

# 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"*



**SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**JULY 11, 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:** Four Offertories founded on ‘The Modes’ Eric H. Thiman (1900–1975)

*The People stand*

**HYMN IN PROCESSION:** Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates The Hymnal 1982, 436

**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**

Hymnal, S 280

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 Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## **THE FIRST LESSON**

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19

A Reading from the Second Book of Samuel.

David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the Lord of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. They carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart with the ark of God; and Ahio went in front of the ark. David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the Lord with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals.

So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing; and when those who bore the ark of the Lord had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. David danced before the Lord with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod. So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the Lord with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet.

As the ark of the Lord came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the Lord; and she despised him in her heart.

They brought in the ark of the Lord, and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt offerings and offerings of well-being before the Lord. When David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the Lord of hosts, and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## THE GRADUAL

Psalm 24

- 1 The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, \*  
the world and all who dwell therein.
- 2 For it is he who founded it upon the seas \*  
and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.
- 3 "Who can ascend the hill of the Lord? " \*  
and who can stand in his holy place?"
- 4 "Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, \*  
who have not pledged themselves to falsehood,  
nor sworn by what is a fraud.
- 5 They shall receive a blessing from the Lord \*  
and a just reward from the God of their salvation."
- 6 Such is the generation of those who seek him, \*  
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.
- 7 Lift up your heads, O gates;  
lift them high, O everlasting doors; \*  
and the King of glory shall come in.
- 8 "Who is this King of glory?" \*  
"The Lord, strong and mighty,  
the Lord, mighty in battle."
- 9 Lift up your heads, O gates;  
lift them high, O everlasting doors; \*  
and the King of glory shall come in.
- 10 "Who is he, this King of glory?" \*  
"The Lord of hosts,  
he is the King of glory."

## THE EPISTLE

Ephesians 1:3-14

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to

the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The People stand*

**HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE:** Come, thou fount of every blessing

Hymnal, 686

## **THE HOLY GOSPEL**

Mark 6:14-29

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

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

King Herod heard of Jesus and his disciples, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*The People sit*

**THE SERMON**

the Rev. Dr. Gary Abbott

*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, Kelly, Kempton, Ken, Kice, Latoya, Libby, Linda, Malcolm, Marcello, Margaret, 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.*

*Merciful Lord, we pray for peace and healing in the land of Haiti. Turn the hearts of the people back to you, raise up godly leadership to bless the people and bring the violence and unrest to an end. Protect the innocent and go before those seeking to bring relief to those in need. We pray also for healing and grace in Uganda, that the pandemic would come to an end and the people would be able to return to work. Feed the hungry, Lord, and give wisdom and guidance to those in leadership. We pray for your protection and blessing on missionaries in both countries that the work of your Kingdom would be accomplished.*

*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 Bill and Beth Taylor.*

**THE ABSOLUTION**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

**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

**ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY:** By all your saints still striving

King's Lynn

*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

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:** In your mercy, Lord, you called me

Hymnal, 706

*The people kneel*

## 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:** Amazing grace! how sweet the sound

Hymnal, 671

## THE DISMISSAL

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY:** Chorale Prelude on 'Old 124th'

H. A. Matthews (1879–1973)

## 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

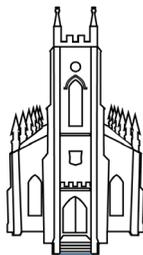
the Rev. Dr. Gary Abbott, *Celebrant & Homilist*  
Lawrence Williford, *Lector & Intercessor (8am)*  
Julie Groce, *Verger (10am)*  
Matt Harper, *Lector & Intercessor (10am)*  
The Christ Church Choir (10am)

## 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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