

The First Sunday after Pentecost
Trinity Sunday
Year B

May 26, 2024



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Holy Eucharist and Baptism

Entrance Rite

Prelude *Prelude and Fugue in E-flat "St. Anne", BWV 552*

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

Processional

Hymnal 362

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Nicaea

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 and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Word of God

First Lesson

Isaiah 6:1–8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken



from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will

go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

The Pilgrim of the Cross at the End of His Journey, Thomas Cole. ca. 1846–1848.
Smithsonian American Art Museum, Washington, D. C.

Psalm 29 *Afferte Domino*

BCP 620

Sung by the choir.

chant: Percy Buck (1871–1947)

1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, *
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; *
 worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
 the God of glory thunders; *
 the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; *
 the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; *
 the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
 and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;
 the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; *
 the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe *
 and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the Lord *
 all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; *
 the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- 11 The Lord shall give strength to his people; *
 the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Epistle

Romans 8:12–17

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Sequence Hymn

Round the Lord in glory seated

Hymnal 367

Rustington

Holy Gospel

John 3:1–17

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can

anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be aston-



ished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

Nicodemus Visiting Jesus, Henry Ossawa Turner. 1899. Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Sermon	The Reverend Jon Coffey
Presentation and Examination of the Candidate	BCP 301
<i>Austin Wheeler Southerland</i>	
The Baptismal Covenant	BCP 304
Prayers for the Candidate	BCP 305
Anthem at the Procession to the Font	
<i>God be in my head</i>	Philip Wilby (b. 1949)
God be in my head, and in my understanding; God be in my eyes, and in my looking; God be in my mouth, and in my speaking; God be in my heart, and in my thinking; God be at mine end, and at my departing.	
	<i>(from a Book of Hours, Sarum, 1514)</i>
Thanksgiving over Water	BCP 306
The Baptism	BCP 307
The Peace	BCP 308

The Holy Communion

Offertory *In the year that King Uzziah died*

David McK. Williams (1887–1978)

The text is Isaiah 6:1–8, on page 3 of the bulletin.

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-129
	Robert J. Powell (b. 1932)

The Lord's Prayer	BCP 364
The Breaking of the Bread	
Fraction Anthem	
<i>Be known to us, Lord Jesus</i>	Gary James (b. 1957)
<i>Cantor, then all</i>	Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.
<i>Cantor</i>	The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ. <i>Refrain</i> One body are we, alleluia, for though many we share one bread. <i>Refrain</i>
All Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion.	
Holy Communion	Hymnal 324, 336
<i>Let all mortal flesh keep silence</i>	<i>Picardy</i>
<i>Come with us, O blessed Jesus</i>	<i>Werde munter</i>
Postcommunion Prayer	BCP 365
The Blessing	
Processional (stanzas 1–4)	Hymnal 366
<i>Holy God, we praise thy Name</i>	<i>Grosser Gott</i>
Dismissal	
Postlude <i>Improvisation sur le 'Te Deum'</i>	Charles Tournemire (1870–1939)



Prayers of the People*

For the people of Haiti, 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 Comer Meadows, Issiac August, A'lexia Jenkins, Jorgen Larsen, Sarah

For the Birthdays of Ann Miller, Wiley Ellis, Asa Davis, Heyward Myers, Philip Slatinsky, Jay White, Chuck Chewning, Montie Acuff, Margaret Maxwell, Tina Palmer, Dale Wallace, Catherine Hughes, Maggie Macfadyen, Libby Miller, Sam Harper, Todd Smelser, Rusty Hightower, Kate Jackson, Julia Lavan, Caroline Armstrong, Harvey Gilbert, Jerry Reeves V, Asa Rinker, Marte Brevik, PJ Strychalski, Reed Dulany IV, 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, Austin Southerland, Janet Stone, Laura Lawton, Charlie Davenport, Dana Kumjian, Jane Mikell, Walker Gussler, Kelly Lancaster

For the Wedding Anniversaries of Mary Margaret and Thomas Cone, Olivia and Justin Voyles, Laura and Tom Kirkpatrick, Sarah and Solomon Smith, Tonya and Charles Epps, Marianne and Mills Fleming, Dale and Bill Wallace, Susan and Brad Huennekens, Betsy and Trey Myers, Cindy and Harvey Gilbert, Elizabeth and Tom Hollis, Kristen and Grant Stovall

For Those Who Have Died and for the Comfort of Their Families: Sarah Wyant, Tommy Franklin

*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 Mary Tyler Whitney and Rosina Brock Whitney by the Webster family.

