

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Year B

August 18, 2024



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## Holy Eucharist, Rite II

### Entrance Rite

Prelude “Dédicace” from *Pièces de Fantaisie*, Op. 54 No. 1

Louis Vierne (1870–1937)

Processional

Hymnal 460

*Alleluia! sing to Jesus!*

*Hyfrydol*

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

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son 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

### Proverbs 9:1–6

Wisdom has built her house,  
she has hewn her seven pillars.  
She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine,  
she has also set her table.  
She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls  
from the highest places in the town,  
“You that are simple, turn in here!”  
To those without sense she says,  
“Come, eat of my bread  
and drink of the wine I have mixed.  
Lay aside immaturity, and live,  
and walk in the way of insight.”

### Psalm 34:9–14

### *Benedicam Dominum* BCP 628

*Sung by the choir.*

chant: Ivor Atkins (1869–1953)

- 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.  
11 Come, children, and listen to me; \*  
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.  
12 Who among you loves life \*  
and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?  
13 Keep your tongue from evil-speaking \*  
and your lips from lying words.  
14 Turn from evil and do good; \*  
seek peace and pursue it.

### Epistle

### Ephesians 5:15–20

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but un-

derstand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is  
 debauchery; but be filled  
 with the Spirit, as you  
 sing psalms and hymns  
 and spiritual songs  
 among yourselves, sing-  
 ing and making melody  
 to the Lord in your  
 hearts, giving thanks to  
 God the Father at all  
 times and for everything  
 in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.



*The Sacrament of the Last Supper*, 1955, Salvador Dalí. National Gallery of Art, Washington D.C.

Sequence Hymn

*When in our music God is glorified*

Hymnal 420

*Engelberg*

## Holy Gospel

## John 6:51–58

Jesus said, “I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” So Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who



eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”

*The Last Supper*, showing the Communion of the Apostles, Jacopo Tintoretto. 1592-1594. Basilica di San Giorgio Maggiore, Venice.

Sermon	The Reverend Samantha K. McKean, <i>Senior Associate Rector</i>
Nicene Creed	BCP 358
Prayers of the People, Form III	BCP 387
Confession and Absolution	BCP 360
The Peace	

## The Holy Communion

Offertory <i>Laudibus in sanctis</i>	William Byrd (ca. 1543–1623)
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The text is a Latin setting of Psalm 150, found on page 807 of the Book of Common Prayer.

Presentation of the Gifts	Hymnal 380, v. 3
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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

*Be known to us, Lord Jesus*

Gary James (b. 1957)

*Cantor, then all* Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.

*Cantor* The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the  
body of Christ. *Refrain*  
One body are we, alleluia, for though many we share one  
bread. *Refrain*

All Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion.

Anthem at Communion

*We shall walk through the valley*

Undine Smith Moore (1904–1987)

We shall walk through the valley in peace. There will be no trials there.  
We shall walk through the valley in peace. There will be no trials there.  
If Jesus himself shall be our leader, If Jesus himself shall be our leader,  
We shall walk through the valley in peace. We shall walk through the valley in peace.  
(*Negro spiritual*)

Hymn at Communion

Hymnal 321

*My God, thy table now is spread*

*Rockingham*

Postcommunion Prayer

BCP 365

The Blessing

Processional

Hymnal 412

*Earth and all stars*

*Earth and All Stars*

Dismissal

Postlude *Psalm 150*

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** Carol Jennings, Marti Lee, Cameron, Cinny, Heather Crampton, Troy Samuels

**For the Birthdays of** Kerry Fergus, Rosalie Morris, Barbara Powers, Solomon Smith, Heather Wallace, Jaron Legree, Kharis Ott, Henry Bush, Wynn Denard, Parker Larvan, David Slatinsky, Diane Van Wagner, John Maxwell, Thomas Claiborne, Maren Haenel, Becky Cheatham, Caro Powell, Zoe Rinker, Maggie Lee, Taylor Summerell, Charlotte Wright, Cooper Reiley, Claudia Seyle, Anna Caroline Wright, Gay Fortson, Davis Shipley, Mollie Dugas, Bess Davenport, Royce Abbott, Reid Keller, Anna Reeves, Gennie Leigh Sumner, Mary Jane Chappell, Cindy Hightower, Hampton Sumner, Timmy Stolba, Mary Margaret Cone, Paul Miller Finley, Simon Macfadyen, Sydney Logan, Paul Kline, Wes Woolf, Hilary Jones, Ella Stone, Allison Bulka, Layden Childs, Matt Finley, Paul Strychalski, Paul Threlkeld, Boone Weisner, Stephen Angell, Ansley Threlkeld, Josh White, Lauren Eberle, Sarah Collins Jackson, Mimi Cay, Trip Jackson, Meagan Reiley

**For the Wedding Anniversaries of** Emmy and Spencer Burch, Nancy and Gary Radke, Ruth and Chip Goldsmith, Kristen and Mickey Ott, Claire and Stephen Rilee, Elizabeth and Matthew Bush, Andrea and Ben Stolba, Kacie Davis and Garrett Greiner, Kim Bockius-Suwyn and Dan Suwyn

**For Those Who Have Died and for the Comfort of Their Families:** Harry Thomas Shore IV

\*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 William K. Whitfield, III and Kenneth D. Whitfield by their family.

