

The Day of Pentecost
Year B

May 19, 2024



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Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Entrance Rite

Prelude Variations on *Veni creator Spiritus* Maurice Duruflé (1903–1986)

Processional Hymnal 48

O day of radiant gladness

Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein

Children's Chapel follows the procession. Suggested ages are pre-K through fifth grade; younger children are welcome if accompanied by adults.

Opening Acclamation and Response BCP 299

Officiant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Officiant There is one Body and one Spirit;

People There is one hope in God's call to us;

Officiant One Lord; one Faith; one Baptism;

People One God and Father of all.

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray:

The Collect of the Day

O God, who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Word of God

First Lesson

Acts 2:1–21

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one



place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to

speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,

and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.
Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.
And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' ”

Pentecost, Morgan Kuhn. 2010. Private Collection.

Psalm 104:25–35, 37 *Benedic, anima mea* **BCP 735**

Sung by the choir.

chant: Margaret Burk (b. 1990)

- 25 O Lord, how manifold are your works! *
in wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.
- 26 Yonder is the great and wide sea
with its living things too many to number, *
creatures both small and great.
- 27 There move the ships,
and there is that Leviathan, *
which you have made for the sport of it.
- 28 All of them look to you *
to give them their food in due season.
- 29 You give it to them; they gather it; *
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
- 30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; *
you take away their breath,
and they die and return to their dust.
- 31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; *
and so you renew the face of the earth.

32 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; *
 may the Lord rejoice in all his works.
33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; *
 he touches the mountains and they smoke.
34 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; *
 I will praise my God while I have my being.
35 May these words of mine please him; *
 I will rejoice in the Lord.
37 Bless the Lord, O my soul. *
 Hallelujah!

Epistle

Romans 8:22–27

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Sequence Hymn
Holy Spirit, ever living

Hymnal 511
Abbot's Leigh

Holy Gospel

John 15:26–27; 16:4b–15

Jesus said to his disciples, "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send

him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.



“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

Pentecost, Duccio di Buoninsegna. between 1308 and 1311. Museo dell'Opera del Duomo, Siena, Italy.

Sermon The Reverend Canon Todd D. Smelser, *Priest Associate*
Presentation and Examination of the Candidate BCP 301

Leland Arthur Strychalski

The Baptismal Covenant BCP 304

Prayers for the Candidate BCP 305

Anthem at the Procession to the Font

O love of God, how strong and true Calvin Hampton (1938–1984)

The text can be found at hymn 456 of the *Hymnal 1982*.

Thanksgiving over Water BCP 306

The Baptism BCP 307

The Peace BCP 308

The Holy Communion

Offertory *Draw us in the Spirit's tether* Harold Friedell (1905–1958)

Draw us in the Spirit's tether;	As the brethren used to gather
For when humbly, in thy name,	In the name of Christ to sup,
Two or three are met together,	Then with thanks to God the Father
Thou art in the midst of them:	Break the bread and bless the cup,
Alleluia, alleluia,	Alleluia, alleluia,
Touch we now thy garment's hem.	So knit thou our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living
 Make as sacraments of thee,
 That by caring, helping, giving,
 We may true disciples be.
 Alleluia, alleluia,
 We will serve thee faithfully.

(Percy Dearmer, 1867–1936)

Presentation of the Gifts Hymnal 380, v. 3

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise him, all creatures here below;
 Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
 Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving, *Eucharistic Prayer A* BCP 361
 Sanctus and Benedictus Hymnal S-125
 from *A Community Mass* Richard Proulx (1937–2010)

The Lord's Prayer BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem Hymnal S-155
 Christ Our Passover Gerald R. Near (b. 1942)

All Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion.

Holy Communion Hymnal 507, 516

Praise the Spirit in creation *Julion*
Come down, O Love divine *Down Ampney*

Postcommunion Prayer BCP 365

The Blessing

Processional Hymnal 296

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more *Engelberg*

Dismissal

Postlude Toccata on *Veni creator Spiritus* Maurice Duruflé (1903–1986)



Prayers of the People*

For the people of Haiti, Ukraine, Israel and Gaza and places of conflict around the world: for strength, hope, perseverance, and protection; for liberation from violence and oppression; for the end of war and the laying down of weapons.

Also for Comer Meadows, Issiac August, Alexia Jenkins, Jorgen Larsen, Sarah

For the Birthdays of Ann Miller, Wiley Ellis, Asa Davis, Heyward Myers, Philip Slatinsky, Jay White, Chuck Chewning, Montie Acuff, Margaret Maxwell, Tina Palmer, Dale Wallace, Catherine Hughes, Maggie Macfadyen, Libby Miller, Sam Harper, Todd Smelser, Rusty Hightower, Kate Jackson, Julia Lavan, Caroline Armstrong, Harvey Gilbert, Jerry Reeves V, Asa Rinker, Marte Brevik, PJ Strychalski, Reed Dulany IV, John Sumner, Meg Howington, Dennis Reed, Eli Bailey, Max Bringman, Hester Hodde, Helen White, Nancy Radke, Michael White, Jack Chandler, Stephen Hooten, Libby Jackson, Dan Suwyn, Julia Christian, Mitch Huennekens, Austin Southerland, Janet Stone, Laura Lawton, Charlie Davenport, Dana Kumjian, Jane Mikell, Walker Gussler, Kelly Lancaster

For the Wedding Anniversaries of Mary Margaret and Thomas Cone, Olivia and Justin Voyles, Laura and Tom Kirkpatrick, Sarah and Solomon Smith, Tonya and Charles Epps, Marianne and Mills Fleming, Dale and Bill Wallace, Susan and Brad Huennekens, Betsy and Trey Myers, Cindy and Harvey Gilbert, Elizabeth and Tom Hollis, Kristen and Grant Stovall

For Those Who Have Died and for the Comfort of Their Families: Sarah Wyant, Tommy Franklin

*The full prayer list may be found on our website and in our weekly email.

