

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
Year B

July 7, 2024



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Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Entrance Rite

Prelude “Andante religioso” and “Allegretto” from
Sonata No. 4 in B-flat, Op. 65/4 Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

Processional Hymnal 427
When morning gilds the skies *Laudes Domini*

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
O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

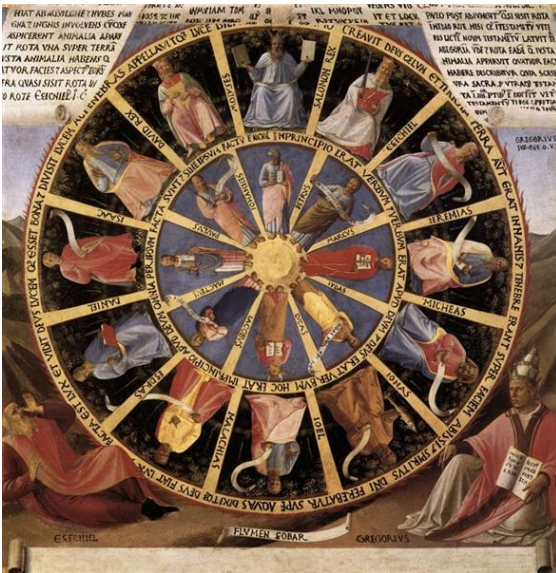
The Word of God

First Lesson

Ezekiel 2:1–5

The Lord said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet;

and I heard him speaking to me. He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, “Thus says the Lord God.”



Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

Mystic Wheel (The Vision of Ezekiel), Fra Angelico. 1451–52. Museo di San Marco, Florence, Italy.

Psalms 123

Ad te levavi oculos meos

BCP 780

Spoken by the congregation.

- 1 To you I lift up my eyes, *
to you enthroned in the heavens.
- 2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, *
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
- 3 So our eyes look to the Lord our God, *
until he show us his mercy.

4 Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, *
for we have had more than enough of contempt,
5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, *
and of the derision of the proud.

Epistle

2 Corinthians 12:2–10

As I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.



Christ and the Pauper, Healing of the Blind Man, Andrey Mironov. 2009.

Sequence Hymn

Called as partners in Christ's service

Hymn Insert

Beecher

Holy Gospel

Mark 6:1–13

Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them,



“Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.” And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

The Migrants Arrived in Great Numbers, Jacob Lawrence. 1940-41. Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY.

Sermon

The Reverend Dr. Bertice Berry, *Deacon*

Nicene Creed

BCP 358

Prayers of the People, Form III

BCP 387

Confession and Absolution

BCP 360

The Peace

The Holy Communion

Offertory	“Thus saith the Lord” and “But who may abide,” from <i>Messiah</i> , HWV 56	Georg Frideric Handel (1685–1759) James Vandever, <i>baritone</i>
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 R. J. Powell
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.	
Anthem at Communion	“Love bade me welcome” from <i>Five Mystical Songs</i>	Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)
Hymn at Communion		Hymnal 635
	<i>If thou but trust in God to guide thee</i>	<i>Wer nur den lieben Gott</i>
Postcommunion Prayer		BCP 365
The Blessing		
Processional		Hymnal 530
	<i>Spread, O spread thy mighty word</i>	<i>Gott sei Dank</i>
Dismissal		
Postlude	“Allegro maestoso” from <i>Sonata No. 4 in B-flat</i> , Op. 65/4	F. Mendelssohn



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 Janet Dixon, Jennifer Wiggins, Jack Sheffield, Derik

For the Birthdays of Jim Lynch, Reed Dulany III, Ken Palmer, Jimmy White, Gigi Haile, Brian Gardner, Mike Bringman, John Perkins, Melanie Smith, Bob Hodde, Eleanor Larvan, Suzie Williams, Sandra Eberle, Hughes Threlkeld, Josie Crowder, Charlie Frew-Miller, Roger Smith, Steve Edwards, Kate Grinalds, Eloise Logan, Josh Wiesner, Gena Hill, Rima Agyei-Gyamfi, John Skeadas IV, James Moher, Kurt Oelschig, Heyward Gignilliat, Mollie Macfadyen, Nicholas Bulka, Will Claiborne, Field Cone, Luke Cone, Ann Lerch, Isabella von Trapp, Matthew Bush, Susan Fearon, Ponnice Reed, Casey Martinez, Diana McGaw, Michael Brown, Margaret Hubbard, Jeanine Ann Chambers, Michael Carson, Tom Hollis, Louise Wyche, Max Belyaev, Gretchen Ernest, Christian Oelschig, Wayne Kuhn

