, Steven Hart, Mimi Dulany, Grace Keller, Lawton Shipley, Stephen Ham, Robbie Harrison, Jess Mikell, Margaret Smith, Grant Stovall, Georgia Stone, Oliver Bailey, Ted Eldridge, Garrett Greiner, Tyrus Smith, Clara Perkins, Ryan Chandler, Will Sumner, Katie Griffith, Ava Grace Gardner, Comer Immel, Emily Stolba, Vivienne Ham, Sylvia Severance, Mary Sumner, Wiley Chandler, Fatima Muriel Berry Gomes, Blake Huennekens, Pat Harrison, Mickey Ott, Courtenay Espy, Will Wallace, Liz Davenport, Renee Huskey Chandler, Corey Summerell, Selia Hooten, Judy Walters, Alexander Fleming, Carole Whitfield, Tom Kirkpatrick

For the Wedding Anniversaries of Kristy and Jerry Reeves, Ruth and Chris Hallman, Lisa and Frank Chappell, Hester and Bob Hodde, Kim and Charlie Sachs, Catherine and Joe Gussler, Paul Kline and the Rev. Max Maxwell

For Those Who Have Died and for the Comfort of Their Families: Anita Clay, Francisco Rodriguez

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

Announcements

Altar Flowers

The greens on the altar are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the birthday of Mary McElveen Dulany by her family and in loving memory of Henry C. Webster, Sr. by the Webster family.

Giving at Christ Church

You may use the included QR code to access our website to give for Christmas flowers and music or to make a payment to the church.



All payments made before December 31, 2022 will be applied to 2022, unless the donor specifically requests on the memo line of the check that the payment is to go toward their 2023 pledge. All gifts made before December 31, 2022 will be listed on your tax letter for 2022 that will be sent in January 2023. If you have any questions, please contact [Catherine Gussler](#).

The Joy of Christmas: a Community Celebration

Tuesday, Dec. 20, 7:00 p.m., Savannah Brass Quintet & the Christ Church Choir

Get in the Christmas spirit with this festive, family-oriented Christmas concert! A re-imagining of the beloved Christ Church tradition “Carols for a Cause,” this concert will feature the Savannah Brass Quintet, favorite hymns, and enough merriment to go around! A freewill offering will be taken to support Emmaus House, a local non-profit organization serving the homeless community of Savannah.

Coming Events

Christ Church Book Club

Thursday, December 8, 2022 - 10:30 a.m.

In the Undercroft to choose books for 2023 and share a potluck lunch

In the Spirit

The 5-Spot in Sandfly (7360 Skidaway Road)

Monday, December 5 and 19, 2022 - 5:30 p.m.

7th Annual RISE Winter Concert at Christ Church

Sunday, December 11, 2022 - 4:00 p.m.

Family friendly, familiar tunes, & festive sing-a-longs to help ring in the holiday spirit! \$5 at the door.

The Joy of Christmas: Carols for a Cause

Tuesday, December 20, 2022 - 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve

Saturday, December 24, 2022

Christmas Pageant & Holy Eucharist - 5:00 p.m.

All children and youth ages 4 and up are invited to participate.

Carols by Candlelight beginning at 10:00 p.m.

Choral Eucharist - 10:30 p.m.

The Nativity of our Lord: Christmas Day

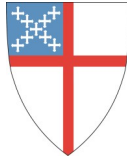
Sunday, December 25, 2022

Celebration of the Holy Eucharist - 10:30 a.m.

Paperback Children's Books for Belize

Collected by the end of December 2022

Donation bin in the Undercroft



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*

George Fergus, *Director of Music*

Catherine M. Gussler, *Director of Administration*

Suzanne Phillips Smith, *Assistant Director of Administration*

Charles 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

Clayton Gagne-Thomas; *Senior Warden*; Sarah Jones, *Junior Warden*;

Patton Dugas, *Clerk of the Vestry*; Stephen Smith, *Treasurer*;

Chuck Chewning; Alice Edwards; Katie Griffith;

Stephanie Lindley; Roger Moss; Rena Patton; Betty Pember;

Stephen Rilee; Sarah Smith; Molly Taylor

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.