CHRIST CHURCH

A Parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta

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



Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost August 19, 2018 | 11 AM

H Diocesan Purpose Statement H

"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 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.

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.

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: Adrianne, Amanda, Beverly, Bill, Brian, Candy, Caitlyn, Carrie, Cissy, Cole, Connie, Crawford, David, Dawn, Debbie, Edsel, George, Jana, Kelly, Laura, Malcolm, Marco, Margaret, Matthew, Martin, Mary Jane, Munnerlyn, Pete, Shannon, Sparky, Wesley, 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 Orion Hudson.

Assisting in Worship

Altar Guild

Susan Allen Bonnie Dowling Jane Willingham

Flower Guild
Barbara Domingos

Lector/Chalice Bearers

Susan Allen Matthew Hopper

VergerChristine Hoskins

Ushers & Greeters
Dell and Ellen Bunker
Brian and Kelly Causey
Hal and Jenny Greer

Steve Solomon

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Opening Voluntary

Welcome

Hymn in Procession: Be thou my vision

Hymnal, 488

The Opening Acclamation Book of Common Prayer, p. 355

Celebrant: 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.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

The First Lesson Proverbs 9:1-6

Lector: A reading from the first Book of Proverbs.

Wisdom has built her house, she has hewn her seven pillars.

She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine,

she has also set her table.

She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls

from the highest places in the town,

"You that are simple, turn in here!"

To those without sense she says,

"Come, eat of my bread

and drink of the wine I have mixed.

Lay aside immaturity, and live, and walk in the way of insight."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.



- 9 Fear the Lord, you that are his saints, * for those who fear him lack nothing.
- 10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger, *
 but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.
- 11 Come, children, and listen to me; *
 I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
- 12 Who among you loves life * and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?
- 13 Keep your tongue from evil-speaking * and your lips from lying words.
- 14 Turn from evil and do good; * seek peace and pursue it.

The Second Lesson

Ephesians 5:15-20

Lector: A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn: O Christ, the Word Incarnate

Hymnal, 632

The Holy Gospel John 6:51-58

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon	Rev. Cynthia C. Knapp
The Nicene Creed	BCP, p. 358
The Prayers of the People: Form I	BCP, p. 383
Confession & Absolution of Sin	BCP, p. 360
The Peace	BCP, p. 360

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence

Hymn at the Presentation: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow	Hymnal, 380 st. 1
The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A	BCP, p. 361
The Sanctus	Hymnal, S 129
Words of Institution	BCP, p. 362
Memorial Acclamation	BCP, p. 363
The Lord's Prayer	BCP, p. 364
The Breaking of the Bread	BCP, p. 364
Fraction Anthem	Hymnal, S 155
Invitation to Holy Communion	BCP, p. 365
Hymn during Communion: Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life	Hymnal, 487
The Post-Communion Prayer	BCP, p. 365
The Blessing	
Hymn in Procession: At the Lamb's high feast we sing	Hymnal, 174

The Dismissal

The priest dismisses the people

People: Thanks be to God.

Closing Voluntary

CLERGY & STAFF

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