

The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost  
Year B

October 27, 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 *Partita on Gelobet seist du, Jesu Christ* Georg Böhm (1661–1733)

Processional Hymnal 556

*Rejoice, ye pure in heart!* Marion

*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

Hymn of Praise Hymnal S-280

*Gloria in excelsis* Robert J. Powell (b. 1932)

The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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

Jeremiah 31:7–9

Thus says the Lord:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,  
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;  
proclaim, give praise, and say,

“Save, O Lord, your people,  
the remnant of Israel.”

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,  
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,  
among them the blind and the lame, those with child and  
those in labor, together;  
a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come,  
and with consolations I will lead them back,  
I will let them walk by brooks of water,  
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;  
for I have become a father to Israel,  
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

**Psalm 126**     *In convertendo*

**BCP 782**

*Sung by the choir.*

chant: Charles V. Stanford (1852–1924)

- 1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, \*  
then were we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, \*  
and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- 3 Then they said among the nations, \*  
“The Lord has done great things for them.”
- 4 The Lord has done great things for us, \*  
and we are glad indeed.
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O Lord, \*  
like the watercourses of the Negev.
- 6 Those who sowed with tears \*  
will reap with songs of joy.

7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, \*  
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

## Epistle

## Hebrews 7:23–28

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but Jesus holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

Sequence Hymn

*Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old*

Hymnal 567

*St. Matthew*

## Holy Gospel

## Mark 10:46–52

Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was



sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” Jesus stood still and said, “Call

him here.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart; get up, he is calling you.” So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man said to him, “My teacher, let me see again.” Jesus said to him, “Go; your faith has made you well.” Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

*Christ Healing the Blind*, El Greco. Between 1570 and 1575. Staatliche Kunstsammlungen, Dresden.

Sermon	The Reverend Samantha K. McKean, <i>Senior Associate Rector</i>
Nicene Creed	BCP 358
Prayers of the People, Form VI	BCP 392
Absolution	BCP 360
The Peace	

## The Holy Communion

Offertory *I lift up my eyes to the hills* Margaret Burk (b. 1990)

The text is Psalm 121, found on page 779 of the *Book of Common Prayer*.

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 &amp; 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

*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.*

Hymns at Communion

*Father, we thank thee who has planted*

*Just as I am, without one plea*

Postcommunion Prayer

The Blessing

Closing Hymn

*O Zion, haste*

Dismissal

Postlude *Toccata*

Hymnal 302, 693

*Rendez à Dieu*

*Woodworth*

BCP 365

Hymnal 539

*Tidings*

Johann Pachelbel (1653–1706)



### **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 Asa Davis**

**For the Birthdays of** Nan Hooten, Jay Eberle, Henry Perkins, Catherine Hallman, Lane Lynch, Rena Patton, Dax Reiley, Angela Brandt, Emmy Burch, Catherine Gussler, Holden Haenel, Janice Smith, Bella Grace Baker, Kim Bockius-Suwyn, Anna Claire Davis, Marie Dent, Parsons Summerell, Erin Waterman, Edward Wallace, Chuck Barton, Cathy Howington, Sam Mikell Jr., Cole Benhase, Roger Moss Jr., Tiara Sanders, Ollie Truex, Ryan Chandler, Tori Chandler, John Mikell Jr., Susan Geddes, Harlan Lerch, Stephen Smith, Barrie Bradley, Savannah Young, Barbara Brakman, Susan Wetmore, Florence Stovall, Kristi Anderson, Brylee Bragg, Wanda Bohnstedt, Hartford Gongaware, Cora Bett Thomas, Wash Dender, Maisie Gardner, Rob Gibson, Rivers Myers, Irene Feddern, Meg Nelson, Kim Sachs

**For the Wedding Anniversaries of** Susan and Charlie Wetmore, Mary Helen and John Skeadas, Jim Gerhart and Todd Smelser, Comer and Otto Immel, Heather and Will Wallace, Ruthie and Jeff Whitlow, Rima and Kwasi Agyei-Gyamfi, Melissa and Shaun Bragg, Charlie and Joseph Frew-Miller, Kathryn and Peter Trussell

**For Those Who Have Died and for the Comfort of Their Families:** Ellen Cockrell, Bill Bugg, Jim Sasser, Felipe Lapuente, Bob Ducklo

\*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 Alice and Shelby Myrick by their family.

