

Fifth Sunday of Easter
Year A
May 7, 2023



CHRIST CHURCH
EPISCOPAL

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SAVANNAH**

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The Liturgy of the Word

Prelude *Gaelic Air*

Keith Chapman

Processional

Hymnal 517

Christ is made the sure foundation

Westminster Abbey

(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

Officiant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen, indeed. Alleluia.

The Collect for Purity

BCP 355

Gloria in excelsis

Hymnal S-278

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Word of God



First Lesson

Acts 7:55-60

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then

he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.

Saint Stephen, Giotto. 1320-25. Museo Horne, Florence, Italy.

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 *In te, Domine, speravi* **BCP 622**

Sung by the choir

chant: William Boyce

- 1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame; *
deliver me in your righteousness.
- 2 Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my stronghold; *
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.
- 4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, *
for you are my tower of strength.
- 5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
for you have redeemed me,
O Lord, O God of truth.
- 15 My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me.

Epistle

1 Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious;
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner”,

and

“A stone that makes them stumble,
and a rock that makes them fall.”



They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people,
but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

Crucifixion, Anthony van Dyck. Circa 1622.

San Zaccaria, Venice.

Sequence Hymn
Morning has broken

Hymnal 8
Bunessan

Holy Gospel

John 14:1-14

Jesus said, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.”

Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you



do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

Entombment, Fra Angelico. 1438 - 1440. Alte Pinakothek, Munich, Germany.

Sermon	The Reverend Samantha K. McKean, <i>Senior Associate Rector</i>
Nicene Creed	BCP 358

Prayers of the People
<i>Leader</i> Lord, in your mercy
<i>People</i> Hear our prayer.

The Peace

The Holy Communion

Offertory <i>Blessed be the God and Father</i>	Samuel Sebastian Wesley
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 487
<i>I believe</i>	Mark A. Miller
<i>Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life</i>	<i>The Call</i>
Postcommunion Prayer	BCP 365
Processional	Hymnal 376
<i>Joyful, joyful, we adore thee</i>	<i>Hymn to Joy</i>
Postlude <i>Carillon-Sortie</i>	Henri Mulet

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, Michelle Price

For the Birthdays of Ann Miller, Wiley Ellis, Asa Davis, Philip Slatinsky, Jay White, Chuck Chewning, Montie Acuff, Margaret Maxwell, Dale Wallace, Catherine Holden, Maggie Macfadyen, Libby Miller, Sam Harper, Todd Smelser, Rusty Hightower, Kate Jackson, Julia Lavin, Caroline Armstrong, Harvey Gilbert, Jerry Reeves V, Asa Rinker, Marte Brevik, PJ Strychalski, Reed Dulaney, John Sumner, Meg Howington, Dennis Reed, Eli Bailey, Max Bringman, Hester Hodde, Helen White, Nancy Radke, Michael White, Jack Chandler, Stephen Hooten, Libby Jackson, Dan Suwyn, Julia Christian, Mitch Huennkens, Janet Stone, Laura Lawton, Charlie Davenport, Dana Kurnjian, Jane Mikell, Walker Gussler, Kelly Lancaster

For the Wedding Anniversaries of Taylor and Corey Summerell, Mary Margaret and Thomas Cone, Laura and Tom Kirkpatrick, Libby and Kev Jackson, Sarah and Solomon Smith, Tonya and Charles Epps, Marianne and Mills Fleming, Dale and Bill Wallace, Susan and Brad Huennkens, Cindy and Harvey Gilbert, Betsy and Tom Hollis, Kristen and Grant Stovall

For Those Who Have Died and for the Comfort of Their Families: Libby Wood, Robert Geier

*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 Nancy Mercer Keith Gerard by her family.

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.

Today's musical guests - RISE Chorale

Special thanks to the soprano and alto singers of RISE Chorales for their musical offerings in worship today! RISE Chorales is a community choral organization dedicated to fostering relationships and inspiring growth, founded by Christ Church member Dr. Emmy Williams Burch.

Christ Church Concert Series:

FSU Singers and RISE Chorale present "I Will Sing of Life"

Monday, May 8, 7:00 p.m.

Tomorrow evening at 7:00 p.m., come to Christ Church to hear the Florida State University Singers offer a free concert in collaboration with RISE Chorale. This concert is part of the FSU Singers' 2023 spring tour and will be your only chance to hear them in Georgia! The University Singers are an esteemed collegiate choir who have been led by some of the preeminent American choral conductors throughout their 75-year history.

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

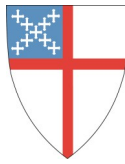
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Thursday, May 11—Christ Church Book Group in the Undercroft, 10:30 a.m.
The Kingdoms of Savannah, by George Dawes Green

Monday, May 15—In the Spirit, 5:30 p.m. - The 5-Spot in Sandfly
(7360 Skidaway Rd.)

Sunday, May 21—Youth service project with Over the Moon Diaper Bank following the 10:30 a.m. service. Grades 6-12.



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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*

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*;

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

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.