

The Sunday after All Saints' Day

November 5, 2023



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Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Entrance Rite

Prelude	<i>Cortège et Litanie</i> , Op. 19 No. 2	Marcel Dupré (1886–1971)
Processional		Hymnal 287
	<i>For all the saints</i>	<i>Sine Nomine</i>
	(Children's Chapel follows the procession. Suggested ages are pre-K through fifth grade; younger children are welcome if accompanied by adults.)	
Opening Acclamation		BCP 355
	<i>Officiant</i>	Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
	<i>People</i>	And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.
Collect for Purity		BCP 355
Song of Praise		Hymnal S-236
	<i>Benedictus es, Domine</i>	John Rutter (b. 1945)
Collect of the Day	Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. <i>Amen.</i>	

Word of God

First Lesson

Revelation 7:9–17

After this I, John, looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing

before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!” And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,



“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

“For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

All Saints' Day I, Wassily Kandinsky. 1911. Lenbachhaus, Munich, Germany.

Psalm 34:1–10, 22 *Benedicam Dominum* BCP 627

Sung by the choir

chant: Scott Dettra (b. 1975)

- 1 I will bless the Lord at all times; *
 his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
- 2 I will glory in the Lord; *
 let the humble hear and rejoice.
- 3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; *
 let us exalt his Name together.
- 4 I sought the Lord, and he answered me *
 and delivered me out of all my terror.
- 5 Look upon him and be radiant, *
 and let not your faces be ashamed.
- 6 I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me *
 and saved me from all my troubles.
- 7 The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, *
 and he will deliver them.
- 8 Taste and see that the Lord is good; *
 happy are they who trust in him!
- 9 Fear the Lord, you that are his saints, *
 for those who fear him lack nothing.
- 10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger, *
 but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.
- 22 The Lord ransoms the life of his servants, *
 and none will be punished who trust in him.

Epistle

1 John 3:1–3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Sequence Hymn

Who are these like stars appearing

Hymnal 286

Zeuch mich, zeuch mich

Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:1–12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

Sermon

The Reverend Samantha K. McKean,
Senior Associate Rector

Nicene Creed

BCP 358

Prayers of the People, Form III

BCP 387

Confession and Absolution

BCP 360

The Peace

The Holy Communion

Offertory *Ye choirs of new Jerusalem*

Charles V. Stanford (1852–1924)

Ye choirs of new Jerusalem,
Your sweetest notes employ,
The Paschal victory to hymn,
In strains of holy joy.

For Judah's Lion bursts his chains,
Crushing the serpent's head;
And cries aloud through death's domains
To wake the imprisoned dead.

Devouring depths of hell their prey
At his command restore;
His ransomed hosts pursue their way
Where Jesus goes before.

Triumphant in his glory now
To him all power is given;
To him in one communion bow
All saints in earth and heaven.

While we his soldiers praise our King,	All glory to the Father be,
His mercy we implore,	All glory to the Son,
Within his palace bright to bring,	All glory, Holy Ghost, to thee,
And keep us evermore.	While endless ages run.
	Alleluia! Amen.

(*St. Fulbert of Chartres, ca. 970–1028, trans. R. Campbell and others*)

Presentation of the Gifts	Hymnal 380, v. 3
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;	
praise him, all creatures here below;	
praise him above, ye heavenly host;	
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.	
The Great Thanksgiving, <i>Eucharistic Prayer A</i>	BCP 361
Sanctus and Benedictus	Hymnal S-125
From <i>A Community Mass</i>	Richard Proulx (1937–2010)
The Lord's Prayer	BCP 364
The Breaking of the Bread	
Fraction Anthem	Hymnal S-154
From <i>New Plain-song Mass</i>	David Hurd (b. 1950)
(All Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion.)	
Holy Communion	Hymnal 293
“See what love hath the Father bestowed on us”	
from <i>St. Paul</i> , Op. 36	Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)
See, what love hath the Father bestowed on us in his goodness, that we	
should be called God's own children! (<i>1 John 3:1</i>)	
<i>I sing a song of the saints of God</i>	<i>Grand Isle</i>
Postcommunion Prayer	BCP 365
Recessional	Hymnal 618
<i>Ye watchers and ye holy ones</i>	<i>Lasst uns erfreuen</i>
Dismissal	BCP 366
Postlude	
<i>Placare Christe servulis</i> , Op. 38 No. 16	M. Dupré



Prayers of the People*

For our confirmands preparing to affirm their baptismal vows: that they will receive power and wisdom from the Holy Spirit, and by grace grow into the full stature of Christ.

For the people of Ukraine, Israel and Gaza 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 Isabel Stube, Barrie Bradley, Hang Tran, Robert Sigmon

For the Birthdays of Patty Gignilliat, Betsy Hollis, Ethan White, Megan Finley, Celia Dunn, Marc Bailey, Charlie Whetmore, Spencer Burch, Will Gruver, Chris Hendricks, Kacie Davis, Liz Macfadyen, Hilary Shipley, Matt Bailey, Katharine Logan, Bertice Berry, Debbie Davis, Henry Eisenhart, David Wright, Karen Oelschig, Grant Rilee, Lydia Ramsey, Paul Reed-McGlade, Kate Bailey, Grace Barr, Barbara Perona, Karl Bohnstedt, Lizette Smith, Kris Brenard, Cooper Hall, Mollie Stone, Sarah Jones, Mary Raines, Kristen King

For the Wedding Anniversaries of Heather and David Crampton, Celia and Larry Dunn, Claire and Whit Davis, Meg and Rich Nelson, Sandy and Roy Yarger, Eleanor and Peter Larvan, Tori and Ryan Chandler, Margaret and Carter Hubbard, Erin and Jim Waterman, Mary and Liam Collins, Kim and John Lutz, Ann and Todd Lerch

For Those Who Have Died and for the Comfort of Their Families: Clint Goodwin, Anthony Sorge, Harry A. Patsch, Rebecca Shauf, David Richard Smith III, Bill Wright

*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 Carl and Clemmie Wheeler, and Sarah and Joe Tison by their family.

