



REACH
HITHER THY
FINGER
AND BE-
HOLD MY
HANDS.
BE NOT
FAITHLESS
BUT BE-
LIEVING



Welcome to Christ Church!

April 27, 2025
10a



Second Sunday of Easter

Holy Eucharist Rite II

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude – *O Filii et Filiae*

by Alexandre Guilmant

Opening Hymn – *O Sons and Daughters, Let us Sing*

Hymnal 203

Opening Salutation

BCP 355

Collect for Purity

BCP 355

Gloria

Hymnal S280

The Collect of the Day

BCP 224

The Lessons

(See Insert)

Gospel Hymn – *We Walk by Faith, and Not by Sight*

Hymnal 209

The Sermon

The Rev. Robert Carr

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

Prayers of the People, Form III

BCP 387

Confession & Absolution

BCP 360

The Peace

BCP 360

Announcements – *Please Be Seated*

Offertory – *Lift Up Your Heads*

by Larry Shackley

Doxology

Hymnal 380 vs. 3

THE LITURGY OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer – Prayer A

BCP 361

Sanctus

Hymnal S129

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

Fraction Anthem

Hymnal S154

The Communion

BCP 365

Communion Hymn – *Draw nigh and take the Body of the Lord*
Let Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Hymnal 328

Hymnal 324

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

BCP 365

The Blessing

BCP 366

Hymn – *Lord Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor*

Hymnal 307

Dismissal

BCP 366

Postlude – *Lord Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor*

by William Owen,
arr. by Michael Burkhardt

The Collect:

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Lesson:

Acts 5:27-32

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

The organist will play through the chant once, then all are invited to chant the Psalm with the choir.



Psalm: 150

BCP 807

- ¹ **Hallelujah! Praise God in his holy temple; ***
praise him in the firmament of his power.
- ² **Praise him for his mighty acts; ***
praise him for his excellent greatness.
- ³ **Praise him with the blast of the ram's-horn; ***
praise him with lyre and harp.
- ⁴ **Praise him with timbrel and dance; ***
praise him with strings and pipe.
- ⁵ **Praise him with resounding cymbals; ***
praise him with loud-clanging cymbals.
- ⁶ **Let everything that has breath ***
praise the Lord. Hallelujah!
Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning, is now,
And will be for ever. Amen.

Epistle:

Revelation 1:4-8

⁴John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. ⁸"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Gospel:

John 20:19-31

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." ²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." ²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Remember in Your Prayers: Remember in Your Prayers: Mimi Allen, Bryan Allman, Alexis Carr, Tyson Carter, Luke Cowart, Michael Curry, Lisa Day, the Diamond family, Irene Dodd, Anita Ebersole, Jackie Elam, Harriet Flowers, Mackey Foster, Curtis Fowler, Joe Glenn, Sammy Greneker, Louise Harden, Gail & Walter Hobgood, Peter Ingeman, Kerri Kent, Jason LaFleur, Leigh Long, Dennis Marks, Doug Mayer, Katherine Mayer, Cindy Moses, David Parker, Morris Phillips, Johnny Price, Sally Querin, Mark Redfield, Richard Rigby, Rocky, Barbara Shirley, James Smith, Teresa Stevens, Gary Thomas, Julie Van Ham, Hal & Michelle Weidman.

SPECIAL NOTES

Serving Today

Eucharistic Ministers: Phyllis Holland, Jeani Synyard, Mike Tanner
Lectors: Mike Holland, Marcie Dennard, Phyllis Holland
Acolytes: Blake Yarbrough, Haley Hood, Elizabeth Hood
Altar Guild: Debi Saeger, Julia Ariail, Lucy Tomberlin, B.J. Mistick
Ushers: Eric Nielson, Bart Cherry, Delrick Bradley
Greeter: Jeani Synyard
Audio/Visual Crew: Julius Ariail, Ken Rumstay, Larry Wisenbaker
Coffee Hour Hosts: Sallie Honeycutt, Pat Denmark, Eric Nielsen, Anne Burnette, Pat Bezona

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Search Committee: Delrick Bradley and Robin Coleman – Co-Chairs
Shelley Greneker, Julie Reynolds, Chris Rutland, Stephen Sandbach,
Jeani Synyard, Elizabeth Wisenbaker
Bobby Yarbrough – Vestry Liaison

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Vestry: Cliff Baker, Louisa Beckett, Lauren Darby, Phyllis Holland, Steve Honeycutt,
Tim Hood, Becky Meadors, Ed Mistick, Kelli Prevost, Molly Stevenson,
Mike Tanner, Bobby Yarbrough

WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH! We're so happy you chose to worship with us. In the Episcopal Church, we worship together from the *Book of Common Prayer* and typically sing from our Hymnal – page numbers are listed in the bulleting. If you have any questions about what to do, just ask someone sitting near you for help. We're sure they'll be happy to assist you.

VSU CHAMBER SINGERS
(tomorrow) Monday, April 28 7:30p
VSU Chamber Singers VSU's Premier Vocal Ensemble in Concert at Christ Church
Refreshments to follow in church parish hall.

CURSILLO AT HONEY CREEK – The Weekend of May 1-4 2025
Registration is open: <https://gaepiscopal.org.cursillo>



MARK YOUR CALENDAR! “LOAVES & FISHES POTLUCK”
Sunday, May 18 4:30p
Gathering of our Christ Church Family - bring a dish to share with everyone.
This is a time for the church family to enjoy good food and great conversation

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY –We are taking off this week, but will resume next Thursday, May 1 from 10:15-11:15 at Marcia McRae’s home. We will be studying The Cost of Discipleship by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. If anyone is interested in joining they can either show up or call me at 229-560-5889 for more information.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS COMING!
Get ready for an exciting week of faith and fun at Vacation Bible School! All children ages 2 through 5th grade are welcome to join us as we learn about God's love through stories, songs, games, crafts, and more. VBS will be held from 9:00-12:00 June 2nd-5th. Don't miss this special time for our young ones to grow in faith and fellowship! Registration is now open for children and volunteers. Digital sign up coming soon! You can sign up by contacting Kylee Creasy at 229-415-1515 or kyleecreasy@gmail.com.



SUMMER CAMP AT HONEY CREEK to register go to: www.honeycreek.org/camps
High School: June 8-14, 2025
St. Peter (6-8 grade): June 15-21, 2025
Sts. Joseph & Marh (3-5 grade): June 22-28, 2025



The Rt. Rev. Frank Logue, Bishop of Georgia
All Christ Church Families & Friends are Ministers.

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Elise Sandbach, Director of Preschool & PMO
Kylee Creasy, Children's Ministries Leader
Ellie Copeland & Katie Wisenbaker, Youth Ministers (EYC)
Issa Young, Choir Director
Sue Ellen Rumstay, Director of Music
Nancy Lutsko, Verger

The 10:00 service is livestreamed on YouTube and Facebook

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