

Seventh Sunday of Easter  
Year A  
May 21, 2023



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## The Liturgy of the Word

### Prelude

“The Majesty of Christ” and “Prayer of Christ Ascending  
to the Father” from *L'Ascension* Olivier Messiaen

### Processional

Hymnal 450

*All hail the power of Jesus' Name!*

*Coronation*

(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, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

## Word of God

### First Lesson

Acts 1:6-14

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you

will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up



toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew,

Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

*The Ascension of Christ*, Pietro Perugino. c. 1496-1500. Musée des Beaux-Arts, Lyon, France.

**Psalm 68:1-4, 33-36**

*Exsurgat Deus*

**BCP 676**

*Sung by the choir*

*chant: James Turle*

- 1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; \*  
let those who hate him flee before him.
- 2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; \*  
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.
- 3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; \*  
let them also be merry and joyful.
- 4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;  
exalt him who rides upon the heavens; \*  
YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!

33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; \*  
sing praises to the Lord.

34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; \*  
he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.

35 Ascribe power to God; \*  
his majesty is over Israel;  
his strength is in the skies.

36 How wonderful is God in his holy places! \*  
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!  
Blessed be God!

## Epistle

## 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

*Ascension*, John Singleton Copley. 1775. Museum of Fine Arts, Boston.

Sequence Hymn

*We know that Christ is raised and dies no more*

Hymnal 296

*Engelberg*

## Holy Gospel

## John 17:1-11

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word.

Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been



glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

*The Ascension*, Giotto. c. 1305. Scrovegni Chapel, Padua, Italy.

Sermon

The Reverend Patti R. Davis, *Deacon*

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

BCP 301

*Joseph Riley Stolba*

*Emily Catherine Stolba*

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>I was glad</i>	C. Hubert H. Parry
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 302, Insert
<i>Father, we thank thee who hast planted</i>	<i>Rendez à Dieu</i>
<i>How great thou art</i>	<i>O Store Gud</i>
Postcommunion Prayer	BCP 365
Processional	Hymnal 214
<i>Hail the day that sees him rise</i>	<i>Llanfair</i>
Postlude "Outbursts of Joy" from <i>L'Ascension</i>	O. Messiaen

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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** Bruce Nichols, Elouise Bohnstedt, Beth Johnson, Vic Andrews, Bertice Berry, Patty Ronning, Morgan Kuhn, 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: E. Jenner Wood V, Terrence Gibney, Luke Callaway, Joe Myers, Risa Zanon, Elizabeth D. "Libby" Wood

\*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 Gordon Saussy Varnedoe by Comer and Otto Immel and Dr. William Miller by his family.

Let us welcome the newly baptized—

*Joseph Riley Stolba*

*Emily Catherine Stolba*

Joey, born on February 26, 2010, and Emily on December 17, 2019, are received into the household of God today. Joey and Emily are the children of Andrea Marie Stolba and Benjamin Louis Stolba, and younger siblings of their brother, Timmy. Their god-parents are Marcy Young (Joey) and Abigail and Kyle Margelofsky (Emily).

### A Summer Celebration: Music for Brass and Organ

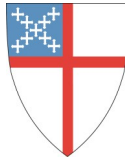


### Coming Events

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

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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.