

The Seventh Sunday of Easter
Year B

May 12, 2024



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Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Entrance Rite

Prelude *Prelude on 'Llanfair'* McNeil Robinson (1943–2015)

Processional Hymnal 494

Crown him with many crowns *Diademata*

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

Opening Acclamation and Response BCP 299

Officiant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Officiant There is one Body and one Spirit;

People There is one hope in God's call to us;

Officiant One Lord; one Faith; one Baptism;

People One God and Father of all.

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray:

The Collect of the Day

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

The Word of God

First Lesson

Acts 1:15–17, 21–26

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, “Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us— one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.” So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.



St. Matthias, Peter Paul Rubens. circa 1611. Museo del Prado, Madrid, Spain.

Psalm 1

Beatus vir qui non abiit

BCP 585

Sung by the choir.

chant: John Jones (1728–1796)

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.

- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.
- 4 It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- 6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

Epistle

1 John 5:9–13

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

Sequence Hymn

The head that once was crowned with thorns

Hymnal 483

St. Magnus

Holy Gospel

John 17:6–19

Jesus prayed for his disciples, “I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be

one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one



destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the

truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

Jesus Prays (Stations of the Cross). Holy Trinity Catholic Cathedral, Mutare, Zimbabwe.

Sermon The Reverend Dr. Bertice Berry, *Deacon*

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate BCP 301

Margaret Louise McDonald

The Baptismal Covenant BCP 304

Prayers for the Candidate BCP 305

Anthem at the Procession to the Font

Lead me, Lord

Samuel S. Wesley (1810–1876)

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness, make thy way plain before my face.

For it is thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety. (*Psalm 5:8, 4:9*)

Thanksgiving over Water	BCP 306
The Baptism	BCP 307
The Peace	BCP 308

The Holy Communion

Offertory <i>If ye love me</i>	Philip Wilby (b. 1949)
<p>If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you for ever; e'en the Spirit of Truth. And ye know Him, for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless. I will come to you. (<i>John 14:15-18</i>)</p>	
Presentation of the Gifts	Hymnal 380, v. 3
<p>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.</p>	
The Great Thanksgiving, <i>Eucharistic Prayer A</i>	BCP 361
Sanctus and Benedictus	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)
<p>All Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion.</p>	
Holy Communion	Hymnal 221
<i>O taste and see</i>	Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)
<i>O Lord Most High, eternal King</i>	<i>Gonfalon Royal</i>
Postcommunion Prayer	BCP 365
The Easter Blessing	
Processional	Hymnal 214
<i>Hail the day that sees him rise</i>	<i>Llanfair</i>
Dismissal	
Postlude <i>Fanfare</i>	Kenneth Leighton (1929–1988)



Prayers of the People*

For the people of Haiti, Ukraine, Israel and Gaza and 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 Issiac August, A'lexia Jenkins, Jorgen Larsen, Sarah

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

For the Wedding Anniversaries of Mary Margaret and Thomas Cone, Olivia and Justin Voyles, Laura and Tom Kirkpatrick, Sarah and Solomon Smith, Tonya and Charles Epps, Marianne and Mills Fleming, Dale and Bill Wallace, Susan and Brad Huennekens, Betsy and Trey Myers, Cindy and Harvey Gilbert, Elizabeth and Tom Hollis, Kristen and Grant Stovall

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

*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 Jane Bridges by Allen Lewis; and in loving memory of our beloved parents and grandparents, and in thanksgiving for much loved family and friends, by the Benton, Haenel and Morgan families.

This Week at Christ Church

Sunday, May 12 - The Seventh Sunday of Easter

9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

9:30 a.m. Adult Forum (Chapel)

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Baptism

Monday through Friday, May 13–17

10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Docent Tours

Monday, May 13

5:30 p.m. In the Spirit.

Wednesday, May 15

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

12:30 p.m. Mid-day Music. *If Music Be the Food of Love.*

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Next Sunday at Christ Church

Sunday, May 19 - Day of Pentecost

9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Baptism

4:00 p.m. Choral Evensong for Pentecost

Christ Church Choristers

The music is led today by the Christ Church Choristers and Christ Church Schola. This is the conclusion of the choristers' year, but the program starts back up in August and is open to all aspiring singers entering 3rd-12th grade. Choristers rehearse weekly on Wednesday afternoons and sing for services 6-7 times throughout the '24-'25 year. If you know a child who loves to sing, please get in touch with George Fergus for more information.

Let us welcome the newly baptized

Margaret Louise McDonald, nicknamed "Mags," was born on September 1, 2023 to Christopher (Chris) and Elizabeth (Libby) McDonald. Mags is Chris and Libby's second child. Her older sister, Catherine (Kit), was also baptized at Christ Church in January 2023. Chris and Libby relocated to Savannah, Georgia in November 2021. Chris is a Captain in the United States Army, currently serving as an Operations Officer in the 3rd Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade at Fort Stewart. Libby works as the Senior Civil Engineer for the City of Savannah at their Industrial and Domestic Water Treatment Plant. This summer, the McDonald family will be relocating to Richmond, Virginia, for Chris to pursue a Master's Degree in Supply Chain Management at Virginia Commonwealth University, funded by the United States Army.



In the Spirit

Monday, May 13, 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 *Who's Called to Ministry?*

If Music Be the Food of Love

Wednesday, May 15

Please join us this coming Wednesday, May 15, for If Music Be the Food of Love, immediately following the noon Eucharist. This week's half-hour program will be offered by cellist Hyeok Kwon.

Choral Evensong for Pentecost

Sunday, May 19, 4:00 p.m.

Please join us for Choral Evensong next Sunday celebrating the feast of Pentecost. Led by the Parish Choir, this 45-minute service is one of the gems of the Episcopal tradition, comprised primarily of sung prayers and biblical songs. Music by George Dyson, Ralph Vaughan Williams, and others.

The King of Instruments: an Evening with Harrison & Harrison's Managing Director Andrew Scott

Thursday May 23, 7:00 p.m.

All are invited to attend a presentation about Harrison & Harrison Organ Builders, given by H&H's own Managing Director Andrew Scott. Mr. Scott has worked at H&H for almost 30 years, starting out as a tuner and progressing to head voicer before becoming the head of the firm in 2022. He will articulate H&H's philosophy towards organ building, dive into their process from start to finish when they take on a new project, and discuss the organ to be installed at Christ Church in 2026. The program will last about an hour with time for Q&A, and will conclude with cookies and lemonade on the porch.

Farewell Party for Michael and Helen

Friday, June 14, 5:30–7:30 p.m.

Everyone is invited! Join us at Ships of the Sea Maritime Museum (41 MLK Jr. Blvd.) for a time of food, fun and celebration as we bid Michael and Helen farewell for now. RSVP to Liz Macfadyen: macfadyenliz@gmail.com.

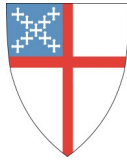
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The Right Reverend Frank S. Logue, *Bishop of Georgia*

The Reverend Michael S. White, *Rector*

The Reverend Samantha K. McKean, *Senior Associate Rector*

The Reverend Helen S. White, *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*;

Sarah B. Smith, *Clerk of the Vestry*; Patton W. Dugas, *Treasurer*;

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

Lindsey A. Eberle; Katherine J. Griffith; Stephanie C. Lindley;

Rosemary W. Mackey; Elizabeth L. Macfadyen; Roger Moss, Jr.;

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.