# CHRIST CHURCH

A Parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta

"Growing by God's Grace into a Family of Faith and Ministry"



Third Sunday after Pentecost June 10, 2018 | 11 AM

🖈 Diocesan Purpose Statement 🛧

"We challenge ourselves and the world to love like Jesus as we worship joyfully, serve compassionately, and grow spiritually."

#### Welcome to Christ Church

Christ Church was founded in 1825, and was the first church established in Macon, Georgia. We are the Mother Church of the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta and are a member of the Worldwide Anglican Communion.

Christ Church gladly welcomes all people. Our clergy, staff, and parishioners are delighted to assist you in learning more about our worship and our community. Restrooms are in the Parish House, located to the left of the church. Ushers are available to assist you as needed. If this is your first time visiting with us today, please complete a visitor card (located in the pew) and place it in the offering plate. We are delighted you are here, and we hope to see you again soon.

A nursery is provided for infants and toddlers beginning at 9am. Christian Formation for all ages begins at 10 am. Materials are available in the Narthex for younger children. Children, through 5th grade, who complete the *Sunday Challenge* may hand in their sheet following the service to receive a reward.

#### Receiving Holy Communion

All baptized Christians, regardless of denomination or age, are invited to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. If you do not wish to partake, you are invited to receive a blessing by crossing your arms at the altar rail. If you are unable to come to the altar, please notify an usher and the elements will be brought to you. Gluten-free wafers are available if you have a wheat allergy.

#### Parish Prayer List

Parish Prayer List: Adam, Alden, Alice, Amanda, Ann, Anna, Andy, Bailey, Beau, Beverly, Bill, Bob, Brian, Bryan, Caitlyn, Candy, Carmen, Carrie, Char, Cissy, Cole, Connie, Crawford, David, Debbie, Deitz, Edsel, George, Hannah, Helen, Ishmael, Jeff, Jennifer, Joan, Kelly, Laura, Linda, Lisa, Lucille, MacGill, Maddox, Malcolm, Malinda, Margaret, Margarete, Mary Jane, Matthew, Mick, Millie, Munnerlyn, Nina, Peter, Ralph, Randy, Ruth, Shannon, Shawn, Sparky, Susan, Teresa, Wesley, Whitney, and William. For those serving in the military especially, Allen, Austin, Brian, Caylee, Charlie, George, Jeffrey, John, Jon, Regis, and Terry. The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Marion Harper Liles, Mary Frierson Liles, and June Liles.

#### Assisting in Worship

Altar Guild

Coleman Crutchfield Nan Harper Susan Stone

> Flower Guild Jennifer Duke

Lay Eucharistic Ministers

Jeff White Nancy White

**Verger** Christine Hoskins

Ushers & Greeters
Dell and Ellen Bunker

Shep and Erin Bickley
Hamp and Bonnie Dowling
Greg and Suzie Sutton

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Opening Voluntary: Choral Prelude on "Crimond"

Alec Rowley (1892–1958)

Welcome

Hymn in Procession: God of grace and God of glory

Hymnal, 594

The Opening Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer, p. 355

Celebrant: Blessed

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People:

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

BCP, p. 355

All:

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.

The Gloria

Hymnal, S 280

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant:

Let us pray.

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you

and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People:

Amen.

The First Lesson

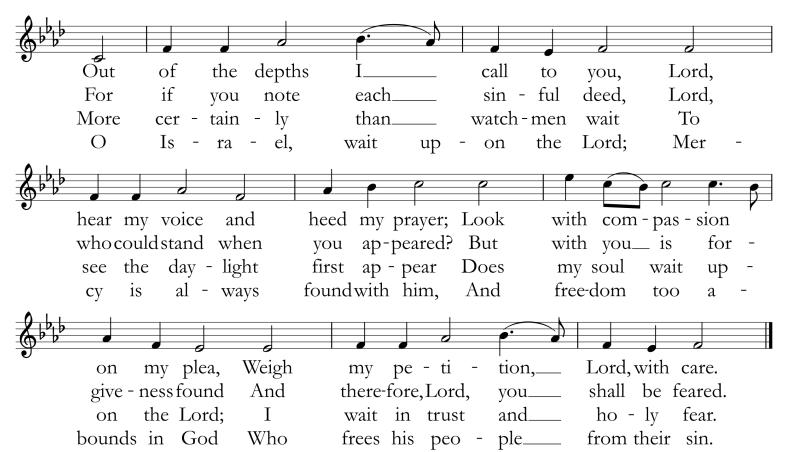
Genesis 3:8-15

Lector: A reading from the Book of Genesis.

They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel."

Lector: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm Psalm 130



The Second Lesson

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Lector: A reading from Paul's second Letter to the Corinthians.

Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke" —we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn at the Sequence: We walk by faith, and not by sight Hymnal, 209

The Holy Gospel Mark 3:20-35

Gospeler: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The crowd came together again, so that Jesus and his disciples could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

"Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"— for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon Rev. Zachary D. Neubauer

The Nicene Creed BCP, p. 358

The Prayers of the People: Form III BCP, p. 387

The Peace BCP, p. 360

Announcements

#### THE HOLY COMMUNION

#### Offertory Sentence

Anthem at the Offertory: Thy perfect love	John Rutter (b. 1949) Mickey Brooks, soprano
Hymn at the Presentation: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow	Hymnal, 380 st. 3
The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A	BCP, p. 361
Sanctus: Holy, holy, holy	Hymnal, S 129
Words of Instituition (kneeling)	BCP, p. 362
The Lord's Prayer	BCP, p. 364
The Breaking of the Bread	BCP, p. 364
The Fraction Anthem: Christ our Passover	Hymnal, S 154
Invitation to Holy Communion	BCP, p. 365
Ministration of the Sacrament	
Hymn during Communion: Father, we thank thee whose has planted	Hymnal, 302
The Post-Communion Prayer (kneeling)	BCP, p. 365
The Blessing	

Hymn in Procession: Come, thou long, expected Jesus Tune: Hyfrydol Text: Charles Wesley

- Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free; 1. from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee. Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art; dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.
- 2. Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King, born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring. By thine own eternal spirit rule in all our hearts alone; by thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

#### Dismissal

Closing Voluntary: Toccata in Seven John Rutter

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