

The Sixth Sunday of Easter
Year C

May 25, 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. Canon Todd D. Smelser,
and our preacher is the Rev. Patricia R. Davis.



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Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Entrance Rite

Prelude *Elegy* C. Hubert H. Parry (1848–1918)

Processional Hymnal 518
Christ is made the sure foundation Westminster Abbey

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

Opening Acclamation BCP 355

Officiant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Collect for Purity BCP 355

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn of Praise Hymnal S-278

Gloria in excelsis William Mathias (1934–1992)

Collect of the Day

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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

Acts 16:9–15

Reader A reading from The Acts of the Apostles.

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the



following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was

said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us,

saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.” And she prevailed upon us.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 67 *Deus misereatur* BCP 675

Sung by the choir. chant: Edward C. Bairstow (1874–1946)

- 1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, *
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
- 2 Let your ways be known upon earth, *
your saving health among all nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.
- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.
- 6 The earth has brought forth her increase; *
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
- 7 May God give us his blessing, *
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

Epistle Revelation 21:10, 22–22:5

Reader A reading from The Revelation to John.

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be

no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and

the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will



see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

Come, ye disconsolate

Hymn Insert

Disconsolate

Holy Gospel

John 5:1–9

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

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

After Jesus healed the son of the official in Capernaum, there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, “Do you want to be made well?” The sick man answered him, “Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me.” Jesus said to him, “Stand up, take your mat and walk.” At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a sabbath.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon	The Reverend Patricia R. Davis, <i>Deacon</i>
Nicene Creed	BCP 358
Prayers of the People, Form III	BCP 387
The Peace	

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

Greater love hath no man John Ireland (1879–1962)

Many waters cannot quench Love, neither can the floods drown it.
Love is strong as death. Greater Love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

Who his own self bare our sins in his own Body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness.

Ye are washed, ye are sanctified, ye are justified, in the Name of the Lord Jesus;

Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Presentation of the Gifts Hymnal 380, v. 3

The Great Thanksgiving, <i>Eucharistic Prayer A</i>	BCP 361
<i>Sanctus and Benedictus</i>	Hymnal S-125
from <i>A Community Mass</i>	Richard Proulx (1937–2010)
The Lord's Prayer	BCP 364
The Breaking of the Bread	
Fraction Anthem	Hymnal S-155
<i>Christ our Passover</i>	Gerald R. Near (b. 1942)

Hymn at Communion	Hymnal 490
<i>I want to walk as a child of the light</i>	<i>Houston</i>

Sending Forth of Eucharistic Visitors

Postcommunion Prayer BCP 365

The Blessing

Closing Hymn

Hymnal 492

Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness

Finnian

Dismissal

Deacon

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude

Pageant

Francis Jackson (1917–2022)



Art Credit: page 4—Lydia of Thyatira, Harold Copping. 1927. Illustration in Women of the Bible, Religious Tract Society.

Art Credit: page 6—“The Heavenly Jerusalem,” from the 14th Century Apocalypse Tapestry at the Château d’Angers, France.

Prayers of the People*

For our Rector Search Committee Lord, please watch over the search committee as they continue the process of the search for a new rector, blessing them as they work to develop a parish profile and job description for the candidate, then to publish the opportunity to invite interested candidates. Let them feel the Holy Spirit guiding them through this process by listening and discerning. Let them put their whole trust in You as we 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 Phil Hyuck

For the Birthdays of Ann Miller, Wiley Ellis, William Skeadas, Asa Davis, Heyward Myers, Philip Slatinsky, Jack von Trapp, Jay White, Chuck Chewning, Montie Acuff, Margaret Maxwell, Dale Wallace, Catherine Holden, Maggie Macfadyen, Libby Miller, Peter Ruhlin, Sam Harper, Todd Smelser, Rusty Hightower, Kate Jackson, Julia Lavan, Caroline Armstrong, Greg Hughes, Harvey Gilbert, Ellie Jackson, Jerry Reeves V, Asa Rinker, Elizabeth Abbott, Marta Helene Brevik, PJ Strychalski, Reed Dulany IV, John Sumner, Meg Howington, Dennis Reed, Eli Bailey, Max Bringman, Hester Hodde, Helen White, Nancy Radke, Jim Stroud, Michael White, Jack Chandler, Stephen Hooten, Libby Jackson, Dan Suwyn, Julia Christian, Mitch Huennekens, Austin Southerland, Jane Elwell, Janet Stone, Laura Lawton, Charlie Davenport, Dana Kumjian, Jane Mikell, Kelly Lancaster, Maisie Rinker

For the Wedding Anniversaries of Jane and Michael Elwell, Holly and Chuck Barton, Mary Margaret and Thomas Cone, Olivia and Justin Voyles, Diana and Jamie McGaw, Laura and Tom Kirkpatrick, Cathy and Vince Zappa, Sarah and Solomon Smith, Lynette and Jim Vandever, Tonya and Charles Epps, Tiffany and Blake Alewine, Meredith and Reed

Dulany, Marianne and Mills Fleming, Dale and Bill Wallace, Susan and Brad Huennkens, Betsy and Trey Myers, Cindy and Harvey Gilbert, Betsy and Tom Hollis, Kristen and Grant Stovall

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

John Curry, Mark Forssell

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

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the birthday of Franklin Reed Dulany IV by his family; and in loving memory of Mary Tyler Whitney and Rosina Brock Whitney by the Webster family.

This Week at Christ Church

Sunday, May 25 - The Sixth Sunday of Easter

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Monday, May 26

Church Office Closed for Memorial Day

5:30 p.m. In the Spirit: *Memory*

Tuesday–Friday, May 27–30

10:00 a.m. Docent Tours

Wednesday, May 28

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

7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 29 - The Ascension

5:00 p.m. Bible Study: *Gospel of Luke*, Choir Room

7:00 p.m. Choral Evensong for the Feast of the Ascension

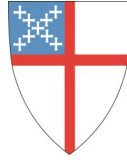
The Combined Choirs of St. Peter's, Skidaway and Christ Church

Next Sunday at Christ Church

Sunday, June 1 - The Seventh Sunday of Easter

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

12:00 p.m. Newcomer Docent Tour



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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

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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.