

Sixth Sunday of Easter  
Year A  
May 14, 2023



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## The Liturgy of the Word

Prelude *Air*

Gerre Hancock

Processional

Hymnal 192

*This joyful Eastertide*

*Vruechten*

(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 299

*Officiant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

*Officiant* There is one Body and one Spirit;

*People* There is one hope in God's call to us;

*Officiant* One Lord; one Faith; one Baptism;

*People* One God and Father of all.

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Officiant* Let us pray:

The Collect of the Day

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## Word of God

First Lesson

Acts 17:22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to

you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of



heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and

move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we too are his offspring.’

Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

*Christ in Limbo*, Fra Angelico. Between 1441 and 1442. Museo Nazionale di San Marco, Florence, Italy.

**Psalm 66:7-18**

*Jubilate Deo*

**BCP 674**

*Sung by the choir*

*chant: Ivor Atkins*

- 7 Bless our God, you peoples; \*  
make the voice of his praise to be heard;
- 8 Who holds our souls in life, \*  
and will not allow our feet to slip.
- 9 For you, O God, have proved us; \*  
you have tried us just as silver is tried.
- 10 You brought us into the snare; \*  
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; \*  
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
- 12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will pay you my vows, \*  
which I promised with my lips  
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.
- 13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams; \*  
I will give you oxen and goats.
- 14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, \*  
and I will tell you what he has done for me.
- 15 I called out to him with my mouth, \*  
and his praise was on my tongue.
- 16 If I had found evil in my heart, \*  
the Lord would not have heard me;
- 17 But in truth God has heard me; \*  
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
- 18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, \*  
nor withheld his love from me.

## Epistle

## 1 Peter 3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in



order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you— not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

*The Sacrament of the Last Supper*, Salvador Dali. 1955. National Gallery of Art, Washington D.C.

Sequence Hymn	Hymnal 488
<i>Be thou my vision</i>	<i>Slane</i>

<b>Holy Gospel</b>	<b>John 14:15-21</b>
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Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

Sermon	The Reverend Michael S. White, <i>Rector</i>
Presentation and Examination of the Candidates	BCP 301
<i>Peter McSwain Messinger</i>	
<i>Benjamin Steele Messinger</i>	
The Baptismal Covenant	BCP 304
Prayers for the Candidate	BCP 305
Thanksgiving over Water	BCP 306
The Baptism	BCP 307
The Peace	BCP 308

## The Holy Communion

Offertory <i>For the beauty of the earth</i>	John Rutter
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 655
<i>Ave verum corpus</i>	Edward Elgar
<i>O Jesus, I have promised</i>	Nyland
Postcommunion Prayer	BCP 365
Processional	Hymnal 427
<i>When morning gilds the skies</i>	<i>Laudes Domini</i>
Postlude <i>Epithalame</i>	Healey Willan

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## 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 Carter Hubbard Sr., Patty Running, Michelle Price, Teddy Rudell

**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 Dulany, 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 Huennekens, Janet Stone, Laura Lawton, Charlie Davenport, Dana Kumjian, 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 Huennekens, Cindy and Harvey Gilbert, Betsy and Tom Hollis, Kristen and Grant Stovall

For Those Who Have Died and for the Comfort of Their Families: Elizabeth D.  
“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 Susan Strobhar Dulany by Comer and Otto Immel, and in thanksgiving for the baptism of Peter McSwain and Benjamin Steele Messinger.

### Let us welcome the newly baptized—

*Peter McSwain Messinger*

*Benjamin Steele Messinger*

Peter and Benjamin were born on June 14, 2022 to parents Alex and Katie Messinger. Their godparents are Maxwell Cain Messinger and Kristine Elizabeth Slade.



### Christ Church Choristers

Special thanks to the Christ Church Choristers for their musical leadership in worship today! The choristers have been working hard in Sunday afternoon rehearsals since just after Easter to prepare the two anthems they will offer this morning. If you know a child in 3rd-12th grade who would like to join when we start back up in September, please get in touch with George Fergus by email, [george.fergus@ccesavannah.org](mailto:george.fergus@ccesavannah.org).

### Coming Events

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

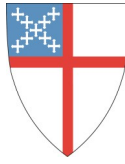
Monday, May 15—In the Spirit, 5:30 p.m. - The 5-Spot in Sandfly  
(7360 Skidaway Rd.)

Thursday, May 18—Young Adult outing at Starland Yard Food Truck Park, 5:30 p.m.

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

Sunday, June 4 - Christ Church Concerts: "A Summer Celebration" with George Fergus and the Savannah Brass, 4:00 p.m. in the Church

Thursday, June 8—Christ Church Book Group in the Undercroft, 10:30 a.m.  
*The Wonder Worker*, by Susan Howatch



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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

The telephone number is 912-236-2500

[www.christchurchsavannah.org](http://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.