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

**Sunday, October 27 - Twenty-Third Sunday of Pentecost**

9:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Forum: A Different Community

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

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

**Monday through Friday, October 28–November 1**

10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Docent Tours

**Monday, October 28**

5:30 p.m. In the Spirit. *Things that Go “Bump” in the Night.*

**Wednesday, October 30**

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

5:15 p.m. Chorister Rehearsal

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

**Next Sunday at Christ Church**

**Sunday, November 3- Sunday after All Saints’ Day**

9:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Forum: A Different Community

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

4:00 p.m. Choral Eucharist for All Faithful Departed

## **This Sunday**

### **2025 Stewardship**

Thank you to everyone who has made their 2025 pledge! So far, we are excited to report that we have 41 pledges that are either new or increased. However, as we close out the public phase of the Stewardship campaign, we are only 48% towards our goal of over 200 pledging units.

It’s understandable! Hurricanes, work, school, doctors appointments, elections, football and soccer games, clubs, charity events and volunteering—the list goes on and on. It’s life, and it can get hectic.

As we live our lives and face our daily challenges, both big and small, our hope is to be able to take a step back, pause, and give thanks for the blessings in our lives. Pledging to Christ Church is one tangible way for us to give thanks, while at the same time allowing the vestry and leadership to set our budget, plan our programs and outreach, and lead our wonderful parish forward.

We hope you will prayerfully consider joining us and making your pledge today. Praise God to whom all blessing flow!

Joyfully,  
Whit & Claire Davis

## Sunday Morning 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 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.*

*Final week’s topic: Curiosity*

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 mem-

bers 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.

## Coming Up

### In the Spirit

*Monday, October 28, 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 *Things that Go "Bump" in the Night*.

### Emmaus House Empty Bowl Fundraiser

*Sunday, November 3, 12:00-2:00 p.m.*

Christ Church has hosted Emmaus House for over 40 years. Our mission "to provide hearty meals and basic services for the hungry and anyone in need" and toward that end we provide breakfast to anyone, no questions asked, five mornings a week. We also provide showers and basic laundry service for the unhoused and run a clothing closet. Emmaus House's annual fundraiser, the Empty Bowl, will be in Reynolds

Square on Sunday, November 3 from 12-2 p.m. Sponsorships are particularly appreciated, but a ticket to Empty Bowl allows you to enjoy a delicious meal in the same manner that our homeless and hungry patrons do each weekday morning AND choose a piece of ceramic or wooden local artwork to take home. The "Empty Bowl" itself is symbolic of a lack of food, and is a reminder to all that some people in our community

have bowls that remain empty. This year's event is particularly important because our costs, like everyone's, have gone up dramatically, and we are struggling to find the resources to serve the hungry in our community.



## **Choral Eucharist for All the Faithful Departed**

*Sunday, November 3, 4:00 p.m.*

On All Saints Sunday, we remember those members and friends of Christ Church who have died in the last year, with a Choral Eucharist for All the Faithful Departed. In this beautiful, holy service, we join with Christians across time to pray the ancient Christian burial service, the Requiem mass. This year, we will pray these image-rich texts with the music of the *Requiem* by John Rutter (b. 1945), sung by the Parish Choir. We will pray by name for the deceased who have been on our prayer list since the last All Saints Sunday. If you someone whose name you would like to include, please let Cathy Zappa know.

## **Thursday Evening Bible Study (for want of a better name!)**

*Beginning November 7 at 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. in the Undercroft*

Starting in November, the Reverend Cathy Zappa will be leading a weekly Bible study on the Gospel of Luke. All are welcome! There is no preparation required. Simply come as you can to spend time in lively discussion, good company, and the good Word!

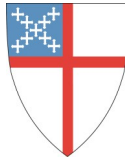
## **The Joy of Christmas**

*Tickets available to the congregation November 1st*

Ring in the Christmas season in this festive benefit concert! Join in singing favorite hymns, hear the choirs of Christ Church sing anthems and carols both ancient and modern, and support Emmaus House. Ticket reservations are available via our Eventbrite page starting on Friday, November 1st for congregation members, and November 15th for the general public. Tickets are always free. They simply ensure that you can get a seat without standing in a long line, and enable us to maintain required safety and capacity standards.

## **Save the Date for this Year's Christmas Pageant**

On Tuesday, December 24th at 5:00 p.m., the children of Christ Church will once again tell the sacred story of how Jesus came into the world. A team of dedicated organizers, costume-makers, and storytellers is already hard at work getting ready for this special service; the only thing missing is you! Beginning in November, signups will be available for children participants, youth helpers, and adult volunteers. Get ready to make room for the coming Christchild!



## CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL

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

The Reverend Cathy Zappa, *Interim Rector*

The Reverend Samantha K. McKean, *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*;

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Rena K. Patton; Paul D. Reddick; Paul H. Threlkeld;

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.