

CHRIST CHURCH

A Parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta

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



SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 4, 2021 | 8 & 10 AM

Diocesan Purpose Statement

*"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

The People stand

HYMN IN PROCESSION: O beautiful for spacious skies

The Hymnal 1982, 719

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.

THE GLORIA (*spoken*)

BCP, p. 356

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON

Ezekiel 2:1-5

A Reading from the Book of the prophet Ezekiel.

The Lord said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord God." Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL

Psalm 48

- 1 Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised; *
in the city of our God is his holy hill.
- 2 Beautiful and lofty, the joy of all the earth, is the hill of Zion, *
the very center of the world and the city of the great King.
- 3 God is in her citadels; *
he is known to be her sure refuge.
- 4 Behold, the kings of the earth assembled *
and marched forward together.
- 5 They looked and were astounded; *
they retreated and fled in terror.
- 6 Trembling seized them there; *
**they writhed like a woman in childbirth,
like ships of the sea when the east wind shatters them.**

- 7 As we have heard, so have we seen,
in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God; *
God has established her for ever.
- 8 We have waited in silence on your loving-kindness, O God, *
in the midst of your temple.
- 9 Your praise, like your Name, O God, reaches to the world's end; *
your right hand is full of justice.
- 10 Let Mount Zion be glad
and the cities of Judah rejoice, *
because of your judgments.
- 11 Make the circuit of Zion;
walk round about her; *
count the number of her towers.
- 12 Consider well her bulwarks;
examine her strongholds; *
that you may tell those who come after.
- 13 This God is our God for ever and ever; *
he shall be our guide for evermore.

THE EPISTLE

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The People stand

HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE: Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy

Hymnal, 482

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 6:1-13

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The People sit

THE SERMON

the Rev. Steve Ayers

The People stand

THE NICENE CREED

BCP, p. 358

The People kneel

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: FORM VI

BCP, p. 392

Parish Prayer List: Angela, Amanda, Ashley, Bailey, Brandy, Candy, Christy, Crawford, Dell, Elizabeth, Gary, George, Helen, Herklee, Hunter, Jackson, 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.

We pray for those serving in the military, especially, Allen, Austin, Cameron, Charlie, George, Georgia, Joe, John, Rose, and Thomas

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mark Frank.

CONCLUDING COLLECT

BCP, p. 820

Almighty God, who hast given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly beseech thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of thy favor and glad to do thy will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in thy Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to thy law, we may show forth thy praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in thee to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The people stand

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

The people stand

PRESENTATION HYMN: Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Hymnal, 380 st. 3

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer A	BCP, p. 361
THE SANCTUS (<i>spoken</i>)	BCP, p. 362
<i>The people kneel</i>	
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: Let us break bread together on our knees	Hymnal, 325
<i>The people kneel</i>	
POST-COMMUNION PRAYER	BCP, p. 366
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	
POST-COMMUNION HYMN: My country, 'tis of thee	Hymnal, 717
THE DISMISSAL	
CLOSING VOLUNTARY	

CLERGY & STAFF

The Most Rev. Michael Bruce Curry, *Presiding Bishop and Primate of The Episcopal Church*
The Right Rev. Robert C. Wright, *Bishop of Atlanta*
The Rev. Cynthia C. Knapp, *Rector*
The Rev. 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

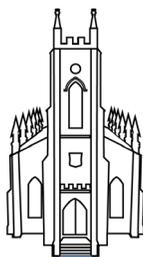
Peggy Woodhall, *Lector & Intercessor (8am)*
Mark Smith, *Verger (10am)*
Christine Hoskins, *Lector & Intercessor (10am)*
Jordan Lewis, *Guest Organist (10am)*

VESTRY

Tripp Maddux, *Senior Warden*
Roger Marxsen, *Junior Warden*
Malcolm Burgess, *Treasurer*
Blair Sumrall, *Clerk*

Tom Green
Julie Groce
Kelli Hill
Dawn Key

Laurie Minette
Katie Powers
Pete Tosh
Duncan Walker



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