### This Week at Christ Church

**Sunday, August 18 - The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist/Back to School Blessing

4:30 p.m. Pool Party for Kids at Bockius-Suwyn House

**Monday through Friday, August 19–23**

10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Docent Tours

**Tuesday through Thursday, August 20–22**

4:00 p.m. Christ Church Choristers Camp

**Thursday, August 22**

5:45 p.m. Sung Evening Prayer

### Next Sunday at Christ Church

**Sunday, August 25 - The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Installation of Choristers

### Pool Party for Christ Church Kids

*Sunday, August 18, 4:30–6:30 p.m.*

Make a splash at our annual pool party for Christ Church kids of all ages. Join us from 4:30–6:30 p.m. at the home of Dan Suwyn and Kim Bockius-Suwyn: 425 Suncrest Blvd. Pizza will be served! Suggested donation is \$5. Please RSVP to the Rev. Samantha McKean: [samantha.k.mckean@ccesavannah.org](mailto:samantha.k.mckean@ccesavannah.org).

### Christ Church Choristers begins this coming Tuesday

It's not too late to sign up to be a chorister! Choir camp takes place three days this week after school, concluding with a service of Sung Evening Prayer; the choristers will also lead the music for Eucharist next Sunday, August 25. All children and youth in 3rd through 12th grade are welcome to join this program which is affiliated with the Royal School of Church Music in America. Young singers will learn musicianship, leadership, collaboration, teamwork, and more, and receive private voice lessons as a part of the program. To learn more, please speak with George Fergus.



## Christ Church Book Group

*Thursday, August 22, 10:30 a.m.*

The Christ Church Book Group was rescheduled, following the cancellation of the meeting due to Hurricane Debby. Join us this Thursday in the undercroft as we explore insights from the thought-provoking work, *Everything Happens for a Reason: And Other Lies I've Loved* by Kate Bowler. Kate Bowler is a professor at Duke Divinity School who specializes in the study of the prosperity gospel, a creed that sees fortune as a blessing from God and misfortune as a mark of God's disapproval. At thirty-five, everything in her life seemed to point toward "blessing" when she was diagnosed with stage IV colon cancer. The book traces her journey from her need for certainty in her life, to learning that life is just as beautiful without it.

## Sung Evening Prayer

*Thursday, August 22, 5:45 p.m.*

To conclude their three-day Chorister Camp, the Christ Church Choristers will lead a service of Sung Evening Prayer in the church at 5:45 on Thursday, August 22. Come support these young singers and end your day with this 15-minute service of prayers, readings, and anthems.

## Adult Forum Begins September 8

*In the Chapel, 9:30 a.m.*

Our Sunday morning Adult Forum program for the fall season begins after Labor Day. Swing by the undercroft kitchen to grab a cup of coffee, then gather in the chapel at 9:30 a.m. For our first gathering on September 8, our Interim Rector, the Rev. Canon Cathy Zappa, will lead a special session introducing herself and exploring this season of transition for Christ Church. What does it mean to be in an interim period? What might we expect during this time? Join us as we discuss the hope and promise of living into a season of transition.

## The Young Person's Guide to the Organ

*Sunday, September 8, 4:00 p.m.*

You and your family are invited to enjoy a free concert by George Fergus on Sunday afternoon, September 8, at 4:00 p.m. It is the first concert of the church's 2024-2025 concert series which offers several varied concerts free of charge to the community throughout the year.

All children and their families will be invited to sit near the organ console and get a close-up look at the action. George will perform works well-known to fans of the *Bluey* franchise, *Star Wars* aficionados of all ages, and more, as well as give a demonstration of the inner workings of the pipe organ. A projector screen will be available at the front of the church so that all audience members can see him perform and demonstrate the instrument.

### Neighborhood Parties

*Sunday, September 15, 5:30 p.m.*

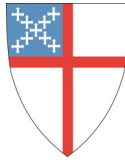
A party is coming to your neighborhood! On Sunday, September 15, neighborhood parties will be held wherever Christ Church members are found. These casual gatherings are a great way to connect with your literal Christ Church "neighbors" in a fun and relaxed setting. No need to bring anything but a smile! To RSVP to your neighborhood party, please visit the Christ Church website.

### Save the Date

- September 4, Wednesday Noon Service resumes
- September 8, Interim Rector Canon Cathy Zappa's first Sunday

Photos from August 11, 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.