

The Fourth Sunday of Easter
Year B

April 21, 2024



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Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Entrance Rite

Prelude *Three Preludes on Old American Hymns*

George Shearing (1919–2011)

Processional

Hymnal 518

Christ is made the sure foundation

Westminster Abbey

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 355

Officiant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Collect for Purity

BCP 355

Gloria in excelsis

Hymnal S-278

William Mathias (1934–1992)

The Collect of the Day

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Word of God

First Lesson

Acts 4:5–12

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are ques-

tioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;

it has become the cornerstone.’

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.”



Ecce Homo, Mateo Cerezo. 1650. Museum of Fine Arts, Budapest.

Psalm 23

Dominus regit me

BCP 612

Sung by the choir.

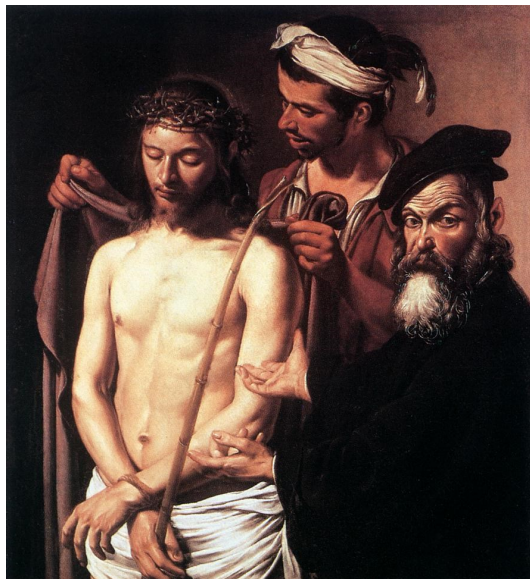
chant: H. Walford Davies (1869–1941)

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Epistle

1 John 3:16–24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?



Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Ecce Homo, Caravaggio. 1605. Palazzo Bianco, Genoa, Italy.

Sequence Hymn

The King of love my shepherd is

Hymnal 645

St. Columba

Holy Gospel

John 10:11–18

Jesus said, “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired

hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it



down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

The Good Shepherd, Henry Ossawa Tanner. 1902-1903. Zimmerli Art Museum at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey.

Sermon	The Reverend Helen S. White, <i>Associate Rector</i>
Nicene Creed	BCP 358
Prayers of the People, Form III	BCP 387
The Peace	

The Holy Communion

Offertory *We shall walk through the valley*

arr. Undine Smith Moore (1904–1989)

We shall walk through the valley in peace.	There will be no trials there.
We shall walk through the valley in peace.	There will be no trials there.
If Jesus himself shall be our leader,	If Jesus himself shall be our leader,
We shall walk through the valley in peace.	We shall walk through the valley in peace.

(Negro spiritual)

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, <i>Eucharistic Prayer A</i>	BCP 361
Sanctus and Benedictus	Hymnal S-125
from <i>A Community Mass</i>	Richard Proulx (1937–2010)
The Lord's Prayer	BCP 364
The Breaking of the Bread	
Fraction Anthem	Hymnal S-155
<i>Christ Our Passover</i>	Gerald R. Near (b. 1942)
All Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion.	
Holy Communion	Hymnal 304, 343
<i>I come with joy to meet my Lord</i>	<i>Land of Rest</i>
<i>Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless</i>	<i>St. Agnes</i>
Postcommunion Prayer	BCP 365
The Easter Blessing	
Processional	Hymnal 205
<i>Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!</i>	<i>Gelobt sei Gott</i>
Dismissal	
Postlude <i>Processional</i>	Grayston Ives (b. 1948)



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 Mike Baggett, Sara and Ruben; Anderson Chambers, Beatrice Coker, Eric Von Duke

