

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Year B

September 29, 2024



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Today's service follows the form for Holy Eucharist Rite II, beginning on page 355 of the red Book of Common Prayer ("BCP"). The music may be found in the blue Hymnal 1982; numbers beginning with "S-" are service music, located at the front of the hymnal.

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Entrance Rite

Prelude <i>Ubi caritas</i>	Norah Duncan IV (b. 1952)
Processional	Hymnal 401
<i>The God of Abraham praise</i>	<i>Leoni</i>

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
<i>Officiant</i>	Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
<i>People</i>	And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.
The Collect for Purity	BCP 355
Hymn of Praise	Hymnal S-280
<i>Gloria in excelsis</i>	Robert J. Powell (b. 1932)

The Collect of the Day

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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

Numbers 11:4–6, 10–16, 24–29

The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, “If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.”

Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the Lord, “Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child,’ to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, ‘Give us meat to eat!’ I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.”

So the Lord said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.”



So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spir-

it that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord’s people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!”

Moses Elects the Council of Seventy Elders, Jacob de Wit. 1737. Royal Palace of Amsterdam.

Psalm 19:7–14

Caeli enarrant

BCP 607

Sung by the choir.

chant: Stephen Darlington (b. 1952)

- 7 The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Epistle

James 5:13–20

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Sequence Hymn

Where cross the crowded ways of life

Hymnal 609

Gardiner

Holy Gospel

Mark 9:38–50

John said to Jesus, “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones



who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

“For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

La Liberté ou la Mort, Jean-Baptiste Regnault. 1795. Hamburger Kunsthalle, Hamburg, Germany.

Sermon	The Reverend Cathy Zappa, <i>Interim Rector</i>
Nicene Creed	BCP 358
Prayers of the People, Form VI	BCP 392
Absolution	BCP 360
The Peace	

The Holy Communion

Offertory *Beati quorum via* Charles V. Stanford (1852–1924)

Sung in Latin. Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord. (*Psalms 119:1*)

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
<i>Sanctus & Benedictus</i>	Hymnal S-130
From <i>Deutsche Messe</i>	Franz Peter Schubert (1797–1828)

The Lord's Prayer	BCP 364
The Breaking of the Bread	
Fraction Anthem, <i>Agnus Dei</i>	Hymnal S-164
From <i>Deutsche Messe</i>	F. P. Schubert
<i>All Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion. You may kneel or stand at the altar rail. Please let an usher know if you need to receive from your pew. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. To receive a blessing, you may cross your arms over your chest.</i>	
Hymns at Communion	Hymnal 660, 343
<i>O Master, let me walk with thee</i>	<i>Maryton</i>
<i>Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless</i>	<i>St. Agnes</i>
Postcommunion Prayer	BCP 365
The Blessing	
Closing Hymn	Hymnal 347
<i>Go forth for God</i>	<i>Litton</i>
Dismissal	
Postlude <i>Jubilate</i>	Fela Sowande (1905–1987)



Prayers of the People*

For 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 Mark Yost, Mary Helen Strain, Belinda Duke

For the Birthdays of Claire Davis, Joe Gussler, Carter Hubbard III, William Stovall, Merry Bennett, Samantha McKean, Sam Chappell, Steve Acuff, Priscilla Carrington, Clayton Gagne-Thomas, Clara Hubbard, Dane Reiley, Casey Wright, Faye Brandt, Lila Critz, Lila Crowder, Nan Marshall, Kristy Reeves, Becky Milmine, Suzanne Phillips Smith, Leslie Littlejohn, Ben Stolba, Michael Slatinsky, Melissa Bragg, Shaun Bragg, Mary Thurmon, Buller Claiborne, Sage Hooten, Jeff Keller, Jake von Trapp, Emma Davis, Kamryn Hill, Brian Martine, Lloyd Childs, Lee Griffith, Ronald Martinez, Andrea Stolba, Alice Young, Trina Brown, Abigail Smith, Grovey McGaw, Patti Davis, Cindy Gilbert, Spencer Lindley, Hope Gruver

For the Wedding Anniversaries of Cathy and Jay Howington, Marisa and Paul Strychalski, Becky and Charlie Milmine, Mary and Patton Dugas, Isabella and Jerry Reeves IV, Meagan and Dane Reiley, Julia and Bob Christian, Debbie and Asa Davis, Claire and Wiley Ellis, Alice and Steve Edwards

For Those Who Have Died and for the Comfort of Their Families: Kathryn Jorgensen

*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 Rick Smith by Melanie Smith and family.

