

CHRIST CHURCH

✠ A Parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta ✠

“Growing by God’s Grace into a Family of Faith and Ministry”



Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 30, 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 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 10am. 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: Adrienne, Amanda, Angela, Beverly, Bill, Brian, Candy, Caitlyn, Carrie, Cissy, Cole, Connie, Crawford, David, Dawn, Debbie, Edsel, George, Kelly, Laura, Malcolm, Marco, Margaret, Matthew, Martin, Mary Jane, Munnerlyn, Pete, Phil, Rosa, Seabi, Shannon, Sparky, 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 Duross Fitzpatrick, Mr. and Mrs. Mark William Fitzpatrick, and Mr. and Mrs. William H. Conner.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Altar Guild

Coleman Crutchfield
Nan Harper
Susan Stone

Flower Guild

Karen Yarbrough

Lector/Chalice Bearers

Jeff Powers
Katie Powers

Verger

Mark Smith

Ushers & Greeters

Brian and Kelly Causey
Gene and Valli Maddux
Tim and Lane Sheridan
Walker and Tori Stewart

As we enter the Nave, let us prepares our hearts and mind to worship God.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Opening Voluntary: *Prelude and Fugue, Opus 37, No 2 in G* Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

Welcome

Hymn in Procession: *Praise, my soul, the King of heaven* Hymnal, 410

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, 421

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

Lector: A reading from the Book of Numbers.

The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, “If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.”

Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the Lord, “Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child,’ to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, ‘Give us meat to eat!’ I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.”

So the Lord said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord’s people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!”

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**



- 7 The law of the Lord is perfect and re/vives the /soul; *
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives /wisdom /to the /innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the Lord are just and re/joice the /heart; *
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives /light /to the /eyes.
- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean and en/dures for /ever; *
the judgments of the Lord are true and /righteous /alto/gether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than /much fine /gold, *
sweeter far than honey, than /honey /in the /comb.
- 11 By them also is your /[servant] en/lightened, *
and in keeping them /there is /great re/ward.
- 12 Who can tell how /[often] [he of]/fends? *
— /[cleanse me] [from my] /secret /faults.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get do/minion /over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound,
and /[innocent] [of a] /great of/fense.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be ac/[ceptable] [in your] /sight, *
O Lord, my /strength and /my re/deemer.

The Second Lesson

James 5:13-20

Lector: A reading from the Letter of James.

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel

Mark 9:38-50

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

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

John said to Jesus, “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

“For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

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 VI

BCP, p. 392

The Peace

BCP, p. 360

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence

Anthem at the Offertory: *Strengthen for Service*
Text from Hymn 312.

Leo Nestor (b. 1948)

Hymn at the Presentation: *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow*

Hymnal, 380 st. 3

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP, p. 361

The Sanctus

Hymnal, S 127



Ho - ly ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow - er and might, hea - ven and earth are full of your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution

BCP, p. 362

Memorial Acclamation



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

The Lord's Prayer

BCP, p. 364

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP, p. 364

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
 Christ our Pass-o-ver is sac-ri - ficed for us; there-fore let us keep the feast.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Invitation to Holy Communion

BCP, p. 365

Hymn during Communion: *Let us break bread together on our knees*

Hymnal, 325

The Post-Communion Prayer

BCP, p. 366

All: Almighty and everliving God,
 we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
 of the most precious Body and Blood
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
 and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
 that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
 and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
 And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,
 to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
 To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
 be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Hymn in Procession: *Go forth for God; go to the world in peace*

Hymnal, 347

The Dismissal

The priest dismisses the people

People: Thanks be to God.

Closing Voluntary: *Psalm XIX*

Benedetto Marcello (1686–1739)

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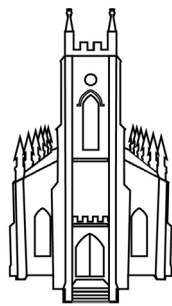
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