

**Fifth Sunday in Lent  
Year C**

April 6, 2025  
10:30 a.m.



**CHRIST CHURCH  
EPISCOPAL**

THE MOTHER CHURCH OF GEORGIA  
ESTABLISHED 1733





Welcome to Christ Church! Today's service begins with The Great Litany, and then continues with the form for Holy Eucharist Rite II. 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. Richard "Max" Maxwell.

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

Our service today begins in a special way: with the Great Litany sung in procession. The word "litany" comes from a Greek word meaning "prayer" or "supplication." Over time, the word has come to refer more narrowly to an intercessory prayer in call-and-response form. Several of the Rite II forms for the Prayers of the People are in litany form.

First published in 1544, the Great Litany is the oldest English-language liturgical rite that we have. It is especially appropriate during Lent, and it is especially appropriate for it to be sung in procession. This procession is linked to the processions of Palm Sunday, the Easter Vigil, funeral processions, and the many processions we make every Sunday. Liturgical processions remind us that we walk the way of Christ, with one another and with Christians across time and around the world.

The Great Litany connects us with all who have prayed this prayer before and with all the people and concerns remembered in its petitions, which are quite comprehensive. Because it includes intercessory and penitential petitions, it takes the place of a Confession and Prayers of the People later in the service.



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## Holy Eucharist, Rite II

### Entrance Rite

The Great Litany in Procession

*All stand at the sound of the bell.*

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

Holy God, Creator of heaven and earth,

*After each petition, all sing*



Holy and Mighty, Redeemer of the world,

**Have mercy on us.**

Holy Immortal One, Sanctifier of the faithful,

**Have mercy on us.**

Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, One God,

**Have mercy on us.**

From all evil and mischief; from pride, vanity and hypocrisy; from envy,  
hatred and malice; and from all evil intent,



From sloth, worldliness and love of money; from hardness of heart and  
contempt for your word and for your laws,  
**Savior, deliver us.**

From sins of body and mind; and from deceits of the world, flesh and  
the devil,  
**Savior, deliver us.**

From famine and disaster; from violence, murder, and dying  
unprepared,  
**Savior, deliver us.**

In all times of sorrow; in all times of joy; in the hour of death and at the  
day of judgment,  
**Savior, deliver us.**

By the mystery of your holy incarnation; by your birth, childhood and  
obedience; by your baptism, fasting and temptation,  
**Savior, deliver us.**

By your ministry in word and work; by your mighty acts of power; by  
the preaching of your reign,  
**Savior, deliver us.**

By your agony and trial; by your cross and passion; by your precious  
death and burial,  
**Savior, deliver us.**

By your mighty resurrection; by your glorious ascension; and by your  
sending of the Holy Spirit,  
**Savior, deliver us.**

Hear our prayers, O Christ our God.



Govern and direct your holy Church; fill it with your love and truth;  
and grant it that unity that is your will.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Give us boldness to preach your gospel in all the world, and to make  
disciples of all the nations.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Enlighten your bishops, priests and deacons, especially the Archbishop  
of Canterbury, Sean our Presiding Bishop, and Frank our Bishop, with  
knowledge and understanding, that by their teaching and their lives  
they proclaim your word.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Give your people grace to witness to your word and bring forth the fruit  
of your Spirit.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Strengthen those who stand; comfort and help the fainthearted; raise  
up the fallen; and finally beat down Satan under our feet.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Guide the leaders of the nations into the ways of peace and justice.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Give your wisdom and strength to Donald the President of the United States, Brian the Governor of this state, and Van the Mayor of this city, that in all things they may do your will, for your glory and the common good.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Give to the Congress of the United States, the members of the President's Cabinet, those who serve in our state legislature, and all others in authority the grace to walk always in the ways of truth.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Bless the justices of the Supreme Court and all those who administer the law, that they may act with integrity and do justice for all your people.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Give us the will to use the resources of the earth to your glory and for the good of all.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Bless and keep all your people.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Comfort and liberate the lonely, the bereaved and the oppressed.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Keep in safety those who travel and all who are in peril.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Heal the sick in body, mind or spirit, especially: Harvey, Rusty and Cindy, Carolyn, Betsy, Ruby, David, Courtenay, Charles, Julie, Dick, Kathie and Don; and provide for the homeless, the hungry and the destitute.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Guide and protect all children who are in danger.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Shower your compassion on all prisoners, hostages and refugees, and all who are in trouble.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Forgive our enemies, persecutors and slanderers, and turn their hearts.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Hear us as we remember those who have died, especially: Jackson McLeod Hightower, Carole Whitfield, Joan Nichols, Hue Thomas III, Tom Mahaffey: and grant us with them a share in your eternal glory.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Give us true repentance; forgive us our sins of negligence, ignorance, and our deliberate sins; and grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your word.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,



