



# THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

CELEBRATING THE FEAST OF ASCENSION

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CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

MACON, GEORGIA

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

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

**Opening Voluntary:** *Come away to the skies*

George Shearing (1919–2011)

**Hymn in Procession:** *Hail the day that sees him rise*

Hymnal, 214

**The Opening Acclamation**

Book of Common Prayer, p. 355

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

**The Gloria**

Hymnal, S 280

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray. O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant, we pray, Almighty God, that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into heaven, so we may also in heart and mind there ascend, and with him continually dwell; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People: **Amen.**

**The First Lesson**

Acts 1:1-11

Lector: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when

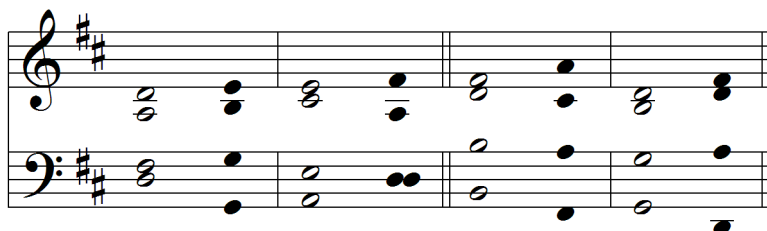
the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## The Psalm

Psalm 47



- 1 Clap your hands, all you /peoples; \*  
shout to God with a cry of /joy.
- 2 For the Lord Most High is to be /feared; \*  
he is the great King over all the /earth.
- 3 He subdues the peoples /under us, \*  
and the nations under our /feet.
- 4 He chooses our inheritance /for us, \*  
the pride of Jacob whom he /loves.
- 5 God has gone up with a /shout, \*  
the Lord with the sound of the /ram's-horn.
- 6 Sing praises to God, sing /praises; \*  
sing praises to our King, sing /praises.
- 7 For God is King of all the /earth; \*  
sing praises with all your /skill.
- 8 God reigns over the /nations; \*  
God sits upon his holy /throne.
- 9 The nobles of the peoples have gathered to/gether \*  
with the people of the God of /Abraham.
- 10 The rulers of the earth belong to /God, \*  
and he is highly ex/alted.

## The Second Lesson

Ephesians 1:15-23

Lector: A reading from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you

may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**Hymn at the Sequence:** *Rejoice! the Lord is King*

Hymnal, 481

**The Holy Gospel**

Luke 24:44-53

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you-- that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**The Sermon**

Rev. Cynthia C. Knapp

**The Nicene Creed**

BCP, p. 358

**The Prayers of the People**

Intercessor: Gracious God, in the resurrection and ascension of your Son, Jesus Christ, you have drawn us nearer to yourself. Unite us through your Holy Spirit that we might be one body in Christ, in our worship in our love for one another, and as we go forth to serve in your name.

Intercessor: Merciful Lord, enfold this community, the city of Macon, and the people of the world with your unfailing love. Comfort and heal the broken and the hurting, those who mourn and those who are suffering that they might be uplifted in your victorious right hand to the light of your presence.

We pray especially for those just released from prison in North Korea and for those on our parish prayer list Adam, Alice, Amanda, Ann, Anna, Andy, Bailey, Beau, Beverly, Bill, Bob, Brian, Bryan, Caitlyn, Candy, Carmen, Char, Cissy, Cole, Connie, Crawford, David, Debbie, Deitz, Edsel, George, Hannah, Helen, Ishmael, Jennifer, Joan, Kelly, Laura, Linda, Lisa, Lucille, MacGill, Maddox, Malcolm, Malinda, Margaret, Margarete, Mary Jane, Matthew, Mick, Millie, Munnerlyn, Nina, Peter, Ralph, Randy, Ruth, Shannon, Shawn, Sparky, Susan, Teresa, Wesley, and William. For those serving in the military, especially Allen, Austin, Brian, Caylee, Charlie, George, Jeffrey, John, Jon, Regis, and Terry. We pray for those who have died, especially Margaret Pulliam Smith and George Boone Smith, Jr. for whom the Altar Flowers are given in loving memory and to the glory of God. Please add the names of those who are on your heart silently or aloud.

Intercessor: Almighty God, so transform us with your love that we might be your witnesses through the power of your Holy Spirit anointing us for your purpose. Give us courageous and compassionate hearts and willing feet to follow where you lead us, carrying out the work you have given us to do.

