

**Fourth Sunday in Lent
Year C**

March 30, 2025
10:30 a.m.



**CHRIST CHURCH
EPISCOPAL**

THE MOTHER CHURCH OF GEORGIA
ESTABLISHED 1733





Welcome to Christ Church! 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.

Our celebrant this morning is the Rev. Cathy Zappa,
and our preacher is the Rev. Patti R. Davis.

Welcome to Episcopal worship! During Lent, you will find here brief explanations of different aspects of our Sunday services.

There is a joke that Episcopal worship involves "pew aerobics." We pray with our whole bodies! The three main postures you will see in worship are standing, kneeling, and sitting. Standing, the most ancient posture for prayer, expresses honor, praise, and joy. That is why we stand for processions, hymns, the Gospel, the Nicene Creed, and the Peace. Kneeling is another posture for prayer. Because it indicates humility and penitence, we typically kneel to confess our sins and to receive absolution. During the season of Lent, we also kneel for the Collect and *Kyrie Eleison* (Lord have mercy). Both standing and kneeling are appropriate for the Prayers of the People and the Eucharistic Prayer. The third posture, sitting, is associated with listening. We sit to listen to scripture lessons, the sermon, music, and announcements. The exception is the proclamation of the Gospel: we stand and turn toward the Gospel when it is read.

In the diversity of Christ's one body, we pray in many ways, and we are drawn to different postures at different times. However you pray, we are glad you are here!



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Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Entrance Rite

Prelude “Attende, Domine” from *12 Chorales on Gregorian Themes*
Jeanne Demessieux (1921–1968)

Processional Hymnal 473
Lift high the cross *Crucifer*

Children's Chapel follows the procession. Suggested ages are pre-K through fifth grade; younger children are welcome if accompanied by adults.

Penitential Order BCP 351
Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People **His mercy endures for ever.**

Summary of the Law
Jesus said, “The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.” *Mark 12:29–31*

Confession and Absolution (*Kneeling*) BCP 352
Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Kyrie Eleison

Hymnal S-91

from *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena* Healey Willan (1880–1968)

Lord, have mercy upon us. (3x)

Christ, have mercy upon us. (3x)

Lord, have mercy upon us. (3x)

Collect of the Day (*kneeling*)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from
heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore
give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

The Word of God

First Lesson

Joshua 5:9–12

Reader A reading from the Book of Joshua.

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the
disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the
evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On

the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 32 *Beati quorum*

BCP 624

Sung by the choir.

chant: plainsong, Tone III

- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *
and whose sin is put away!
- 2 Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, *
and in whose spirit there is no guile!
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *
because of my groaning all day long.
- 4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *
and did not conceal my guilt.
- 6 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." *
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of
trouble; *
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
- 8 You are my hiding-place;
you preserve me from trouble; *
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
- 9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; *
I will guide you with my eye.
- 10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; *
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you."

11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.
12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; *
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

Epistle **2 Corinthians 5:16–21**

Reader A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new



creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the

message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

Sing, my soul, his wondrous love

Hymnal 467

St. Bees

Holy Gospel

Luke 15:1–3, 11b–32

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

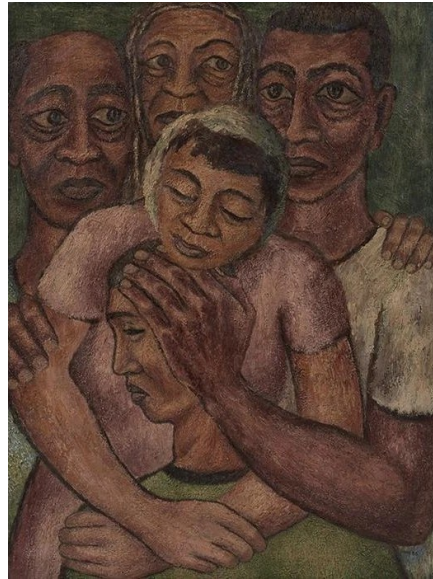
All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

So Jesus told them this parable:

“There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.”’ So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let

us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

“Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’ Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”



Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

Nicene Creed

Prayers of the People, Form I

The Peace

The Reverend Patti R. Davis, *Deacon*

BCP 358

BCP 383

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem *In jejunió et fletu* Thomas Tallis (ca. 1505–1585)

Sung in Latin. With fasting and weeping let the priests pray, saying: Spare, O Lord, spare thy people; and give not thine heritage to destruction. Let the priests weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say: Spare, O Lord, spare thy people. (*Matins Respond, first Sunday in Lent*)

Presentation of the Gifts Hymnal 143, v. 5

O Father, Son and Spirit, blest,
to thee be every prayer addressed,
who art in threefold Name adored,
from age to age, the only Lord.