This Week at Christ Church

Sunday, May 26 - Trinity Sunday

9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Baptism

Monday, May 27

5:30 p.m. In the Spirit. *Who is Getting Into Heaven?*

Tuesday through Friday, May 28–31

10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Docent Tours

Next Sunday at Christ Church

Sunday, June 2 - The Second Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Baptism

Today's Preacher—The Rev. Jon Coffey

The Rev. Jon Coffey grew up in Miami, Florida. He and Julie Gibson were married fifty years ago and they have two children, Spencer (deceased) and Kate, an acupuncturist who lives with her family in Minnesota. Julie is a psychotherapist in private practice and Jon has been retired from active ministry since 2015. Julie and Jon live in a home they built in Beaufort, SC and are regular worshippers at Christ Church. They enjoy cycling, kayaking, hiking and working with plants and animals.

Let us welcome the newly baptized

Austin Wheeler Southerland was born on May 25, 2023, to Carson and Sarah Southerland of Bluffton, South Carolina. After a years-long struggle with infertility, Austin was born after a successful IVF cycle. Carson is an airplane mechanic at Gulfstream who was raised in Moorestown, New Jersey. Sarah is an attorney born and raised in South Carolina. The couple met while both living in Miami, but moved to South Carolina to be closer to family in 2014. In keeping with the tradition Sarah's parents started, Austin has three

godparents: Ken and Mary Depew, of Moorestown, New Jersey, and Dana Meadows, of Rincon. Austin will wear a baptismal gown knitted by his great grandmother and namesake, Mary Wheeler Zelle. Christ Church is such a loving, open, and accepting place where Austin is blessed to grow. As a cradle Episcopalian, Sarah is so excited for Austin to begin this journey with the Lord, but even more excited that it will be in the midst of this congregation.



In the Spirit

Monday, May 27, 5:30 p.m.

“In the Spirit” is a discussion group for those who seek to deepen their faith through meaningful conversations. Join us on 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. This week's topic is *Who is Getting Into Heaven?*

Farewell Party for Michael and Helen

Friday, June 14, 5:30–7:30 p.m.

Everyone is invited! Join us at Ships of the Sea Maritime Museum (41 MLK Jr. Blvd.) for a time of food, fun and celebration as we bid Michael and Helen farewell for now. RSVP on the Christ Church website: christchurchsavannah.org/bulletinevents-1.

Appreciation for the Ministry of Helen and Michael White

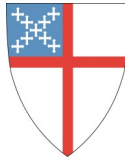
If you would like to express your gratitude to the Revs. Helen and Michael White for their years of faithful ministry to Christ Church, we have set up a “purse” to collect monetary gifts that we will present to them on their final Sunday, June 16. You can contribute via the website, or make checks payable to Christ Church and put “purse” in the memo line.

Any words of gratitude left in the online “comments” form will be passed on to Michael and Helen. You can also send a physical note by placing it in the alms basin at church, or mailing it to 28 Bull Street, Savannah, GA 31401.

Contact Catherine Gussler (912-222-0888) with any questions.

Photos from May 19, 2024





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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*

The Reverend Dr. Bertice Berry, *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

Stephen R. Rilee, *Senior Warden*; Washington C. Dender, *Junior Warden*;

Sarah B. Smith, *Clerk of the Vestry*; Patton W. Dugas, *Treasurer*;

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

Lindsey A. Eberle; Katherine J. Griffith; Stephanie C. Lindley;

Rosemary W. Mackey; Elizabeth L. Macfadyen; Roger Moss, Jr.;

Rena K. Patton; Paul D. Reddick; Paul H. Threlkeld;

Polly C. Webster; 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.