

# CHRIST CHURCH

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A Parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta

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*"Growing by God's Grace as a Family of Faith, Fellowship, and Ministry"*



**FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: TRINITY SUNDAY**

**MAY 30, 2021 | 8 & 10 AM**

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Diocesan Purpose Statement

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

# THE ENTRANCE RITE

*As we enter the nave, let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship to God.*

**ORGAN VOLUNTARY:** Andante sostenuto from *Suite Gothique* C. M. Widor (1844–1937)

*The People stand*

**HYMN IN PROCESSION:** Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! The Hymnal 1982, 362

**WELCOME**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

**THE OPENING ACCLAMATION** Book of Common Prayer, p. 355

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

**THE COLLECT FOR PURITY**

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.

**A SONG OF PRAISE: *Benedictus es, Domine*** (*sung at 10 am*) Hymnal, S 236

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers;  
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.

Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name;  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple;  
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.

Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim;  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths;  
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.

Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

## **SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

## **THE FIRST LESSON**

Isaiah 6:1-8

A Reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah.

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## THE GRADUAL

Psalm 29

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, \*  
**ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.**
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; \*  
**worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders; \*  
**the Lord is upon the mighty waters.**
- 4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; \*  
**the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.**
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; \*  
**the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;**
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \*  
**and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**
- 7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;  
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; \*  
**the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**
- 8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe \*  
**and strips the forests bare.**
- 9 And in the temple of the Lord \*  
**all are crying, "Glory!"**
- 10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; \*  
**the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.**
- 11 The Lord shall give strength to his people; \*  
**the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.**

## THE EPISTLE

Romans 8:12-17

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

John 3:1-17

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

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**THE SERMON**

the Rev. Zac Neubauer

*The People stand*

**THE NICENE CREED**

BCP, p. 358

*The People kneel*

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: FORM IV**

BCP, p. 388

*Parish Prayer List: Amanda, Amy, Ashley, Bailey, Brandy, Candy, Christy, Crawford, Elizabeth, Gary, George, Helen, Herklee, Hunter, Jay, Jayne, Jennifer, Laura, Latoya, Libby, Linda, Kelly, Kice, Malcolm, Marcello, Margaret, Mary Louise, Matthew, Melanie, Nancy, Pammy, Pat, Pete, Peter, Ray, Rob, Sadia, and Sandy.*

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of:*

*The Rev. Canon Nathaniel Wilson Massey, Jean Christian Heyboer, and Philip John Heyboer.*

**CONFESSION OF SIN**

BCP, p. 360

*The people stand*

**THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

**ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY:** Round the Lord in glory seated

Hymnal, 367

*The People stand*

**HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION:** Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Hymnal, 380 st. 3

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

BCP, p. 361

**THE SANCTUS**

Hymnal, S 125

*The people kneel.*

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

BCP, p. 362

**THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION**

BCP, p. 363

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

BCP, p. 364

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

**INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION**

**HYMN DURING COMMUNION:** O Trinity of blessed light

Hymnal, 29

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

BCP, p. 366

**THE BLESSING**

**POST-COMMUNION HYMN:** Lift high the cross

Hymnal, 473

**THE DISMISSAL**

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY:** Postlude in D

Healey Willan (1880–1968)

## CLERGY & STAFF

The Most Rev. Michael Bruce Curry, *Presiding Bishop and Primate of The Episcopal Church*

The Right Reverend Robert C. Wright, *Bishop of Atlanta*

The Reverend Cynthia C. Knapp, *Rector*

The Reverend Zac Neubauer, *Associate Rector*

The Reverend Steve Ayers, *Director of Youth Ministry*

Mr. Jonathan A. Poe, *Director of Music & Liturgy*

Dr. Hal Brickle, *Director of Weekend Lunch Ministry*

Mrs. Katherine Coleman, *Parish & Financial Administrator*

Mr. Robert Hubbard, *Sexton*

Ms. Lakeshia Ross, *Assistant Sexton*

## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Dr. Hal Brickle, *Lector & Intercessor (8am)*

Dr. Matt Harper, *Lector & Intercessor (10am)*

The Christ Church Choir

## VESTRY

Tripp Maddux, *Senior Warden*

Roger Marxsen, *Junior Warden*

Malcolm Burgess, *Treasurer*

Blair Sumrall, *Clerk*

Tom Green

Julie Groce

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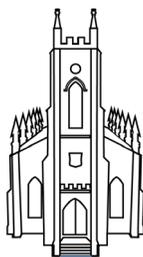
Dawn Key

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Pete Tosh

Duncan Walker



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