

CHRIST CHURCH

✠ A Parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta ✠

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



Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

October 28, 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, Faye, Gail, George, Jim, Julie, Kathryn, Kelly, Laura, Malcolm, Marco, Margaret, Matthew, Martin, Mary Jane, Michael, 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 Marietta and Roger Marxsen, Ann and John Bryce, Lynn Marxsen Currie, and Margaret Bryce.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Altar Guild

Susan Ouzts
Peggy Puryear
Kelly Solomon

Flower Guild

Mary Marbut

Lector/Chalice Bearers

Matt Harper
Trish Whitley

Verger

Sandy Duke

Ushers & Greeters

Kelli and Jed Hill
Mary and Ted Robinson
Cason and Rob Wilkin
Karen and Tripp Yarbrough

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

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Opening Voluntary: *The peace may be exchanged*

Dan Locklair (b. 1949)

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, S 280

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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

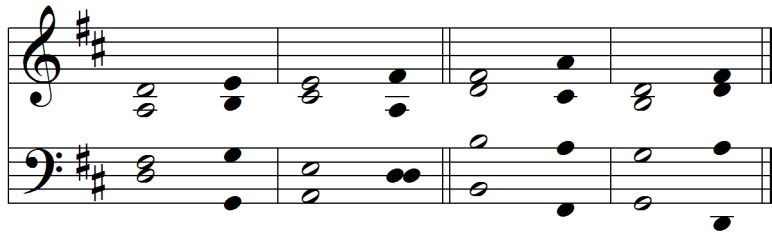
Jeremiah 31:7-9

Lector: A reading from the Book of the prophet Jeremiah.

Thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.



- 1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of /Zion, *
then were we like those who /dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with /laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of /joy.
- 3 Then they said among the /nations, *
"The Lord has done great things for /them."
- 4 The Lord has done great things for /us, *
and we are glad in/deed.
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O /Lord, *
like the watercourses of the Ne/gev.
- 6 Those who sowed with /tears *
will reap with songs of /joy.
- †7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the /seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their /sheaves.

The Second Lesson

Hebrews 7:23-28

Lector: A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but Jesus holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever..

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn: *Surely it is God that saves me*

Hymnal, 679

The Holy Gospel

Mark 10:46-52

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

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

Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

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 VI

BCP, p. 392

The Peace

BCP, p. 360

Welcome & Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence

Anthem at the Offertory: *My eyes for beauty pine*

Herbert Howells (1892–1983)

Hymn at the Presentation: *Take my life, and let it be*

Hymnal, 707

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP, p. 361

The Sanctus

Hymnal, S 125

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

Fraction Anthem

Hymnal, S 169

Invitation to Holy Communion

BCP, p. 365

Hymn during Communion: *Give praise and glory unto God*

Hymnal, 375

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: *Amazing grace! how sweet the sound*

Hymnal, 671

The Dismissal

The priest dismisses the people

People: Thanks be to God.

Closing Voluntary: *O Gott du frommer Gott*

Johannes Brahms (1833–1897)

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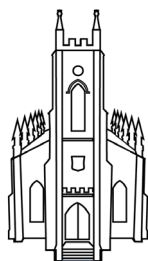
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