Intercessor: God of wonder, give us a hunger for more of you that we might press into prayer and the study of your Word longing to see your presence manifest among us in the power of your Holy Spirit. Then use us as vessels of your Holy Spirit going out into the world bringing your light to those who live in darkness, ministering to others in your love and compassion. We pray for the ministries of this church and of our community, especially the Daughters of the King, that we might be a community transformed and a witness to the power of your love in action. Please lift up the names of ministries silently or aloud.

Intercessor: Loving Heavenly Father, we pray that you would heal our land and bring the peace of your Kingdom to this hurting world. Give those who lead hearts of compassion and a desire to carry out their work with honor and justice. Bring peace where there is violence and turn the hearts of enemies to the way of forgiveness and reconciliation. Pray for the people of the world.

*Celebrant: Lord, receive the prayers of your people and empower us to carry out the purpose to which you have called us as your people. We pray in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.*

People: Amen.

## **The Peace**

BCP, p. 360

## **Installation of Daughters of the King**

Kathleen (Kate) Grice, Dawn Key, Irene Marxsen, Suzanne Minarcine, Laurie Minette, and Hannah Warren

## Welcome & Announcements

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

### Offertory Sentence

**Anthem at the Offertory:** *Blessed is the man* Jane Marshall (b. 1924)

**Hymn at the Presentation:** *Take my life, and let it be* Hymnal, 707

**The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A** BCP, p. 361

**The Sanctus:** *Holy, holy, holy* Hymnal, S 125

**The Lord's Prayer** BCP, p. 364

**The Breaking of the Bread** BCP, p. 364

**The Fraction Anthem:** *Christ our Passover* Hymnal, S 155

**Invitation to Holy Communion** BCP, p. 365

**Anthem during Communion:** *Behold, the tabernacle of God* William Harris (1883–1973)

**The Post-Communion Prayer** (*standing*) BCP, p. 365

### The Blessing

**Hymn in Procession:** *Lift high the cross* Hymnal, 473

### The Dismissal

**Closing Voluntary:** *Choral Prelude on "Darwall's 148th"* Alec Rowley (1902–1986)

## ABOUT CHRIST CHURCH

If you are visiting with us today, please complete a visitor card (*located in the pew*) and place it in the offering plate or hand to an usher. We are delighted you are here, and we hope to see you again soon.

Christ Church was founded in 1825, and was the first church established in Macon, Georgia. We are the Mother Church of the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta and are a member of the Worldwide Anglican Communion. Christ Church gladly welcomes all people. Our clergy, staff and members are delighted to assist you in learning more about our worship and our community.

A nursery is provided for infants and toddlers beginning at 9am. Christian Formation for all ages begins at 10 am. Materials are available in the narthex for younger children. Children, through 5th grade, who complete the *Sunday Challenge* may hand in their sheet following the service to receive a reward. Restrooms are located in the Parish House to the left of the church. Ushers are available to assist you as needed.

## RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

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 if you have a wheat allergy.

## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

### Acolytes

Amelia Bunker, *Large cross*  
McKay Powers, *Small cross*  
Katie Beth Powers, *Torch*  
Annie Baxley, *Torch*

### Lay Eucharistic Ministers

Ellen Bunker  
Wendy Johnson

### Flower Guild

Mary Pinson

### Verger

Mark Smith

### Altar Guild

Coleman Crutchfield  
Nan Harper  
Susan Stone

### Ushers & Greeters

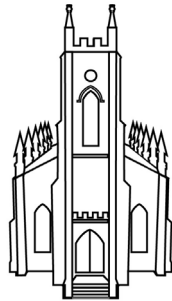
Derek and Elizabeth Culp  
George and Anna Greer  
Hughes and Mary Pinson  
Daryl and Sherri Sumner

## VESTRY

Ellen Bunker .....	<i>Senior Warden</i>
Rebecca Grist .....	<i>Junior Warden/Building &amp; Grounds Episcopal Church Women</i>
Kirk Domingos .....	<i>Treasurer/Music</i>
Bubba Edge.....	<i>Clerk</i>
John Blanks.....	<i>Adult Christian Formation/Brotherhood of St. Andrew</i>
Laura Evans.....	<i>Flower Guild/Lay Eucharistic Visitors/Worship</i>
Kay Greer.....	<i>Parish Life/Pastoral Care/Office Volunteers</i>
Will Horkan.....	<i>Outreach Ministry/Young Families</i>
Barbara Jenkins .....	<i>Communications</i>
Ted Robinson.....	<i>Foyer Groups/Strategic Planning Ushers &amp; Greeters/Welcoming &amp; Nurturing</i>
Walker Stewart.....	<i>Children's Ministry/Outreach Ministry</i>
Trish Whitley .....	<i>Episcopal Youth Community College &amp; Young Adults</i>

## CLERGY & STAFF

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