

CHRIST CHURCH

A Parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta

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



TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 01, 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: Glorious things of thee are spoken

The Hymnal 1982, 522

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.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; 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

Exodus 16:2-4,9-15

A Reading from the Book of Exodus.

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not."

Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'" "

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL

Psalm 78:23-29

- 23 So he commanded the clouds above *
and opened the doors of heaven.
- 24 **He rained down manna upon them to eat ***
and gave them grain from heaven.
- 25 So mortals ate the bread of angels; *
he provided for them food enough.
- 26 **He caused the east wind to blow in the heavens ***
and led out the south wind by his might.
- 27 He rained down flesh upon them like dust *
and winged birds like the sand of the sea.
- 28 **He let it fall in the midst of their camp ***
and round about their dwellings.
- 29 So they ate and were well filled, *
for he gave them what they craved.

THE EPISTLE

Ephesians 4:1-16

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said,

"When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people."

(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The People stand

HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE: O Lord Most High, eternal King

Hymnal, 221

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 6:24-35

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The next day, when the people who remained after the feeding of the five thousand saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

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, Kelly, Kempton, Ken, Kice, Kimble, Latoya, Libby, Linda, Malcolm, Marcello, Margaret, Matthew, Melanie, Nancy, Pammy, Pat, Pete, Peter, Phil, 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 healing and grace in Haiti, Uganda, and Cuba, that the pandemic would come to an end and the people would be cared for and able to return to work. Feed the hungry, Lord, heal the sick, and give wisdom, compassion, and guidance to those in leadership. We pray also for protection and blessing for the missionaries in those countries and throughout the world.

We pray for all who have died that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom, especially Del Ward Leslie and Jean Brennan, 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 Ann and Otis Hughes.

THE ABSOLUTION

BCP, p. 360

The people stand

THE PEACE

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Eternal God, father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our great teacher and savior, bless these your servants as they begin the school-year. Your Son was once himself a child learning and teaching in the temple. Grant that all who enter into places of learning as students and teachers this year be filled with your grace and heavenly wisdom—that all their efforts be directed by your Holy Spirit, and work to your praise and glory. **Amen.**

Almighty God, we bring before you these instruments of teaching and of learning. We pray that your Holy Spirit of wisdom go forth with all who carry them this year: that the bearers of these backpacks will rest secure in the knowledge of your abiding strength, peace and love. May they, like the young Jesus, grow in wisdom, in stature, and in favor that they might glorify God. **Amen.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY: The Peace may be exchanged Dan Locklair (b. 1949)

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

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION: Improvisation on Bread of the world, in mercy broken

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: Guide me, O thou great Jehovah Hymnal, 690

THE DISMISSAL

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

CLERGY & STAFF

The Most Rev. Michael Bruce Curry, *Presiding Bishop*

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*

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Lawrence Williford, *Lector & Intercessor (8am)*

Christine and Scott Hoskins, *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

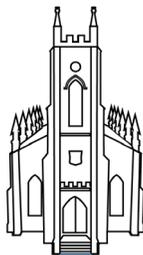
Dawn Key

Laurie Minette

Katie Powers

Pete Tosh

Duncan Walker



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