

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Year B

June 16, 2024



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Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Entrance Rite

Prelude *Rhapsody No. 1 in D-flat major* Herbert Howells (1892–1983)

Processional Hymnal 473

Lift high the cross *Crucifer*

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

Robert J. Powell (b. 1932)

The Collect of the Day

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love,
that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and
minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus
Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now
and for ever. *Amen.*

The Word of God

First Lesson

Ezekiel 17:22–24

Thus says the Lord God:

I myself will take a sprig
from the lofty top of a cedar;
I will set it out.
I will break off a tender one
from the topmost of its young twigs;
I myself will plant it
on a high and lofty mountain.
On the mountain height of Israel
I will plant it,
in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,
and become a noble cedar.
Under it every kind of bird will live;
in the shade of its branches will nest
winged creatures of every kind.
All the trees of the field shall know
that I am the Lord.
I bring low the high tree,
I make high the low tree;
I dry up the green tree
and make the dry tree flourish.
I the Lord have spoken;
I will accomplish it.

Psalm 92:1–4, 11–14 *Bonum est confiteri* BCP 720

Sung by the choir.

chant: George S. Talbot (1875–1918)

- 1 It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord, *
and to sing praises to your Name, O Most High;
- 2 To tell of your loving-kindness early in the morning *
and of your faithfulness in the night season;
- 3 On the psaltery, and on the lyre, *
and to the melody of the harp.

4 For you have made me glad by your acts, O Lord; *
 and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.
 11 The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, *
 and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.
 12 Those who are planted in the house of the Lord *
 shall flourish in the courts of our God;
 13 They shall still bear fruit in old age; *
 they shall be green and succulent;
 14 That they may show how upright the Lord is, *
 my Rock, in whom there is no fault.

Epistle

2 Corinthians 5:6–10, 14–17

We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in



the body we are away from the Lord—for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat

of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Woman Sowing, Robert Gwathmey, n.d. Smithsonian American Art Museum, Washington, D.C.

Sequence Hymn

Hymnal 296

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more

Engelberg

Holy Gospel

Mark 4:26–34

Jesus said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.”



He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Sowing, William H. Johnson. ca. 1940. Smithsonian American Art Museum, Washington, D.C.

Sermon

The Reverend Michael S. White, *Rector*

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| Nicene Creed | BCP 358 |
| Prayers of the People, Form III | BCP 387 |
| Confession and Absolution | BCP 360 |
| The Peace | |

The Holy Communion

Offertory *O how amiable* Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

The text of this anthem is paraphrased from Psalms 84 and 90.

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.

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| The Great Thanksgiving, <i>Eucharistic Prayer A</i> | BCP 361 |
| Sanctus and Benedictus | Hymnal S-129 |
| | R. J. Powell |
| The Lord's Prayer | BCP 364 |

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem

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| <i>Be known to us, Lord Jesus</i> | Gary James (b. 1957) |
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| <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.

Anthem at Communion

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| “Laudate Dominum” from <i>Solemn Vespers</i> , K. 339 | Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756–1791) |
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Praise the Lord, all you nations;
 laud him, all you peoples.
For his loving-kindness toward us is great,
 and the faithfulness of the Lord endures for ever. (*Psalms 117:1-2*)

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| Hymn at Communion | Hymnal 325 |
| <i>Let us break bread together</i> | <i>Let Us Break Bread</i> |
| Anthem after Communion | |
| <i>The Lord bless you and keep you</i> | John Rutter (b. 1945) |
| The Lord bless you and keep you: | |
| the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you: | |
| the Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen. | |
| | <i>(Numbers 6:24)</i> |
| Postcommunion Prayer | BCP 365 |
| The Blessing | |
| Processional | Hymnal 541 |
| <i>Come, labor on</i> | <i>Ora Labora</i> |
| Dismissal | |
| Postlude <i>Marche triomphale</i> , Op. 65 No. 59 | |
| | Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877–1933) |



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 Richard Johnson, Charles Epps, Morgan Andrews

For the Birthdays of Caroline Keller, Crawford Lerch, Chris Logan, Joy Schwartz, Mrs. Lawrence Carson, Stephen Gerard, Gene Marshall, Harris Brown, Jamie Cartwright, Rivers Hall, Carter Hubbard Jr., John Alford, Carly Gardner, Clay Bush, George Fergus, Jim Gerhart, Keating Taylor, Catharine Varnedoe, Becky Milmine, Vivi Cate Blessing, Tillie Macfadyen, McKenzie Lynah, Bob Christian, Benjamin Messinger, Peter Messinger, Audrey Agyei-Gyamfi, Litch Carpenter, John McGinn, Jay Howington, Smith McGinn, Nora Smith, Hermina Glass-Hill, John Lutz, Heather Crampton, Shannon Hill, Molly Taylor, William Holden, Frank Chappell, Audrey Griffith, Harris Stone, Liz Williams, Denton Stone, Jud Hill, James Mikell, Garrett Zajac, Henry Christian, Meredith Dulany, Alex Lynch, Elizabeth Sumner

For the Wedding Anniversaries of Nanette and Henry Eisenhart, Kate and Kev Jackson, Angela and Ken Brandt, Spencer and Jamie Lindley, Montie and Steve Acuff, Wanda and Karl Bohnstedt, Ansley and Paul Threlkeld, Katie and Lee Griffith, Emma and Adam Reardon, Lynn and Hudson Harrison, Elizabeth North and Wes Woolf, Fay and Randy Woodruff, Rena and Nevin Patton, Kerry and George Fergus, Barbara Powers and Kris Brenard, Brooke and Denton Stone, Judy and Phil Walters, Lloyd and Stuart Childs, Holly and Peter Ruhlin, Molly and Geoff Taylor

For Those Who Have Died and for the Comfort of Their Families: Pam McCaslin, Reagan Cole, Glenda Morisano

*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 thanksgiving for the ministries of the Reverend Michael S. White and the Reverend Helen S. White.

This Week at Christ Church

Sunday, June 16 - The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Monday through Friday, June 17-21

10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Docent Tours

Next Sunday at Christ Church

Sunday, June 23 - The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

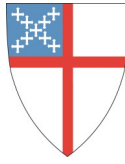
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The Reverend Michael S. White, *Rector*

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*;

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Polly C. Webster; Susan H. Wetmore

Sundays

10:00 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.