For the Birthdays of Bob Clark, Liv Dugas, Bill Haile, Vivi Truex, Alice Clark, Catherine Vouk, Thomas Cone, Whit Davis, Hudson Harrison, Betsy Myers, Trey Myers, Elizabeth Bush, Pamela Crenshaw, Wills Davis, MJ Harris, Roman Maynard, Kit McDonald, Julian Bringman, Paul Reddick, Peter Wright, Max Maxwell, Matthew King, Sam Mikell, Colson Sapp, Catherine Holden, Kingston Myers, Margaret Miller, Carrie Reeves, Ruth Goldsmith, Ruth Hallman, Mimi Jones, Sarah Smith, Emma Reardon, Mary Helen Skeadas, Micah Smith, Geoff Taylor, Elizabeth North, Catherine Renner, Robb Rilee, Tyler Sumner, Stan Houle, Linda McWhorter, Kwasi Agyei-Gyamfi, Rudell Lawrence

For the Wedding Anniversaries of Paige and Michael Carson, Gigi and Bill Haile, Kate and Marc Bailey, Elizabeth and Royce Abbott, Cindy and Rusty Hightower, Margaret and John Northup, Erin and Stephen Ham, Betty and Jim Pember

For Those Who Have Died and for the Comfort of Their Families: Mary Kumjian, Dr. Jim Repella, Chris Butler Ball, Ruth (Peggy) Cain Lynah, Kevin Jackson, Doug Foster

*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 thanksgiving for beloved friends and family and for the ninety-seventh birthday of Audrey Sax by Katie, Lee and Audrey Griffith.

This Week at Christ Church

Sunday, April 21 - The Fourth Sunday of Easter

- 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30 a.m. Adult Forum (Chapel)
- 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 12:00 p.m. Low Country Boil

Monday through Friday, April 22–26

- 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Docent Tours

Monday, April 22

- 5:30 p.m. In the Spirit, *Thy Will Be Done, on Earth Day*

Wednesday, April 24

- 12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist and Prayers for Healing
- 5:15 p.m. Chorister Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Next Sunday at Christ Church

Sunday, April 28 - The Fifth Sunday of Easter

- 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30 a.m. Adult Forum (Chapel)
- 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 12:00 p.m. Youth Service Project with Over the Moon
- 4:00 p.m. Concerts at Christ Church: *To Build a Home*

Low Country Boil

Today, following the 10:30 a.m. service

Immediately after church, join us at Juliette Low Park in Gordonston (10 Edgewood Road) for an outdoor low country boil. Delicious food and good company await! The park has a playground for kids and plenty of space to relax and spend time with one another. Lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m. There's no need to RSVP, and donations will be accepted to offset costs.

Reflections on Easter: Theme and Variations

April 7–May 12, Adult Forum in the Chapel, 9:30 a.m.

Join us in the Chapel during the Easter season as we discover the wonderful variations found in the life-changing theme of Easter. Borrowing a concept from musical compositions, we will begin with one theme: Easter. Different Easter stories from Scripture will be shared, and we will listen each week as a new variation flows forth and transforms us. Variations include forgiveness, reconciliation, joy, and peace.

In the Spirit

Monday, April 22, 5:30 p.m.

“In the Spirit” is a discussion group for those who seek to deepen their faith through meaningful conversations. Join us on Monday at The 5-Spot in Sandfly (7360 Skidaway Road), where you can grab something to eat or drink as we spend time together. We’ll gather at 5:30 p.m. and begin our discussion at 6. This week’s topic is *Thy Will Be Done, on Earth Day*.

Youth Service Project with Over the Moon

Sunday, April 28, following the 10:30 a.m. service

All middle and high school students are invited to take part. Immediately after church on April 28, we will head to the Parish House for lunch and then a service project with Over the Moon Diaper Bank, packing diaper and period supplies for our Chatham County neighbors. Our work will finish by 2:00 p.m. Please let Rev. Samantha know if you can make it!

Concerts at Christ Church: *To Build a Home,* Musica Atlantica & Bridge Voices

Sunday, April 28, 4:00 p.m.

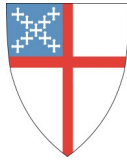
Join us for this concert of choral music centered on themes of homecoming, vulnerability, and what it means to belong. Savannah choral ensemble Musica Atlantica joins with Washington D.C.-based Bridge Voices to offer this hour-long program of music stretching from the English Reformation up through a world premiere of a new work by Baltimore composer Jonathan Woody.

The Ordination of a Deacon
Dr. Bertice Berry
April 13, 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;

Rosemary W. Mackey; Elizabeth L. Macfadyen; Roger Moss, Jr.;

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.