

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost  
Year B

July 14, 2024



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## Holy Eucharist, Rite II

### Entrance Rite

Prelude Selections from *Mass for the Parishes*

Francois Couperin (1668–1733)

Joel Morehouse, *organist*

Processional

Hymnal 372

*Praise to the living God!*

*Leoni*

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 Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## The Word of God

### First Lesson

### Amos 7:7–15

This is what the Lord God showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A plumb line.” Then the Lord said,

“See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel;  
I will never again pass them by;  
the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,  
and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,  
and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.”

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, “Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said,

‘Jeroboam shall die by the sword,  
and Israel must go into exile  
away from his land.’ ”

And Amaziah said to Amos, “O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.”

Then Amos answered Amaziah, “I am no prophet, nor a prophet’s son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’ ”

### Psalm 85:8–13

### *Benedixisti, Domine* BCP 700

*Spoken by the congregation.*

8 I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, \*

for he is speaking peace to his faithful people  
and to those who turn their hearts to him.

9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, \*

that his glory may dwell in our land.

10 Mercy and truth have met together; \*

righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

- 11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, \*  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.  
12 The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, \*  
and our land will yield its increase.  
13 Righteousness shall go before him, \*  
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

## Epistle

## Ephesians 1:3–14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that



he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a

plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

*Salome with the Head of John the Baptist*, Caravaggio. 1610. National Gallery, London.

Sequence Hymn

*Come, thou fount of every blessing*

Hymnal 686

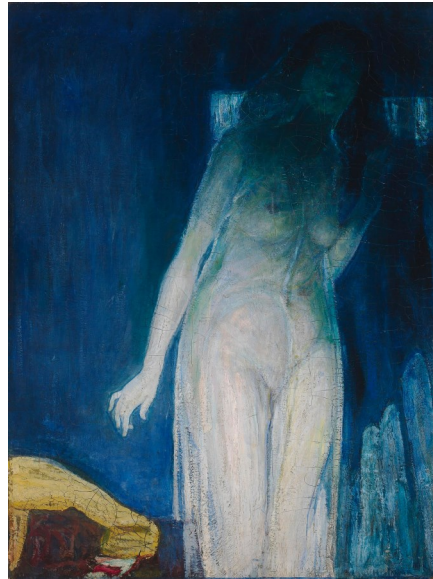
*Nettleton*

## Holy Gospel

## Mark 6:14–29

King Herod heard of Jesus and his disciples, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave



*Salome*, Henry Ossawa Tanner. c. 1903. Smithsonian American Art Museum, Washington, D.C.

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

All Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion.

Anthem at Communion	
<i>Expectavit Dominum</i>	Camille Saint-Saëns (1835–1921)
Hymn at Communion	Hymnal 597
<i>O day of peace that dimly shines</i>	<i>Jerusalem</i>
Postcommunion Prayer	BCP 365
The Blessing	
Processional	Hymnal 625
<i>Ye holy angels bright</i>	<i>Darwall's 148th</i>
Dismissal	
Postlude <i>Fantasia in G</i> , BWV 572	Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)



### **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** Kathy and Bill Buggs, Ruth Stone, 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 loving memory of Celia and Bernard Williams and Barbara Dasher by Celia and Larry Dunn and family.

### **This Week at Christ Church**

**Sunday, July 14 - The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

**Monday through Friday, July 15–19**

10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Docent Tours

### **Next Sunday at Christ Church**

**Sunday, July 21 - The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

### **Christ Church Ironwork Renovation**

On July 9, Cowart Fabrications, Inc. commenced the renovation of all ironwork in the front of the Church, a project recently approved by the Vestry and Buildings and Grounds Committee. The firm is experienced in historic ironwork renovation/preservation having carried out such work on the Customs House and Georgia Historical Society headquarters. The firm will remove sections of the railings, renovate them off premises and reinstall. Fence and lamp posts will be renovated in place. Temporary cables will be installed for safety while the railings on the porch are off premises. The project is expected to last four to six weeks. Questions should be directed to Stephen Smith.

### **Parking and Stickers**

Our parking lot is located on the corner of Congress and Drayton Streets adjacent to the church. It is reserved from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sundays for those attending church; street parking is also free on Sundays. If you need to come to the church during the week, only the spaces along the wall with Christ Church signage are available. You can get parking stickers from the ushers when you come to church, or contact Suzanne Phillips Smith, [office@ccesavannah.org](mailto:office@ccesavannah.org), and she can mail one to you.

## Finance and Stewardship Updates

- **Making a gift of appreciated stock can benefit both you and the church.** If you donate stock that has increased in value since you purchased it, the value of your donation is the fair market value on the date of the donation. Not only do you not have to pay capital gains tax on the appreciation, but you also can write off the fair market value of the stock as a charitable donation if you itemize your taxes. Please contact the office if you have any questions and always consult your tax advisor on any financial matters that may affect your tax liability. If you choose to make a gift, please contact Catherine Gussler, [cmgussler@gmail.com](mailto:cmgussler@gmail.com) or 912-222-0888, before doing so to get necessary information.
- **The vestry meets monthly** (except during July) to review the business of the church.

## Book Project Update

The University of Georgia Press deadline for the complete manuscript of the new Christ Church history is this November! It should come out in 2026! Barrie Bradley would like to interview someone at Christ Church who participated in EFM (Education for Ministry) at Christ Church. This 4-year program seems to have had a life-changing influence on those who completed the course, but she needs some more background and direct quotes for the book. Please email her at [barriescardinobradley@gmail.com](mailto:barriescardinobradley@gmail.com) if you are willing to meet with her and discuss your impressions.

## Christ Church Choristers

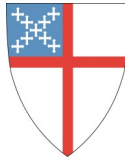
This coming fall, Christ Church will start a new chorister program for all children and youth in 3rd through 12th grades. Through this program, young singers will learn musicianship, leadership, music theory and history, as well as the Episcopal liturgy and theology that we practice every Sunday. The 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 July 7, 2024





## CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL

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](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.