

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost  
Year A  
August 20, 2023



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**The Liturgy of the Word**

Prelude “Andante espressivo” Edward Elgar (1857-1934)  
from *Sonata in G major*, Op. 28

Processional Hymnal 296  
*We know that Christ is raised and dies no more Engelberg*  
(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* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.  
  
*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  
Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**Word of God**

**First Lesson** Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Thus says the Lord:  
Maintain justice, and do what is right,  
for soon my salvation will come,  
and my deliverance be revealed.

And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord,  
to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants,  
all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,  
and hold fast my covenant—  
these I will bring to my holy mountain,  
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;  
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices  
will be accepted on my altar;  
for my house shall be called a house of prayer  
for all peoples.  
Thus says the Lord God,  
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,  
I will gather others to them  
besides those already gathered.

**Psalm 67**

*Deus misereatur*

**BCP 675**

*Spoken by the congregation*

- 1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, \*  
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
- 2 Let your ways be known upon earth, \*  
your saving health among all nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the peoples praise you.
- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, \*  
for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide all the nations upon earth.
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the peoples praise you.
- 6 The earth has brought forth her increase; \*  
may God, our own God, give us  
his blessing.
- 7 May God give us his blessing, \*  
and may all the ends of the earth  
stand in awe of him.

*Still Life: Fruit*, Severin Roesen. 1855. Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York City.



## Epistle

**Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32**

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Sequence Hymn

*How wondrous and great*

Hymnal 533

*Lyons*

## Holy Gospel

**Matthew 15: 21-28**

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.



*Christus en de vrouw uit Kanaän (Christ and the woman of Canaan), Pieter Lastman. 1617. Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam.*

Sermon

The Reverend Michael S. White, *Rector*

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

BCP 301

*Heyward Carswell Morris Myers*

The Baptismal Covenant

BCP 304

Prayers for the Candidate

BCP 305

Anthem at the Procession to the Font

*The Lord bless you and keep you*

John Rutter (b. 1945)

Thanksgiving over Water

BCP 306

The Baptism	BCP 307
The Peace	BCP 308

### The Holy Communion

Offertory “Jubilare Deo” Herbert Howells (1892-1983)  
*from Morning Service “Collegium Regale”*

The text is from Psalm 100, found on page 45 of the *Book of Common Prayer*.

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 (b. 1957)  
*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 Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)  
*Almighty and everlasting God*

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities,  
 and in all our dangers and necessities, stretch forth thy right hand to  
 help and defend us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.  
*(Collect for the 3rd Sunday after Epiphany)*

Hymn at Communion	See Insert
<i>Great is thy faithfulness</i>	<i>Faithfulness</i>
Postcommunion Prayer	BCP 365
Processional	Hymnal 408
<i>Sing praise to God who reigns above</i>	<i>Mit Freuden zart</i>
Postlude <i>Postlude on ‘Engelberg’</i>	Craig Phillips (b. 1961)

### 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, 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  
 Slatsinsky, 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

\*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 Charles Tyler Matthews, by Liz and Bobby Davenport.

### Volunteer Spotlight: Over the Moon

In 2019, Christ Church member Katie Griffith took an enormous step forward in the mission to end diaper need and period poverty: she founded Over the Moon, a 501(c)3 nonprofit that partners with numerous social service agencies to distribute disposable diapers, wipes, period, and incontinence to families throughout the Lowcountry.

The idea for Over the Moon began with Katie learned about the overwhelming prevalence of “diaper need,” the lack of a sufficient supply of diapers to keep a baby clean, healthy, happy, safe, and dry due to an inability to afford these basic needs. Diaper need has seen sharp increase since the start of the pandemic; today, 1 in 2 families struggle to afford diapers. Diapers are not included in programs such as WIC or SNAP, and can easily cost over \$100 per month.



Similarly, “period poverty” affects the health and wellbeing of our community. In the last year, 1 in 4 people struggled to purchase period supplies due to a lack of income. Negative stigmas around menstruation exacerbate this problem, and 1 in 5 low-income women reported missing work, school, or other life events because of period poverty.

Over the Moon is a volunteer-led organization. Individuals and groups are always welcome and

needed to wrap diaper bundles, deliver supplies, and everything in between. Christ Church youth have frequently participated in service projects with OTM, and can attest that it's fun, satisfying, and easy work!

Over the Moon's mission is "to improve the health, ease of life, and dignity of our coastal neighbors because we believe that everyone deserves to be clean, healthy, happy, safe, and dry." This mission lines up perfectly with the vow made in our baptismal covenant to "respect the dignity of every human being." If you would like to get involved, please visit the Over the Moon website or contact Katie Griffith.

## Let us welcome the newly baptized—

### *Heyward Carswell Morris Myers*



Heyward Carswell Morris Myers was born May 3, 2023. His parents, Betsy and Trey, and his three big brothers, Owen, Rivers, Kingston, adore him. They are happy to welcome him into the Christian faith in the same church where his mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt, uncles and cousins were baptized. Heyward is blessed to be surrounded by many friends and family members today. His godparents are Blaine and Jacob Goodwin and Meredith and Frank Peluso. For Heyward and for all of our children, Betsy and Trey sing this passage from Numbers:

*"The Lord bless you and keep you / The Lord make His face to shine upon you / And be gracious to you / The Lord lift up His countenance upon you / And give you peace."*

## RSVP for Neighborhood Parties

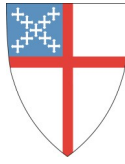
### *September 10, 5-7 p.m.*

Enjoy fun and fellowship with your Christ Church neighbors! Seven parties will be held simultaneously from South Carolina to Richmond Hill. Many thanks to all of our hosts and co-hosts. Please let us know if you plan to attend by September 6. To RSVP, contact Catherine Gussler 912-222-0888 or [cmgussler@gmail.com](mailto:cmgussler@gmail.com) or visit our website: [ccsavannah.org/bulletinevents-1](http://ccsavannah.org/bulletinevents-1).

Area	Zip Code	Host	Co-Hosts
South Carolina	Any SC	Barrie Bradley 40 Glencarm Ave.	Jan and Stephen Smith
Richmond Hill, West Side	31324 13122 31407	Carol Hartley 179 Ogeechee Drive	Rena and Nevin Patton
Downtown	31401	Chuck Chewning Courtyard 406 W. Jones St. A	Wash Dender, Caro Powell, Mary Raines
Isle of Hope, Southside	31406 31419	Stephanie and Jim Lindley 17 Bluff Drive	Claire and Stephen Rilee
Ardley Park	31405	Sarah Jones 423 East 57th St.	Katie Griffith, Stephen Hooten, Jess and Sam Mikell Sarah Smith, Molly and Geoff Taylor
Islands	31404 31410 31328	Karen and Kurt Oelschig 113 Grays Creek Dr.	Marie Dent, Clayton Gagne-Thomas, Catherine and Joe Gussler, Brooke and Denton Stone, Gennie Leigh and John Sumner
Skidaway	31411	Betty and Jim Pember 4 Periwinkle Dr.	Rosemary Mackey, Margaret Miller

## Coming Events

Wednesday noon service & Adult Sunday School are on summer break; will resume after Labor Day.  
Monday, Aug. 21—In the Spirit, 5:30 p.m. - The 5-Spot in Sandfly (7360 Skidaway Rd.)  
Monday, September 4—Church Office closed for Labor Day  
Wednesday, Sept, 6—Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing & Choir Rehearsals Resume  
Sunday, September 10—Neighborhood Parties  
September 17—Adult Forum Begins



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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

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.