Announcements

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Gordon Saussy Varnedoe, Catharine Varnedoe and Elise by Comer and Otto Immel.

This Week at Christ Church

Sunday, May 19 - Day of Pentecost

- 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Baptism
- 4:00 p.m. Choral Evensong for Pentecost

Monday through Friday, May 20–24

- 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Docent Tours

Wednesday, May 22

- 12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist and Prayers for Healing
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 23

- 7:00 p.m. The King of Instruments: an Evening with Harrison & Harrison's Managing Director Andrew Scott

Next Sunday at Christ Church

Sunday, May 26 - Trinity Sunday

- 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Baptism

Choral Evensong for Pentecost

Sunday, May 19, 4:00 p.m.

Please join us for Choral Evensong this afternoon celebrating the feast of Pentecost. Led by the Parish Choir, this 45-minute service is one of the gems of the Episcopal tradition, comprised primarily of sung prayers and biblical songs. Music by George Dyson, Ralph Vaughan Williams, and others.

Let us welcome the newly baptized

Leland Arthur Strychalski was born on January 7, 2024 to parents Paul and Marisa Strychalski, big brother PJ, and dog brother Paco. He is named after Marisa's maternal grandfather (PJ is named after Paul's paternal grandfather). Marisa is a specialty clinical pharmacist at the Savannah VA clinic and a cradle Episcopalian, growing up at Christ Church Cathedral in Indianapolis, IN. Paul is an aerospace engineer at Gulfstream and joined Christ Church in 2016. Godmother to Leland is Rachel Schwartz of Greenwood, SC.



The King of Instruments: an Evening with Harrison & Harrison's Managing Director Andrew Scott

Thursday May 23, 7:00 p.m.

All are invited to attend a presentation about Harrison & Harrison Organ Builders, given by H&H's own Managing Director Andrew Scott. Mr. Scott has worked at H&H for almost 30 years, starting out as a tuner and progressing to head voicer before becoming the head of the firm in 2022. He will articulate H&H's philosophy towards organ building, dive into their process from start to finish when they take on a new project, and discuss the organ to be installed at Christ Church in 2026. The program will last about an hour with time for Q&A, and will conclude with cookies and lemonade on the porch.

Farewell Party for Michael and Helen

Friday, June 14, 5:30–7:30 p.m.

Everyone is invited! Join us at Ships of the Sea Maritime Museum (41 MLK Jr. Blvd.) for a time of food, fun and celebration as we bid Michael and Helen farewell for now. RSVP on the Christ Church website: christchurchsavannah.org/bulletinevents-1.

Appreciation for the Ministry of Helen and Michael White

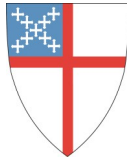
If you would like to express your gratitude to the Revs. Helen and Michael White for their years of faithful ministry to Christ Church, we have set up a “purse” to collect monetary gifts that we will present to them on their final Sunday, June 16. You can contribute via the website, or make checks payable to Christ Church and put “purse” in the memo line.

Any words of gratitude left in the online “comments” form will be passed on to Michael and Helen. You can also send a physical note by placing it in the alms basin at church, or mailing it to 28 Bull Street, Savannah, GA 31401.

Contact Catherine Gussler (912-222-0888) with any questions.

Photos from May 12, 2024





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The Right Reverend Frank S. Logue, *Bishop of Georgia*

The Reverend Michael S. White, *Rector*

The Reverend Samantha K. McKean, *Senior Associate Rector*

The Reverend Helen S. White, *Associate Rector*

The Reverend Patricia Rhoads Davis, *Deacon*

The Reverend Dr. Bertice Berry, *Deacon*

George H. Fergus, *Director of Music*

Suzanne Phillips Smith, *Parish Administrator*

Charles L. Epps, *Sexton*

The Reverend Canon Todd D. Smelser, *Priest Associate*

The Reverend Liam G. Collins, *Priest Associate*

The Reverend Richard "Max" Maxwell, *Priest Associate*

The Reverend David C. Seyle, *United Methodist Pastor-in-Residence*

Vestry

Stephen R. Rilee, *Senior Warden*; Washington C. Dender, *Junior Warden*;

Sarah B. Smith, *Clerk of the Vestry*; Patton W. Dugas, *Treasurer*;

Catherine M. Gussler, *Assistant Treasurer for Stewardship and Finance*;

Lindsey A. Eberle; Katherine J. Griffith; Stephanie C. Lindley;

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Rena K. Patton; Paul D. Reddick; Paul H. Threlkeld;

Polly C. Webster; Susan H. Wetmore

Sundays

9:15 a.m. Nursery, located on the 2nd floor of the Parish House at 18 Abercorn

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

The Church building is located at 28 Bull Street, Savannah, Georgia 31401

The telephone number is 912-236-2500

www.christchurchsavannah.org

Christ Church, the "Mother Church of Georgia," was founded on February 12, 1733 and is a member of the Diocese of Georgia which, in turn, is one of 110 Dioceses which composes The Episcopal Church in the United States of America and abroad. The Episcopal Church is a constituent member of the Anglican Communion, a fellowship within the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church of those duly constituted dioceses, provinces, and regional Churches in communion with the See of Canterbury. The fellowship upholds and propagates the historic Faith and Order as set forth in the Book of Common Prayer. The current church building was constructed in 1838 and is the third one on the original site.