

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
Year A
August 13, 2023



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The Liturgy of the Word

Prelude *Prelude and Fugue in G, Op. 37 No. 2* Felix Mendelssohn
(1809-1847)

Processional Hymnal 390

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty *Lobe den Herren*

(Children's Chapel follows the procession. Suggested ages are pre-K through fifth grade; younger children are welcome if accompanied by adults.)

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

Gloria in excelsis Hymnal S-280

The Collect of the Day

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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

1 Kings 19:9-18

At Horeb, the mount of God, Elijah came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the

earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” He answered, “I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” Then the Lord said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

Psalms 85:8-13 *Benedixisti, Domine*

BCP 709

Spoken by the congregation

- 8 I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, *
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.
- 9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *
that his glory may dwell in our land.
- 10 Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed
each other.
- 11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down
from heaven.
- 12 The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.
- 13 Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.



Mercy & Justice, Walter Crane. 1893. “Portion of a Design for the Women's Temperance Building, Chicago,” *Magazine of Art*, 16: 71. (Credit: victorianweb.org)

Epistle

Romans 10:5-15

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

“The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

Sequence Hymn

I sing the almighty power of God

Hymnal 398

Forest Green

Holy Gospel

Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side,



while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”

Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

Walking on Water, Ivan Aivazovsky. 1888. Private Collection.

Sermon	The Reverend Samantha K. McKean, <i>Senior Associate Rector</i>
Nicene Creed	BCP 358
Prayers of the People, Form III	BCP 387
Confession and Absolution	BCP 360
The Peace	

The Holy Communion

Offertory

How beautiful upon the mountains *John Stainer (1840-1901)*
 How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good
 tidings, that publisheth peace; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!
(Isaiah 52:7)

Doxology	Hymnal 380, v. 3
The Great Thanksgiving, <i>Eucharistic Prayer A</i>	BCP 361
Sanctus and Benedictus	Hymnal S-129
Lord's Prayer	BCP 364
The Breaking of the Bread	

Fraction Anthem, *Be known to us, Lord Jesus* Gary James

The cantor introduces the refrain, then all repeat.

Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.

1. The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the
body of Christ. *Refrain*
2. One body are we, alleluia, for though many we share
one bread. *Refrain*

(All Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion.)

Anthem at Communion

“He that shall endure to the end” F. Mendelssohn
from *Elijah*, Op. 70

He that shall endure to the end, shall be saved. (Matthew 24:13)

Hymn at Communion	Hymnal 653
<i>Dear Lord and Father of mankind</i>	<i>Repton</i>
Postcommunion Prayer	BCP 365
Processional	Hymnal 412
<i>Earth and all stars</i>	<i>Earth and All Stars</i>
Postlude Trumpet Voluntary in D	John Stanley (1712-1786)

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 Judy Kersey, Dale Critz Sr., Fedime, Steven Smith, Bertice Berry

For the Birthdays of Kerry Fergus, Rosalie Morris, Barbara Powers, Solomon Smith, Heather Wallace, Jaron Legree, Kharis Ott, Henry Bush, Wynn Dennard, David Slatinsky, Diane Van Wagner, John Maxwell, Thomas Claiborne, Maren Evelyn Haenel, Becky Cheatham, Caro Powell, Zoe Rinker, Maggie Lee, Taylor Summerell, Charlotte Wright, Cooper Reiley, Claudia Seyle, Anna Caroline Wright, Gay Fortson, Davis Shipley, Mollie Dugas, Bess Davenport, Reid Keller, Anna Reeves, Gennie Leigh Sumner, Jonathon Thomas, Mary Jane Chappell, Cindy Hightower, Hampton Sumner, Timmy Stolba, Mary Margaret Cone, Paul Miller Finley, Simon Macfadyen, Sydney Logan, Paul Kline, Wes Woolf, Ella Stone, Layden Childs, Matt Finley, Paul Strychalski, Paul Threlkeld, Stephen Angell, Summer Settle, Ansley Threlkeld, Josh White, Susan Lynah, Lauren Eberle, Sarah Collins Jackson, Mimi Cay, Meagan Reiley, Trip Jackson

For the Wedding Anniversaries of Emmy and Spencer Burch, Nancy and Gary Radke, Ruth and Chip Goldsmith, Kristin and Mickey Ott, Elizabeth and Matthew Bush, Andrea and Ben Stolba, Kacie Davis and Garrett Greiner, Kim Bockius-Suwyn and Dan Suwyn

For Those Who Have Died and for the Comfort of Their Families: Dr. Irwin H. Krakoff, Jim Blauman, George Wallace

*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 George Oelschig by the Oelschig family and in loving memory of Alice Myrick by her family.

The Staff Singers are back!

Today is the first Sunday back for the Staff Singers of the choir, as we ramp up towards the full choir season which begins on August 27. The Staff Singers are a team of professional singers who provide the backbone of choral support for the music and liturgies at Christ Church. They serve as section leaders in the Parish Choir and Schola, as well as singing separately. They are: Emily Brown and Kerry Fergus, *soprano*; Jamie Cartright, *alto*; Lance Hensley and Daniel Garrick, *tenor*; Jay Jones, *bass*. Between them, the Staff Singers hold several degrees in music and the arts, and members have been part of the Savannah Philharmonic Chorus, the St. Olaf Choir, Westminster Choir College, St. Matthew's Cathedral in Washington D.C., and the St. Thomas Choir of Men and Boys.



Volunteer Spotlight: Docent Ministry

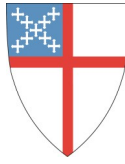
The church is open for tours by the public most weekdays. A team of docents and our parish administrator open the church for 2 hours per day (10 AM to 12 PM) for all to access our beautiful sanctuary. January 1 to August 8, 2023, we have had 1,344 visitors tour Christ Church. A script is available, so please contact Suzanne to volunteer.



DOCENTS (who have served since re-opening, 2022-2023): Renee Huskey Chandler, Ted Eldridge, Larry Hayes, Kelly Lancaster, Laura Lawton, Rena Patton, Barbara Powers, Carol Riddick, Joy Schwartz, Claudia Seyle, Judy Walters, Randy Woodruff
SPECIAL DOCENT TOURS (people we call upon when there is a large group tour): Caroline Armstrong, Barrie Bradley, Susan Fearon, Carol Jennings, Caroline Powell, Mary Raines, Janet Stone, Paul Threlkeld

Coming Events

Wednesday noon service/Adult Sunday School —on summer break until after Labor Day.
Sunday, August 20—Baptism of Heyward Carswell Morris Myers
Monday, August 21—In the Spirit, 5:30 p.m. - The 5-Spot in Sandfly (7360 Skidaway Rd.)
Sunday, September 10—Neighborhood Parties



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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*

Suzanne Phillips Smith, *Parish Administrator*

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*;

Catherine M. Gussler, *Assistant Treasurer for Stewardship and Finance*;

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

10:15 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

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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.