*Have mer-cy on us.*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,



*Have mer-cy on us.*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,



*Grant us your peace.*

O Christ, hear us.



*O Christ, hear us.*

Kyrie

Hymnal S-91

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

Collect of the Day

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Officiant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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**

**Isaiah 43:16–21**

*Reader* A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord,  
who makes a way in the sea,  
a path in the mighty waters,  
who brings out chariot and horse,  
army and warrior;  
they lie down, they cannot rise,  
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:  
Do not remember the former things,  
or consider the things of old.  
I am about to do a new thing;  
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
I will make a way in the wilderness  
and rivers in the desert.  
The wild animals will honor me,  
the jackals and the ostriches;



for I give water in the wilderness,  
rivers in the desert,  
to give drink to my chosen people,  
the people whom I formed for myself  
so that they might declare my praise.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 126** *In convertendo*

**BCP 782**

*Sung by the choir.*

chant: plainsong, Tone I

- 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.

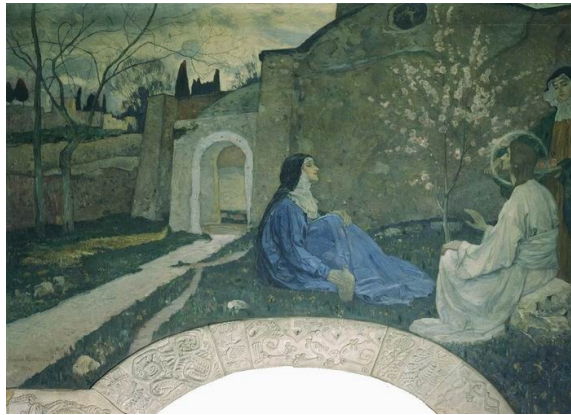
**Epistle**

**Philippians 3:4b–14**

*Reader* A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more:  
circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the  
tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee;  
as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law,  
blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have



suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in

Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

*When I survey the wondrous cross*

Hymnal 474

*Rockingham*

**Holy Gospel**

**John 12:1–8**

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

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the

perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money



given to the poor?' (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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

Nicene Creed

BCP 358

The Peace

## The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem    *When I survey the wondrous cross*

arr. Gilbert Martin (b. 1941)

The text for this anthem can be found at hymn 474 of the *Hymnal 1982*.

Presentation of the Gifts	Hymnal 143, v. 5
<p>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.</p>	
The Great Thanksgiving, <i>Eucharistic Prayer A</i>	BCP 361
<i>Sanctus and Benedictus</i>	Hymnal S-114
from <i>Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena</i>	H. Willan
The Lord's Prayer	BCP 364
The Breaking of the Bread	
Fraction Anthem, <i>Agnus Dei</i>	Hymnal S-158
from <i>Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena</i>	H. Willan
<p><i>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.</i></p>	
Hymns at Communion	Hymnal 142, 701
<i>Lord, who throughout these forty days</i>	<i>St. Flavian</i>
<i>Jesus, all my gladness</i>	<i>Jesu, meine Freude</i>
Sending Forth of Eucharistic Visitors	
<i>Deacon</i>	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.
<i>People</i>	<b>We, who are many, are one body, because we are one in Jesus Christ.</b>
Postcommunion Prayer	BCP 365
The Blessing	
Closing Hymn	Hymnal 458
<i>My song is love unknown</i>	<i>Love Unknown</i>

