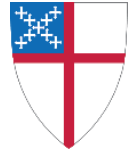


## Welcome to Christ Church!

Vision: God's Love for All

May 4, 2025  
10a



Third Sunday of Easter

Holy Eucharist Rite II

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude – *Now the Green Blade Riseth*

by Anna Laura Page

Opening Hymn – *Alleluia, Sing to Jesus*

Hymnal 460

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 – *Now the Green Blade Riseth*

Hymnal 204

The Sermon

The Rev. Walter Hobgood

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 – *I Will Arise*

arr. by Alice Parker and Robert Shaw

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 – *Come Risen Lord*

Hymnal 305

*Shepherd of Souls Refresh and Bless*

Hymnal 343

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

BCP 365

The Blessing

BCP 366

Hymn – *This is the Feast of Victory for our God*

Hymnal 417

Dismissal

BCP 366

Postlude





**The Collect:**

Oh God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**First Lesson:**

**Acts 9:1-6, (7-20)**

<sup>1</sup>Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup>and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup>Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup>He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?” <sup>5</sup>He asked, “Who are you, Lord?” The reply came, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.”<sup>6</sup>But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.” <sup>7</sup>The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. <sup>8</sup>Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. <sup>9</sup>For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. <sup>10</sup>Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, “Ananias.” He answered, “Here I am, Lord.” <sup>11</sup>The Lord said to him, “Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, <sup>12</sup>and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.” <sup>13</sup>But Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; <sup>14</sup>and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.” <sup>15</sup>But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; <sup>16</sup>I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.”<sup>17</sup>So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” <sup>18</sup>And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, <sup>19</sup>and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, <sup>20</sup>and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is the Son of God.”

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



**Psalm: 30**

**BCP 621**

<sup>1</sup> **I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lifted me up \*  
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.**

<sup>2</sup> **O Lord my God, I cried out to you, \*  
and you restored me to health.**

<sup>3</sup> **You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead; \*  
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.**

<sup>4</sup> **Sing to the Lord, you servants of his; \*  
give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.**

<sup>5</sup> **For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, \*  
his favor for a lifetime.**

<sup>6</sup> **Weeping may spend the night, \*  
but joy comes in the morning.**

<sup>7</sup> **While I felt secure, I said, “I shall never be disturbed. \*  
You, Lord, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains.”**

<sup>8</sup> **Then you hid your face, \*  
and I was filled with fear.**

<sup>9</sup> **I cried to you, O Lord; \*  
I pleaded with the Lord, saying,**

<sup>10</sup> **“What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? \*  
will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?**

<sup>11</sup> **Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me; \*  
O Lord, be my helper.”**

<sup>12</sup> **You have turned my wailing into dancing; \*  
you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.**

<sup>13</sup> **Therefore my heart sings  
to you without ceasing; \*  
O Lord my God,  
I will give you thanks for ever.  
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 5:11-14

<sup>11</sup>Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, <sup>12</sup>singing with full voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" <sup>13</sup>Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, "To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"<sup>14</sup>And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

**Gospel:**

## John 21:1-19

1After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. 2Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. 3Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. 4Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. 5Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." 6He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. 7That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. 8But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. 9When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. 10Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." 11So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. 12Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. 13Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. 14This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. 15When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." 16A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." 17He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. 18Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." 19(He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

**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, Teresa Stevens, Julie Van Ham, Hal & Michelle Weidman.

**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 bulletin. 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.

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### Serving Today

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Eric Nielson, David Sandbach, Jeani Synyard

**Lectors:** Jeanie Synyard, Rita Watters, Ruth Holland

**Acolytes:** Molly Stevenson, Erica Thieme, Dot Gatchell

**Altar Guild:** Sandra Fletcher, Sallie Honeycutt, Amber Tanner, Robin Coleman

**Ushers:** Stephen Sandbach, Tanner Darby, Martin Holland

**Greeter:** Michael Black

**Audio/Visual Crew:** Julius Ariail, Ken Rumstay, Larry Wisenbaker

**Coffee Hour Hosts:** Phyllis Hiers, Patricia Tyson, Julia Ariail, Jeri-Lynn Flowers, Sally Nunn

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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

## SPECIAL NOTES

**YOUTH SUNDAY:** Next Sunday, May 11 during the 10a church service.

The Christ church youth will be serving and participating in the church service in celebration of Youth Sunday. Please come and see how our youth are growing in faith and fellowship.



### **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

**The Feast of the Ascension:** Thursday, May 29 – Join us to celebrate this Major Feast Day, beginning with the Holy Eucharist at 6:00pm, followed by a Men-in-Blue Hot Dog & Hamburger Cook-out. Sign up in the parish hall to bring a side.

**WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY:** 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 9a -12p June 2 -5. 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](mailto:kyleecreasy@gmail.com).

**SIGN-UP link:** <https://www.myvbs.org/VBSSIGNUP/>



**SUMMER CAMP AT HONEY CREEK** to register go to: [www.honeycreek.org/camps](http://www.honeycreek.org/camps)

High School: June 8-14, 2025

St. Peter (6-8 grade): June 15-21, 2025

Sts. Joseph & Mary (3-5 grade): June 22-28, 2025



*Mission Statement: As followers of Jesus, empowered by the Holy Spirit, we share God’s love, grace and mercy through worship, prayer and service, respecting the dignity of all.*

The Rt. Rev. Frank Logue, Bishop of Georgia

All Christ Church Families & Friends are Ministers.

The Rev. Walter Hobgood and The Rev. Bob Carr – Supply Clergy

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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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