

CHRIST CHURCH

A Parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta

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



THE HOLY NAME OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

January 1, 2023 | 10:30 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 located in the Parish House 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. Clipboards containing materials for children are available in the Narthex.

Christ Church is an active and vibrant parish in the heart of Downtown Macon since its founding in 1825. We are a forward-looking parish that values our heritage, liturgy, and outreach to the greater community. To learn more please visit us online via our website at www.christchurchmacon.com. The Parish Office is open from 9a–4p Monday through Thursday. You can reach us by calling (478) 745-0427.

We Episcopalians believe in a loving, liberating, and life-giving God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Christ Church welcomes all people and no matter where you are on your faith journey, you have a place here. We hope to see you again soon.

THE ENTRANCE RITE

OPENING VOLUNTARY

The People stand.

HYMN IN PROCESSION: All hail the power of Jesus' Name

Hymnal, 450

WELCOME

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Book of Common Prayer, p. 355

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

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE: Angels we have heard on high

Hymnal, 96

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Eternal Father, you gave to your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be the sign of our salvation: Plant in every heart, we pray, the love of him who is the Savior of the world, our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The People sit.

THE FIRST LESSON

Numbers 6:22-27

Lector: A reading from the Book of Numbers.

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them, The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. So they shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them..

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE GRADUAL

Psalm 8

- 1 O Lord our Governor, *
 how exalted is your Name in all the world!
- 2 Out of the mouths of infants and children *
 your majesty is praised above the heavens.
- 3 You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, *
 to quell the enemy and the avenger.
- 4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, *
 the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
- 5 What is man that you should be mindful of him? *
 the son of man that you should seek him out?
- 6 You have made him but little lower than the angels; *
 you adorn him with glory and honor;
- 7 You give him mastery over the works of your hands; *
 you put all things under his feet:
- 8 All sheep and oxen, *
 even the wild beasts of the field,
- 9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, *
 and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.
- 10 O Lord our Governor, *
 how exalted is your Name in all the world!

THE SECOND LESSON

Galatians 4:4-7

Lector: A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Galatians.

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN: Hark! the herald angels sing

Hymnal, 87

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:15-21

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

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

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Cynthia C. Knapp

THE NICENE CREED

BCP, p. 358

The People kneel.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sisters and brothers, let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus. With humble hearts let us say to the Lord, "Lord Jesus, we bow our hearts at your name."

Please add your own prayers of praise and thanksgiving to God either silently or aloud.

Jesus, we exalt your name in all the world! Bless your Church. Inspire us by your Holy Spirit to confess you as Lord over all we are, all we do, and all we hope to do.

Silence is kept.

Lord Jesus,
We bow our hearts at your name.

Jesus, we exalt your name in all the world! Bless the people of the world. May the whole world experience your peace.

Silence is kept.

Lord Jesus,
We bow our hearts at your name.

Jesus, we exalt your name in all the world! Bless our planet. Make us faithful stewards of all the works of your hands. Forgive us when we fail to care for your creatures: our fellow human beings, the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea.

Silence is kept.

Lord Jesus,
We bow our hearts at your name.

Jesus, we exalt your name in all the world! Bless our city and our region. Give us renewed hope and purpose as we begin this new year.

Silence is kept.

Lord Jesus,
We bow our hearts at your name.

Jesus, we exalt your name in all the world! Bless with your healing, life giving presence, the sick and the lonely and all those in great need. Make your face shine upon them and be gracious to them. We pray for those on our Parish Prayer List: Alice, Bailey, Bebe, Bill, Charlie, Dennis, Eleanor, Elizabeth, Emory, Gail, George, Griffin, Helen, James, JB, Jeff, Joe and Robin, John, Katy, Kelly, Ken, Lawrence, Libby, Linda, Lowe, Malcolm, Marcello, Margaret, Marquis, McKenzie, MarKisha, Matthew, Nancy, Pammy, Pete, Phil, Rodney, Shelia, Sue, Thomas, Tommy, Trisha, and Walter.

We also pray for those serving in the military, especially Austin, Cameron, Connie, George, Georgia, Joe, John, and Rose.

Please add your own prayers either silently or aloud.

Lord Jesus,
We bow our hearts at your name.

Silence is kept.

Jesus, we exalt your name in all the world! Bless the dying and those we love who have gone before us. We praise you, that through your death on the cross, you have given us everlasting life. We remember this day William L. Mellard, E. L. Greenway, and Elizabeth Mellard Graves for whom the Altar Flowers are given in loving memory and to the glory of God.

Silence is kept.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

CONFESSION OF SIN & ABSOLUTION

BCP, p. 360

THE PEACE

BCP, p. 360

THE HOLY COMMUNION

We come together as the Body of Christ, we partake in the Body of Christ, to go out into the world to be the Body of Christ. 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 upon request.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

The People stand.

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION: Go tell it on the mountain

Hymnal, 99

The People remain standing.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP, p. 361

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS: Holy, holy, holy Lord

Hymnal, S 125

The People kneel.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

BCP, p. 362

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION	BCP, p. 363
THE LORD'S PRAYER	BCP, p. 364
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD	
THE FRACTION ANTHEM: Be known to us, Lord Jesus	Hymnal, S 171
INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION	BCP, p. 365
HYMN DURING COMMUNION: What child is this	Hymnal, 115
<i>The People kneel.</i>	
THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER	BCP, p. 366
THE BLESSING	
<i>The People stand.</i>	
HYMN IN PROCESSION: All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine	Hymnal, 477
THE DISMISSAL	
CLOSING VOLUNTARY	

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

The Rev. Cynthia C. Knapp, *Celebrant*
David Cline, *Lector*

Bonnie and Hamp Dowling, *Ushers/Greeters*

Nan and Hal Harper, *Ushers/Greeters*

Lauren and Bud Jones, *Ushers/Greeters*

Tori and Walker Stewart, *Ushers/Greeters*

Timothy Hoskins, *Audio/Visual Technician*

CLERGY & STAFF

The Most Reverend Michael Bruce Curry, *Presiding Bishop*

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

The Reverend Cynthia C. Knapp, *Rector*

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