This Week at Christ Church

Sunday, November 5: Daylight Savings Ends

9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

9:30 a.m. Adult Forum in the Chapel. *The Gospel of Mark*.

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Empty Bowl Fundraiser following service

4:00 p.m. Choral Eucharist for All Saints, with the Fauré *Requiem*

Nursery is provided.

Monday through Friday, November 6–10

10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Docent Tours

Monday, November 6

5:30 p.m. In the Spirit at the 5-Spot in Sandfly. *The End of the Story*

Wednesday, November 8

12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist and Prayers for Healing

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 9

10:30 a.m. Book Group in the Undercroft

Thursday, November 9–11

Diocesan Convention, Augusta, GA

Next Sunday at Christ Church

Sunday, November 12

9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

9:30 a.m. Adult Forum in the Chapel. *The Gospel of Mark*.

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Budget Preparation Has Begun

Thank you to all who have made a pledge for 2024 to Christ Church. If you have not had the chance to do so yet, please pledge today so that the vestry may accurately prepare and approve a budget for the coming year. You may pledge

by going online ccesavannah.org/giving or by contacting Catherine Gussler, treasurer@ccesavannah.org or 912-222-0888.

Pledge Payments to Christ Church in 2023

Letters were sent this week to members with outstanding balances on their pledges for 2023. To receive tax credit for donations in the current year, gifts must be postmarked by or received by the church by December 31. You will not receive a letter if you have completed your pledge. The letters include only pledge payments made and received by the church before November 1. They will not include other gifts for flowers or memorials that may have been made to the church in the current year. Please contact Catherine Gussler, treasurer@ccesavannah.org or 912-222-0888 if you believe there is an error or if you feel you should have received a letter but did not.

Tax letters will be sent in January which will include all gifts made between January 1 and December 31, 2023 showing your complete record of giving for the year and which may be used when filing your taxes.

Adult Forum in the Chapel, *The Gospel of Mark*

Sundays, October 22–November 19, 9:30 a.m.

Thought by most New Testament Scholars to be earliest of the four Gospels, Mark is an ideal place to begin any study of the Gospels. Mark is the shortest of the four Gospels, and Matthew and Luke seem to borrow heavily from Mark. In the Episcopal Church, we follow a three year lectionary cycle of Sunday scripture readings. Beginning in Advent (December), the Gospel readings throughout the coming year will be mostly from Mark's Gospel. Join with our rector and other clergy as we prepare ourselves to hear the Sunday Gospel readings with fresh insight.

Choral Eucharist for All Saints, with the Fauré *Requiem*

Sunday, November 5, 4:00 p.m.

On Sunday afternoon, November 5th, Eucharist will be offered in a special choral service for the remembrance of all faithful departed. Gabriel Fauré's Requiem will feature in its entirety throughout the liturgy with organ accompaniment, as it was originally intended. The necrology of the departed will be read aloud. Organ voluntaries by Franck and Duruflé. Nursery is provided.

In the Spirit

“In the Spirit” is a discussion group for those who seek to deepen their faith through meaningful conversations. Join us each first and third Monday at The 5-Spot in Sandfly (7360 Skidaway Road), where you can grab something to eat or drink as we spend time together. We’ll gather at 5:30 p.m. and begin our discussion at 6:00. This week’s topic is *The End of the Story*.

Christ Church Book Group

Thursday, November 9, 10:30 a.m.

Join us each second Thursday in the Undercroft as we explore insights from thought-provoking works. This month’s book is *Home*, a 2008 National Book Award Finalist for Fiction by Marilyn Robinson, a moving and healing book about families, family secrets, and the passing of the generations, about love and death and faith. It is Robinson’s greatest work, an unforgettable embodiment of the deepest and most universal emotions.

If Music Be the Food of Love

Wednesday, November 15, 12:30 p.m.

On the first and third Wednesdays of each month, following the 12 p.m. Holy Eucharist, a free half-hour concert will take place. Come spend part of your lunch break with us and enjoy beautiful music in this historic space. Donations received during these concerts will go directly to benefit homeless feeding ministries in Savannah.

Concerts at Christ Church: George Fergus, *organ*

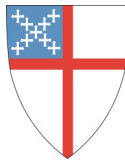
Sunday, November 19, 4:00 p.m.

Trace the development and evolution of melodies and themes as they pass from one composer to another down the centuries. See how composers are inspired by a motif, melody, or even the name of a predecessor or colleague in this fun, approachable concert of works for solo organ! Reception to follow. Works by Bach, Buxtehude, Alain, Eben, and Duruflé.

Photos from October 29, 2023



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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

9:15 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

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.