

Fourth Sunday of Easter
Year A
April 30, 2023



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The Liturgy of the Word

Prelude <i>Improvisation on 'Crimond'</i>	Eric Thiman
<i>Prelude on 'St. Columba'</i>	Healey Willan
Processional	Hymnal 199
<i>Come, ye faithful, raise the strain</i>	<i>St. Kevin</i>
(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
<i>Officiant</i> Alleluia. Christ is risen.	
<i>People</i> The Lord is risen, indeed. Alleluia.	
The Collect for Purity	BCP 355
Gloria in excelsis	Hymnal S-278
The Collect of the Day	
O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. <i>Amen.</i>	

Word of God

First Lesson

Acts 2:42-47

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Psalm 23 *Dominus regit me*

Sung by the choir

BCP 612

chant: H. Walford Davies

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in
green pastures *
and leads me beside
still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along
right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those
who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.



The Good Shepherd, mosaic in Mausoleum of Galla Placidia, Ravenna, 1st half of 5th century.

Epistle

1 Peter 2:19-25

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

“He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore

our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Sequence Hymn

The King of love my shepherd is

Hymnal 645

St. Columba

Holy Gospel

John 10:1-10

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for



him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but

they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

The Good Shepherd, Henry Ossawa Tanner. 1902. Zimmerli Art Museum at Rutgers University, New Jersey.

Sermon

Nicene Creed

Prayers of the People, Form III

The Peace

The Reverend Michael S. White, *Rector*

BCP 358

BCP 387

The Holy Communion

Offertory <i>Laudate Dominum</i> , K. 339	Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
Doxology	Hymnal 380, v. 3
The Great Thanksgiving, <i>Eucharistic Prayer A</i>	BCP 361
Sanctus and Benedictus	Hymnal S-125
Lord's Prayer	BCP 364
The Breaking of the Bread	
Fraction Anthem, <i>Christ Our Passover</i>	Hymnal S-155
(All Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion.)	
Holy Communion	Hymnal 204, 708
<i>Now the green blade riseth</i>	<i>Noel Nouvelet</i>
<i>Savior, like a shepherd lead us</i>	<i>Sicilian Mariners</i>
Postcommunion Prayer	BCP 365
Processional	Hymnal 334
<i>Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing</i>	<i>Alles ist an Gottes Segen</i>
Postlude <i>Voluntary in C</i>	Henry Purcell

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 Reese Long, Terry Gibney, William Rachels, Pinson Family, Lauren Noyes, Tommy DiMassimo, Mary Kumjian, Tony Lenzini

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

For the Wedding Anniversaries of Paige and Michael Carson, Gigi and Bill Haile, Kate and Marc Bailey, Cindy and Rusty Hightower, Linda and Tom McWhorter, Erin and Stephen Ham, Betty and Jim Pember

For Those Who Have Died and for the Comfort of Their Families:

*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 celebration of the ordination of Henry Louttit to the priesthood at Christ Church, Savannah, on the Feast of St. Mark, April 25, 1964 .

Adult Forum

He is Risen: Resurrection Narratives from the Gospel Writers
Through May 21, 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel

Dive into the mystery of Easter with an in-depth look at the various resurrection accounts found in Scripture. Each week we will focus on one of the four Gospels, ending with the encounter between Paul and the risen Christ found in the book of Acts. The varied Easter stories proclaim the power of Christ's resurrection in uniquely transformative ways. Come and meet the risen Christ outside the tomb, in a locked room, on the beach, journeying on the road to Emmaus, and in our very own lives.

Christ Church Choristers

Christ Church kids in grades 3-12 will gather throughout this Easter season to prepare music for Sunday, May 14. Rehearsals take place directly after church on Sundays, and the singers will offer two anthems at the Sunday Eucharist on Mother's Day. Email George Fergus (george.fergus@ccesavannah.org) for more details or to sign up! No prior singing experience required!

Christ Church Book Group

Join us on Thursday, May 11, as we discuss *The Kingdoms of Savannah* by George Dawes Green. Savannah may appear to be "some town out of a fable," with its vine flowers, turreted mansions, and ghost tours that romanticize the city's history. But look deeper and you'll uncover secrets, past and present, that tell a more sinister tale. It's the story at the heart of George Dawes Green's chilling new novel.

Coming Events

Sunday, Through May 21—Adult Forum, "*He Is Risen: Resurrection Narratives from the Gospel Writers*," 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel

Sunday, April 30—Youth service project with Over the Moon Diaper Bank following the 10:30 a.m. service. Grades 6-12.

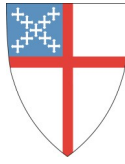
Thursday, May 11—Christ Church Book Group in the Undercroft, 10:30 a.m.
The Kingdoms of Savannah, by George Dawes Green

Great Fifty Days

The feast of Easter is a season of fifty days, from Easter Eve through the Day of Pentecost. From early times the Greek word pentecost (fiftieth day) was used also for the whole Paschal season. During this season there is no fasting. The Council of Nicaea (325) directed that Christians are to pray standing. The word “alleluia” (praise the Lord) is said or sung repeatedly, which contrasts sharply with the season of Lent when the alleluia is omitted. The color of liturgical vestments and hangings is white or gold. The BCP notes that it is customary for the Paschal candle to burn at all services of the Easter season. The “Alleluia, alleluia” may be added to the dismissals and their responses during the Great Fifty Days. The traditional Christian Easter greeting (see Lk 24:34) serves as the opening acclamation at the eucharist during the Easter season. [Glossary definition provided courtesy of Church Publishing Incorporated, New York, NY, (All Rights reserved) from “An Episcopal Dictionary of the Church, A User Friendly Reference for Episcopalians,” Don S. Armentrout and Robert Boak Slocum, editors.]



Resurrection (Noli me tangere), Giotto Bondone. c.1304–c.1306. Scrovegni (Arena) Chapel, Padua, Italy.



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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*

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Catherine M. Gussler, *Director of Administration*

Suzanne Phillips Smith, *Assistant Director of Administration*

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*;

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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

Wednesdays

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

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.