The Great Thanksgiving, *Eucharistic Prayer A* BCP 361
Sanctus and Benedictus Hymnal S-114

from *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena* H. Willan

The Lord's Prayer BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem, *Agnus Dei* Hymnal S-158
from *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena* H. Willan

All Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion. You may stand or kneel at the altar rail, or receive from the floor station to the left of the chancel stairs. 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 Hymnal 301, 603

Bread of the world, in mercy broken *Rendez a Dieu*

When Christ was lifted from the earth *St. Botolph*

Sending Forth of Eucharistic Visitors

Deacon In the name of this congregation, we send you forth
bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may
share with us in the communion of Christ's body and
blood.

People **We, who are many, are one body, because we are one
in Jesus Christ.**

Postcommunion Prayer

BCP 365

The Blessing

Closing Hymn

Hymnal 472

Hope of the world, thou Christ of great compassion Donne secours

Dismissal

Postlude *Fugue*, Op. 12

Maurice Durufle (1903–1986)

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Prayers of the People*

For Charles Lewis, Carole Whitfield, Celia Dunn, the Cartright
Family in Haiti

For the Birthdays of Betty Pember, Virginia Cann, Bobby Davenport,
Mason Howington, Gary Radke, Zak Craig, Peter Larvan, Kristin Ott,
Hamp Threlkeld, Chris Hallman, Stephen Rilee, Bill Lynch, Ernie
Montford, EB Threlkeld, Peter Trussell, David Seyle, Mary Douglass
Hallman, Jane Espy, Frank Brevik, Lora Reese, Nevin Patton, Patton
Dugas, Jim Waterman

For the Wedding Anniversaries of Chris Hendricks and Brian
Martine, Jess and Sam Mikell, Sandra and Jay Eberle, Liz and Simon
Macfadyen

For Those Who Have Died and the Comfort of Their Families:
Joan Nichols, Marti Davis Lee, Scot Ritchie

*The full prayer list may be found on our website and in our weekly email.

Altar Greens

The greens on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mary Ann Hyland Phillips and Louis Russell Smith by Suzanne Phillips Smith.

This Week at Christ Church

Sunday, March 30 - Fourth Sunday in Lent

9:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Forum:

The Spiritual Wisdom of the Enneagram, Choir Room

9:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School, Chapel

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

6:00 p.m. Choral Compline and Sunday Evening Forum:

The Journey to Easter

Monday–Friday, March 31–April 4

10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m., Docent Tours

Wednesday, April 2

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

12:30 p.m. Mid-day Music

5:15 p.m. Chorister Rehearsal

6:15 p.m. Choral Evensong for Lent followed by Soup Supper

7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 3

5:00 p.m. Bible Study in the Choir Room

Next Sunday at Christ Church

Sunday, April 6 - Fifth Sunday in Lent

9:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Forum:

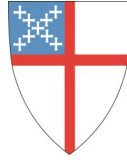
The Spiritual Wisdom of the Enneagram, Choir Room

9:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School, Chapel

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

12:00 p.m. Faith in Harmony

4:00 p.m. Pergolesi: Stabat Mater



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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*

John Audette, *Director of Children and Youth Ministries*

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

Washington C. Dender, *Senior Warden*; Paul H. Threlkeld, *Junior Warden*;

Lindsey A. Eberle, *Clerk of the Vestry*; Stephen R. Rilee, *Treasurer*;

Catherine M. Gussler, *Assistant Treasurer for Stewardship and Finance*;

Patton Dugas; William C. Gruver;

Elizabeth L. Macfadyen; Rosemary W. Mackey;

Richard C. Nelson; Paul D. Reddick; Sarah B. Smith;

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

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.