Dismissal

Postlude “Finale” from *Symphony No. 4*, Op. 32

Louis Vierne (1870–1937)

*Art Credit: page 10*– Christ with Mary and Martha, *Mikhail Nesterov. 1911.*

*Marfo-Mariinsky Convent, Moscow, Russia.*

*Art Credit: page 11*– Raising of Lazarus (detail), *Giotto. c. 1303–c. 1306.*

*Scrovegni (Arena) Chapel, Padua, Italy.*



### **Altar Greens**

The greens on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of The Rev. Susan Wolfe Harrison, by her family, Robbie and Lindy Harrison, Eleanor and Peter Harrison Bregman, Isabelle, Sophia and Daniel Harrison Bregman, Andrew and Catherine Cobb, and Margaret and Evie Jane Harrison and Finn Greer.

### **Prayers of the People\***

**For our Search Committee:** Lord, please watch over the search committee as they start the process of the search for a new rector, blessing them as they begin the congregational survey. Let them feel the Holy Spirit guiding them through this process by listening and discerning. Let them put their whole trust in You as they go through this search.

Please also watch over the Christ Church congregation and friends of Christ Church during this time, giving them patience and trust. All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

**For** Harvey Gilbert, Rusty and Cindy Hightower, Carolyn Kelly, Betsy Kulpan, Ruby Dyer, David Lowry, Courtenay Espy, Charles Lewis, Julie Ruschmann, Dick Williams, Kathie and Don

**For the Birthdays of** Bob Clark, Liv Dugas, Bill Haile, Vivi Truex, Alice Clark, Nanette Eisenhart, Catherine Vouk, Thomas Cone, Whit Davis, Hudson Harrison, Betsy Myers, Trey Myers, Laura Gieske, Elizabeth Bush, Pamela Crenshaw, Wills Davis, MJ Harris, Roman Maynard, Julian Bringman, Karen Groce, Paul Reddick, Peter Wright, Max Maxwell, Matthew King, Sam Mikell, Thomas Harper, Colson Sapp, Catherine Holden, Kingston Myers, Margaret Miller, Carrie Reeves, Kevin Gieske, Ruth Goldsmith, Ruth Hallman, Jen Hughes, Mimi Jones, Sarah Smith, Emma Reardon, Mary Helen Skeadas, Micah Smith, Geoff Taylor, Elizabeth North, Catherine Renner, Robb Rilee, Tyler Sumner, Stan Houle, Linda McWhorter, Kwasi Agyei-Gyamfi, Rudell Lawrence

**For the Wedding Anniversaries of** Paige and Michael Carson, Gigi and Bill Haile, Suzanne and John Audette, Kate and Marc Bailey, Elizabeth Murphey and Royce Abbott, Cindy and Rusty Hightower, Margaret and John Northup, Erin and Stephen Ham, Betty and Jim Pember

**For Those Who Have Died and the Comfort of Their Families:**

Jackson McLeod Hightower, Carole Whitfield, Joan Nichols, Hue Thomas III, Tom Mahaffey

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

**This Week 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*

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

*The Journey to Easter*

**Monday-Friday, April 7-11**

10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Docent Tours

**Wednesday, April 9**

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

12:30 p.m. Mid-day Music

5:15 p.m. Chorister Rehearsal

7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, April 10**

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

**Saturday, April 12**

10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Lenten Quiet Day

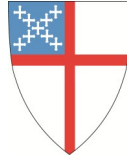
10:40 a.m. Faith in Harmony at the front of Temple Mickve

**Next Sunday at Christ Church**

**Sunday, April 13 - Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday**

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

12:00 p.m. Faith in Harmony



## 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*

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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*;

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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

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