This Week at Christ Church

Sunday, September 29 - The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. Adult Forum/Children's Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

4:00 p.m. Choral Evensong for St. Michael and All Angels

6:00 p.m. High School Bowling

Monday through Friday, September 30–October 4

10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Docent Tours

Wednesday, October 4

12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist and Prayers for Healing

12:30 p.m. Mid-day Music: Kyle Siddons, *baritone*

5:15 p.m. Chorister Rehearsal

6:15 p.m. Chorister Evensong (All are welcome.)

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Next Sunday at Christ Church

Sunday, October 6 - The Feast of St. Francis, observed

9:30 a.m. Adult Forum: A Different Community

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist and Baptism

6:00 p.m. Evening Adult Program: Ordinary Saints

This Sunday

Bibles for Christ Church Kids

Ages 3rd to 5th Grade

September 8–November 17, 10:30 a.m., Children's Chapel

All 3rd–5th graders are encouraged to take part in this fall's "Bibles for Christ Church Kids" program! Each Sunday during Children's Chapel, participants will engage deeply with scripture, asking questions, learning new skills, and responding each week to the story of God's love. On November 17th, these students will

be presented with a Bible as a gift from Christ Church as they participate in a special rite marking this stage of their faith journey.

Choral Evensong for St. Michael and All Angels

Sunday, September 29, 4:00 p.m.

Offered by the Parish Choir, this introspective liturgy is sung almost entirely by the choir, allowing the congregation to relax, reflect, and recharge surrounded by beautiful music in this sacred space. Evensong is a uniquely Episcopal tradition observed by churches and cathedrals around the world.

Coming Up

Mid-day Music

Wednesday, October 2, 12:30 p.m.

This coming Wednesday, join us following the noon Eucharist for *If Music Be the Food...* This week's performer is baritone Kyle Siddons, who will perform art songs by Gerald Finzi and Gwyneth Walker. All donations received at these concerts benefit the feeding ministries of Emmaus House.

Chorister Evensong

Wednesday, October 2, 6:15 p.m.

The choristers begin their season of First Wednesday Choral Evensongs this coming week at 6:15 p.m. in the church. End your day with prayer and meditation in this contemplative service led by the Christ Church Choristers.

Sunday Morning Adult Forum

A Different Community: Christians in the Public Square

Beginning October 6, 9:30 a.m. in the Parish House

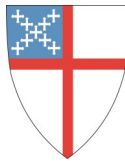
As Christians, we are called to be a community transformed into the image of Christ. This transformation is powerful enough to reach every sphere of our lives—not only when we show up at church on Sunday morning, but also when we scroll through our social media feeds, sit around the Thanksgiving table with distant relatives, and park next to that car whose bumper stickers betray an ideology very different from our own. Many narratives of our current cultural and political climate tell a story of “division,” but the truth is that there’s much more we have in common. Join the Revs. Cathy Zappa and Samantha

McKean as we explore together how our identity in Christ shows us a different way to be in the world, empowering us to live into the unity, reconciliation, and love that God offers us in Christ.

Evening Adult Program

Ordinary Saints: How Christ Shines Through the Lives of Everyday People
Sundays, October 6, 13, 20, and 27 in the Undercroft, 6:00 p.m.

Mother Teresa, Francis of Assisi, Joan of Arc, Martin Luther King—these are the kinds of people who come to mind when you hear the word “saint.” But what about those of us who don’t build orphanages, tame wolves, defend France, or lead great movements of justice? Join us each Sunday in October at 6:00 p.m. in the undercroft as we hear about the extraordinary things God does through seemingly ordinary people. Each week, a different panel of Christ Church members will share their stories of following God’s call (even when they didn’t realize it at the time!). Discover your own story in theirs, and learn how God leads us not to become somebody else, but always to be more truly ourselves: ordinary saints, through whom God does extraordinary acts of love.



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The Right Reverend Frank S. Logue, *Bishop of Georgia*

The Reverend Cathy Zappa, *Interim Rector*

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*

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The Reverend Liam G. Collins, *Priest Associate*

The Reverend Richard "Max" Maxwell, *Priest Associate*

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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

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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.