For the Wedding Anniversaries of Janet and Wayne Kuhn, Helen and Michael White, Ellen and David Evans, Elizabeth and Tyler Sumner, Caroline and Jeff Keller, Samantha McKean and Garrett Zajac, Jan and Stephen Smith

For Those Who Have Died and for the Comfort of Their Families: Mary Lou Melvin

*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 our country. Bless the leaders of our land, that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations of the earth. (BCP, p. 821)

This Week at Christ Church

Sunday, July 7 - The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Monday through Friday, July 8–12

10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Docent Tours

Monday, July 8

5:30 p.m. In the Spirit. *Practice Makes Perfect?*

Thursday, July 11

10:30 a.m. Christ Church Book Group

Next Sunday at Christ Church

Sunday, July 14 - The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

In the Spirit

Monday, July 8, 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 *Practice Makes Perfect?*.

Christ Church Book Group

Thursday, July 11, 10:30 a.m.

Join us each second Thursday in the undercroft as we explore insights from thought-provoking works. This month, the selection is *Hang the Moon* by Jeanette Walls. A riveting novel about an indomitable young woman in Virginia during Prohibition. Most folk thought Sallie Kincaid was a nobody who’d amount to nothing. Sallie had other plans. A young woman returns to her family and hometown after being cast out, determined to reclaim her place. She navigates conflict, lawlessness, secrets, and scandals, and becomes a bold bootlegger.

Finance and Stewardship Updates

- **Letters will be sent soon** to all those who have a pledge to the church in 2024. The purpose of these letters is to ensure the church records are correct and agree with your gifts to date. These letters will **ONLY** include pledge payments received by June 30, 2024. Other gifts, such as those to altar flowers, memorial or music at Christ Church will be noted on the year end tax letter that will be sent in January 2025.
- **Required Minimum Distributions** from your retirement plan may be gifted directly to the church and may provide tax benefits. Please contact your tax advisor or Catherine Gussler for more information.
- **The Endowment Committee meets quarterly** to review with our investment advisors the status of our endowment. Members are: Jim Pember (Chair), Steve Edwards, Sarah Jones, Denton Stone, Bill Wallace. The rectors, wardens, and treasurers are ex-officio members.
- **The Finance Committee meets quarterly as well.** At the end of July, they will meet with our auditors to review the annual audit for 2023. Members are: Patton Dugas (Treasurer and Chair), Karl Bohnstedt, Stephen Hooten, Stephanie Lindley, John Northup, and Paul Reddick; and our wardens, Stephen Rilee and Wash Dender.

Report on Docent Tours

The church is open for tours by the public most weekdays. A team of docents and Suzanne Phillips Smith open the church for two hours per day (from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.) for all to access our beautiful sanctuary. From January 1 to June 30, 2024, we had 1,117 visitors tour Christ Church. A script is available, so please contact Suzanne to volunteer.

Christ Church Choristers

This coming fall, Christ Church will start a new chorister program for all children and youth in 3rd through 12th grades. Through this program, young singers will learn musicianship, leadership, music theory and history, as well as the Episcopal liturgy and theology that we practice every Sunday. The program is affiliated with the Royal School of Church Music in America, which shares our Christ Church belief that children are not the church leaders of the future; they are the church leaders of the present. For more information or to sign up, please contact Director of Music George Fergus.

Save the Date

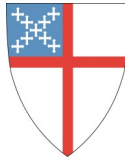
- August 11, Savannah VOICE Festival Concert at Christ Church
- August 18, Back-to-School Blessing
- August 18, Pool Party for Kids and Youth at Bockius-Suwyn House
- September 8, Interim Rector Cathy Zappa's First Sunday
- September 8, Concert Series: George Fergus, *Organ*
- September 15, Neighborhood Parties

Photos from June 23, 2024



Photos from June 30, 2024





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The Right Reverend Frank S. Logue, *Bishop of Georgia*
The Reverend Samantha K. McKean, *Senior 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

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
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.